

MARKS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS (David Watson)

1. Willing to serve. Mark 10:42 -45, John 13: 12-17
2. Learning to listen. To God and others. Luke 10:38-42
3. Willing to learn; teachable. Matthew 16:21-23
4. Willing to be corrected. To receive honest criticism spoken in love. Matthew 18:15
5. Willing to submit to those in authority, from the heart not lip service. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17
6. Willing to share our life with others in open and honest fellowship. 1 John 1
7. Learning humility. Can rejoice with those who rejoice. Count others more significant than ourselves. Philippians. 2:1-4
8. Learning to examine our own life, before criticising others. Matthew 7:1-5
9. Know our weaknesses and learning to overcome them by the grace of God. 2 Corinthians 12:9
10. Not a perfectionist. This can lead to self-righteousness, self-condemnation, self-pity, or a judgemental spirit. 1 John 1:8-10
11. Able to forgive from the heart. Matthew 18:21-35
12. Able to persevere under trial. Romans 5:1-5
13. Thoroughly trustworthy. Will complete a task without having to be nagged. Willing to trust others. 1 Corinthians 4:2
14. Able to mind our own affairs. Not a busybody, or a gossip. 1 Tim 5:13
15. Faithful in small things. Colossians 3:17
16. Use leisure well. Seeing all time as a gift of God. Ephesians 5:15-17
17. Our principal aim is to please the Lord, rather than gratify our own desires, or seek the praise of others. 2 Corinthians 5:9
18. Quick to obey when God speaks. Even when it goes against our own instincts, or experience. Luke 5:4-9
19. Have faith in God, even when there are no signs to encourage us. Luke 18:1-8
20. Our security is in the trustworthiness and faithfulness of God. Open to the leading of the Spirit. Matthew 6:19-34
21. Has a clear understanding of God's priorities for our life. Acts 6:2-4