

STUDY TEN

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE

INTRODUCTION:

Discipline is defined as the training of the mind and body to produce self-control, orderliness, obedience, and capacity for co-operation. In the army, a soldier is expected to be discipline behave differently from unbelievers. Christian discipline; practically discuss how a Christian should discipline himself in the following aspect of life.

a. Use of tongue: (Jas 3:2-10) this little member can be used positively to offer praises and prayer to God (Jas 5:13), preach the word (Jn 1:19 and 2 Kings 4:25-26), confession unto salvation (Rom 10:10) turns situation around (Col 4:6, Prov 15:1) it could also be used negatively to curse men (Jas 3:9b), complaint (Jas 5:9), swear (Jas 5:12). What does your tongue do? Boast a well of fire unruly even full of deadly poison? When last did you use the word please or thank you? Words take their root from the heart (Matt 15:18, 12:34b). A man not born again has an unregenerate heart (Jer 17:9) and therefore an unregenerate tongue. The Bible enjoins us to care for our heart (Prov 4:23) because it determines our fate (Matt 12:37) in the law court, we can affirm our words instead of swearing.

b. Moderation in all things: (eating, sleeping, dressing, spending, over speeding, etc) Phill 4:5, Prov 28:21, Phill 3:19, Prov 20:13, 1 Tim 2:9, Duet 22:5.

c. Debt of :

I. Money. Rom 13:7-8, Deut 28:13

II. Promise or vow Ecc 5:2-5, Num 30:2

III. Time .Ecc 3:1-8,9:10

IV. Preaching the Gospel. 1 Cor 9:16-17, 2 Tim 4:12, Rom 1:16

d. Punctuality, self control, orderliness at meeting :1 Cor 14:40

e. Diligence in work: Prov 22:29,24:30-31, 2 Thess 3:10

f. Respect for one another especially elders, ministers and leaders in the church: 1TIM 5 :1-2, Heb 13:17, Lev 19:32

g. Respect for parent and the law of the land: Eph 6:1-3, Matt 15:4, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Titus 3:1.

h. Rebellion especially against church leaders: Num 12:11-12, Num 16:1-5, 28-33, Heb 13:17, Josh 1:16,18, 21, 1 Thess 5:22, 1 Peter 4:3, Eph 5:11-12. Attempt not to go where God cannot go with you.

CONCLUSION

By doing things decently and in order in the church, our salvation take away from certain behavior and connects us to Christ.

MEMORY VERSE; PHILLIPIAN 2:5 "let your moderation be known to all men. The lord is at hand".

HOME WORK; READ Isaiah 58:1-14 against next study.
Discuss the abuse of fasting in vs 3-5

MEMORY VERSE: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do sheet the Lords death till He comes "...1Cor.11:26