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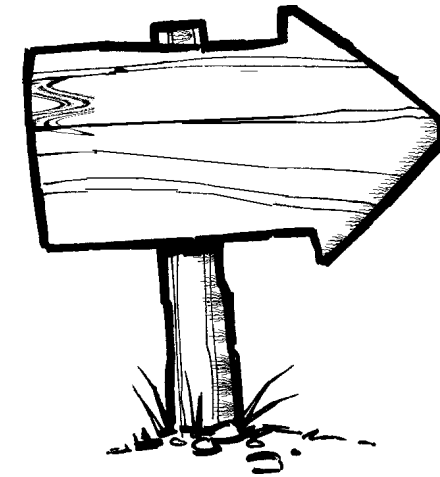
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# **7 Commands of Jesus Christ for His Disciples**



**Pastoral Leader Training Booklet**

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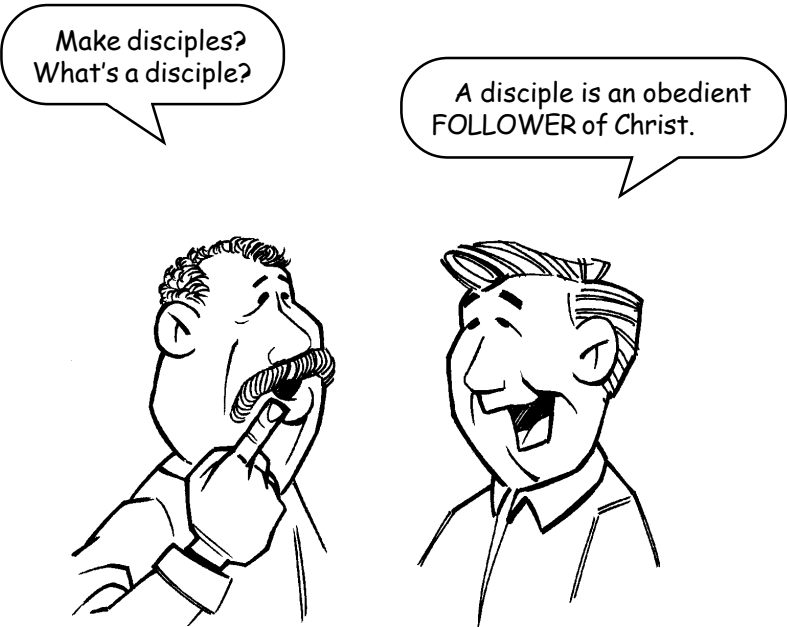
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Please ask God to help you obey and teach Jesus' basic commands.

NOTES

The Lord Jesus tells us:

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*  
(Matthew 28:19-20)



The Lord Jesus Christ explains how to make disciples in Matthew 28:19-20. We baptize them and teach them to obey all the commands He has given us.

Lined area for taking notes.

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Practice these 7 commands of Christ with your church!  
Pray for love and power from the Holy Spirit to obey them and teach them!

(If you need advice and help, ask your Instructor.)

- These seven commands of Christ are basic. We obey them above any other rules about church organization and above our own opinions and ideas. They are the words of Jesus the Son of God and He has commanded us to obey them and to teach others to obey them also.
- When a new group is keeping these seven commands, it is a church. It's that simple.

# It's a joy!

## What are “all these commands”?

In this booklet we'll memorize and briefly study seven of the Lord Jesus Christ's basic commands.

These commands are not works that we do to be saved. They are for the discipline and blessing of those who receive God's free salvation in Christ. Please memorize them.



When you have memorized them, study these seven commands, one by one.

- ☐ Repent and believe.  
(Mark 1:15)
- ☐ Be baptized.  
(Matthew 28:19)
- ☐ Love God and your neighbor.  
(Matthew 22:37-40)
- ☐ Feed on God's Word and pray daily.  
(Matthew 4:4, Matthew 6:5-13)

☐ Meet for the Lord's Supper.  
(Matthew 26:26-28)

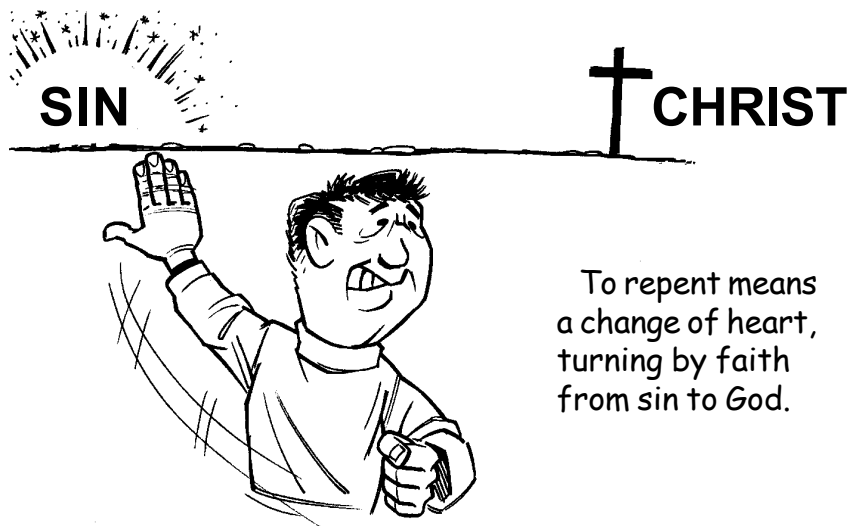
☐ Give.  
(Matthew 6:19-21)

☐ Make disciples.  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

## REPENT AND BELIEVE

*"'The time has come,' Jesus said. 'The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Good News.'"* Real repentance and faith always go together; you cannot have one without the other.

(Mark 1:15)



5. God wants us to give because of:
- ☐ our fear of His punishment if we are selfish.
  - ☐ our love and gratitude for what Jesus has done for us.
6. Our prayers should be with:
- ☐ memorized phrases that we repeat over and over.
  - ☐ faith and love, as a child talks to his father.
7. The most solemn and intimate expression of Christian worship is to:
- ☐ hire the most entertaining singers and musicians.
  - ☐ celebrate the Lord's Supper, participating in His body and blood.
8. Being a disciple means to:
- ☐ witness to unbelievers.
  - ☐ teach new believers to obey Christ.
  - ☐ shepherd all believers as they grow in Christ.
  - ☐ train pastors, leaders and missionaries.
  - ☐ all of the above.

## SUMMARY TEST

1. Write out, by memory, the Lord Jesus' seven basic commands:

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2. In the New Testament, the word “repent” means to:

- ☐ change permanently.  
☐ feel bad about something we have done.

3. In the New Testament, to be baptized is:

- ☐ graduation after a course in Bible doctrine.  
☐ death with Christ to sin and rising to new life in Him.

4. From what source do we receive the power to love our enemies?

- ☐ A course in good manners.  
☐ God.

We denounce our sins to follow Christ. The Holy Spirit enters our hearts by means of our faith when we repent. Faith in Christ does not just save us. It also helps us to live as God wants, to serve Him. We must continually seek for holiness in our lives.

## BE BAPTIZED

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

(Matthew 28:19)



- We are not obedient disciples of Jesus Christ if we are not baptized.
- Baptism confirms that we have repented from our sins and that we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In the Bible, new believers were baptized immediately; in some cases whole families believed, and were baptized together.
- Baptism is a first step for the new disciple. Romans 6:1-12 reveals that we die to sin with Christ and are raised with Him to new, holy life.

Note: Churches have different customs regarding baptism. Be sure to know what your church's practice is.

## LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR

*“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

(Matthew 22:37-40)

Another aspect of making disciples is to train pastors and missionaries to witness to the “nations.”

Could it be that sometime in the future, God could call you to be a missionary?

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**Do you obey this command?**

# MAKE DISCIPLES

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.’”*

(Matthew 28:18-20)

- Making disciples includes many aspects of evangelizing and teaching.
- You should begin by witnessing to your unbelieving family and friends.
- Then help those who repent and believe, by teaching them to obey Jesus’ commands, as you yourself are now doing. In this way, you will help them to mature and carry out their own ministries; as a result, Christ’s Kingdom will grow.

- To love God with our whole being isn’t a mere emotion; it is a commitment to put Him in first place in our lives. *“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”* (John 14:15)
- Love for God and man go together. *“Whoever loves God must love his brother.”* (1 John 4:21)
- To love our neighbors is also to love our enemies. (Matthew 5:44)
- To love an enemy is to help him when he is in need. (Luke 10:25-37)
- This sort of love doesn’t come to us naturally. *“Love comes from God.”* (1 John 4:7)
- Love born of God is the fruit of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. He motivates us to love God and our neighbor. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love...”* (Galatians 5:22)



## FEED ON GOD'S WORD AND PRAY DAILY

*“Jesus answered: It is written, ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

(Matthew 4:4)

*“...when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love... to be seen by men... When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”*

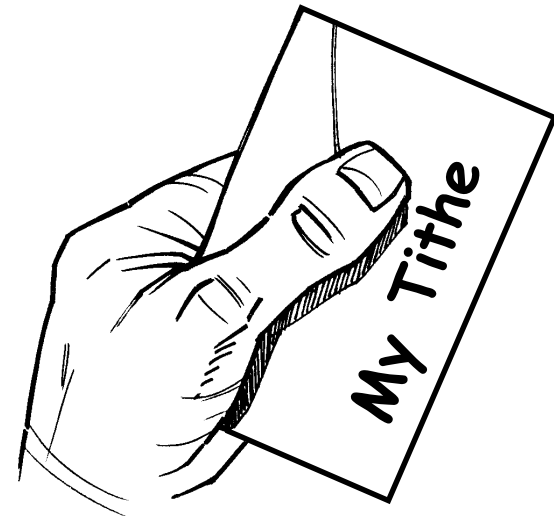
(Matthew 6:5)

*“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”*

(Matthew 6:7-8)



- God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7) You must not give only because it is one of these Commands.
- It is not a law in the New Testament to tithe, so if you do so, you must do it out of love.
- Offerings and tithes are distributed among needy brothers in Christ, workers and pastors, for missionary work in other countries, and to cover all expenses involved in God's work.





# GIVE

*“Give and it will be given to you.”*

(Luke 6:38)

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, your heart will be also.”*

(Matthew 6:19-21)

- Giving is part of worshipping God.
- God stores blessings for us in heaven according to what we give for Him on earth. (Luke 12:33)
- A poor person who gives little, but with sacrifice, love and faith, will receive in heaven a reward very much larger than those who give much more, but only of what they have left over.  
(Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus adds *“This is how you should pray,”*  
and continues, in Matthew 6:9-13:

***“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.”***



## God wants to have personal fellowship with you:

- God will speak to you through His Word. Read it daily to let the Holy Spirit illuminate your mind and help you live in loving obedience.
- God wants you to speak to Him through prayer.
- It is not necessary to say pretty words or memorize certain phrases. Christ condemned vain repetitions. Speak naturally and with respect to your Heavenly Father.
- You can pray on your knees, flat on your face, seated or standing. God does not look so much at the position of the body, but at the attitude of the heart.

## MEET FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

*“While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, ‘Take and eat, this is my body.’ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’”*  
(Matthew 26:26-28)



- We are to celebrate the Lord's Supper in memory of Jesus, and to proclaim His death, until He comes again.
- Jesus says of the broken bread: *“This is my body.”* When we eat it, we likewise participate in His body.  
(1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Jesus says of the wine: *“This is my blood of the Covenant.”* When we drink it, we remember His blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
- The entire Supper affirms His presence, pardon and power in us. And when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we maintain our fellowship with Christ and His people.  
(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

Note: Churches have different customs regarding the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Be sure to know what your church's practice is.