**Disciple = Discipline**

Jesus said in John 8:31 “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.”

It is important to be Jesus’ disciple, and this verse says to truly be Jesus’ disciple, we must continue in His word; we must do what He says.

Have you ever noticed that the word Disciple is just another form of the word Discipline?

On the subject of “discipline,” notice I Cor 9:27 - “But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.” (ESV) If we are going to be a disciple of Christ, we must discipline ourselves, else we will be disqualified from heaven.

cussing:

* Eph 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

drinking:

* I Pet 4:3 "For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry." (ESV)

smoking:

* I Cor 6:12 “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.” (NASB)

pornography:

* Matt 5:28 “... whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

fornication:

* I Cor 7:2 "... to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

adulterous marriage:

* Matt 19:9 "... Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

gossip:

* II Cor 12:20 "For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder." (ESV)