

## "Requirements of Discipleship"

Text:-

Int:- Jesus put an exalted estimate upon the matter of being a disciple. He said his followers, would be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world." In other words, he said the Christian would be indispensable in the world. I am not pleading for any egotism on the part of Christian people, but I do want to say that no man needs to apologize for being a Christian and a follower of his Lord. Rather the man who is not a Christian, should make apology. The disciple of Christ is earnestly trying to live the highest and best life, for the Christian life is the highest kind of life the world knows anything about, thus to be a true disciple of Jesus means

### I. Earnest Sincerity.

1. Earnestness & sincerity. These were in direct contrast to much of the religious life in Jesus' day. May it not be said also that much of our religious life today lacks earnestness & sincerity?

2. "Trying hard to live a Christian life"; sincerely trying to do the Lord's

will." those <sup>among</sup> finest compliments  
that can be paid to any disciple.

This matter of earnestness & sincerity  
should characterize our seeking of  
Christ and our effort to walk with  
him.

## II. The Devotion of Love.

1. Jesus said, "If ye love me  
ye will keep my commandment."  
John 14: 15, 21: 15: 10.

Love was to be the motive of the Chris-  
tian life. ~~True~~ Love is ever earnest &  
sincere.

2. When Jesus was dealing with the  
disciple who had denied him  
he did not reprove him for <sup>what</sup>  
he had said & done against him,  
but he simply asked him whether  
he loved him.

3. We know whether we love him,  
down deep in our hearts we know.

4. Loyalty and faithfulness. Can  
one be loyal & yet not faithful to  
his vows to God? Are many unfaithful  
members of church, loyal to Christ? Are  
they true disciples?  
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## III. Self-Denial & Sacrifice.

1. Denial of all things which  
militate against Christ.

2. Sacrifice to. — . —