



#1 "Start Now"

Disciple: a personal follower, learner and imitator of Jesus.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

1. Take advantage of the moment!

Psalms 95:7-8 (ESV)

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...

Luke 9:59-62 (NIV)

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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Exodus 8:8-10 (NLT)

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and begged, "Plead with the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people. I will let your people go, so they can offer sacrifices to the Lord." "You set the time!" Moses replied. "Tell me when you want me to pray for you, your officials, and your people. Then you and your house will be rid of the frogs. They will remain only in the Nile River." "Do it tomorrow," Pharaoh said.

2. Commit to consistency.

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

*Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and **follow** me."*

Luke 8:15 (ESV)

*As for that in the good soil, they are those who, **hearing** the word, **hold it fast** in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit **with patience**.*

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.***

3. Expect to be rewarded!

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

John 10:10 (NLT)

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Hebrews 12:11 (NLT)

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening - it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.