

# **Disciple**

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I have always enjoyed working on projects with my husband and particularly, now that we are retired. For instance, I enjoy helping him on carpentry projects. Carrying 2x4's, holding boards in place while he nails, holding the Paslode Nailer while he sets everything in place. Likewise, when he does electrical work and I hold a flashlight so he can see the wires. However, being his helper does not make me a carpenter or electrician ---far from it!

As I was standing in my kitchen the other morning drinking my tea, I glanced down at my tea mug and ran my finger over the word, "Disciple" written in bold letters on the side of the mug. It lead me to thinking about just what does it all really mean to be Jesus' disciple? Obviously, drinking from a mug with Disciple written on it does not make a disciple. Nor does owning a Bible make us a disciple of Jesus. No, it's much, much deeper than that. Thankfully, Jesus doesn't leave us stranded to figure our discipleship out on our own. He guides us all the way.

Such as, Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (*Luke 9:23*)

And He also said to them, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (*John 13:34-35*)

Side note: I give God thanks to have you in my life, that we can walk this journey together as we follow in His footsteps! Thanks for being there!

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, as we walk through this life on earth, we thank you for all Your guidance as we strive to become a better disciple for You each day. We bow humbly before You. Lead us, Lord, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.