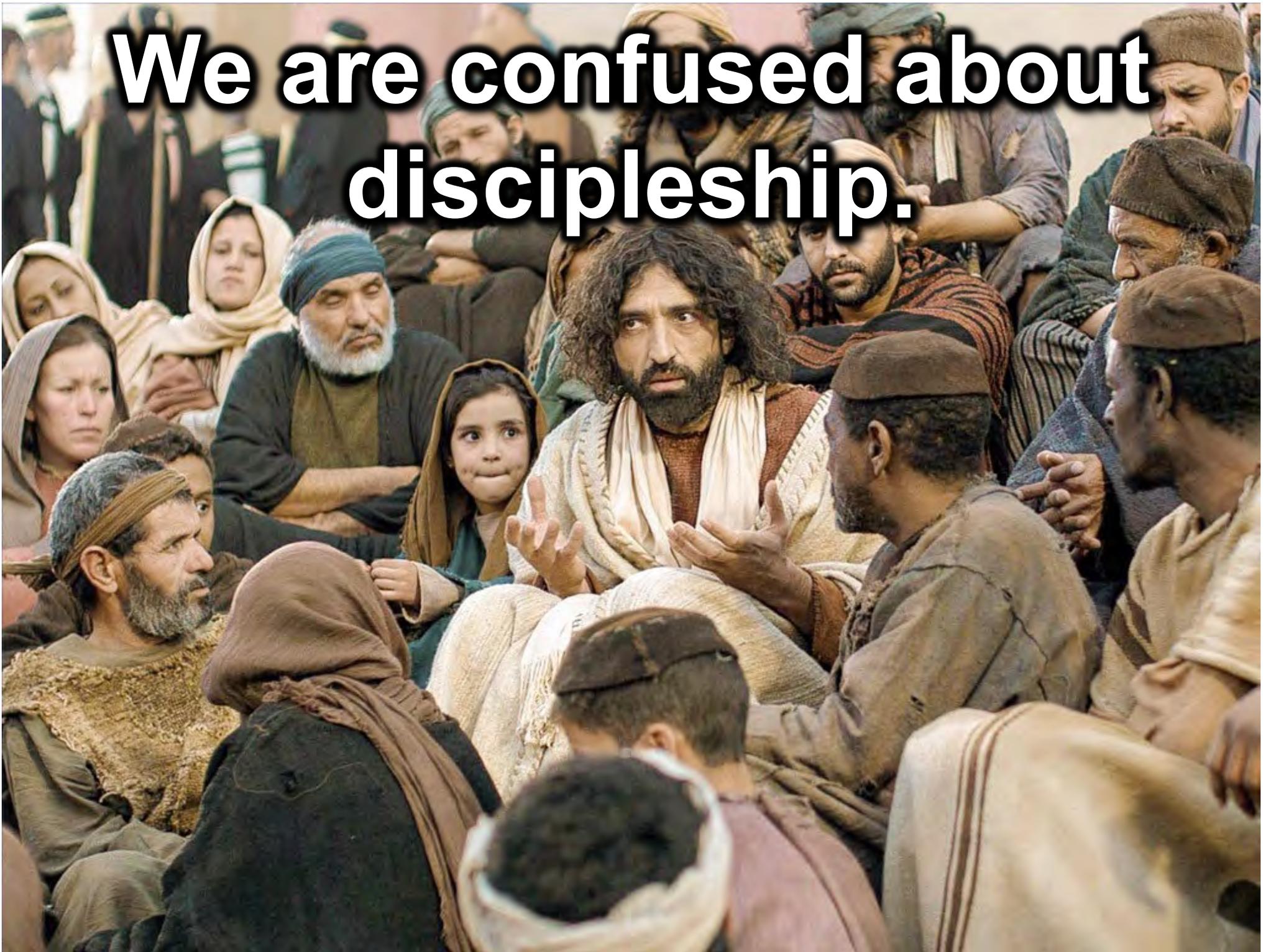


# Discipleship in the Gospels

*A Survey of the  
Ten Disciple-Sayings of Jesus*

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**We are confused about  
discipleship.**



# What is a disciple?

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**A disciple is a follower.**

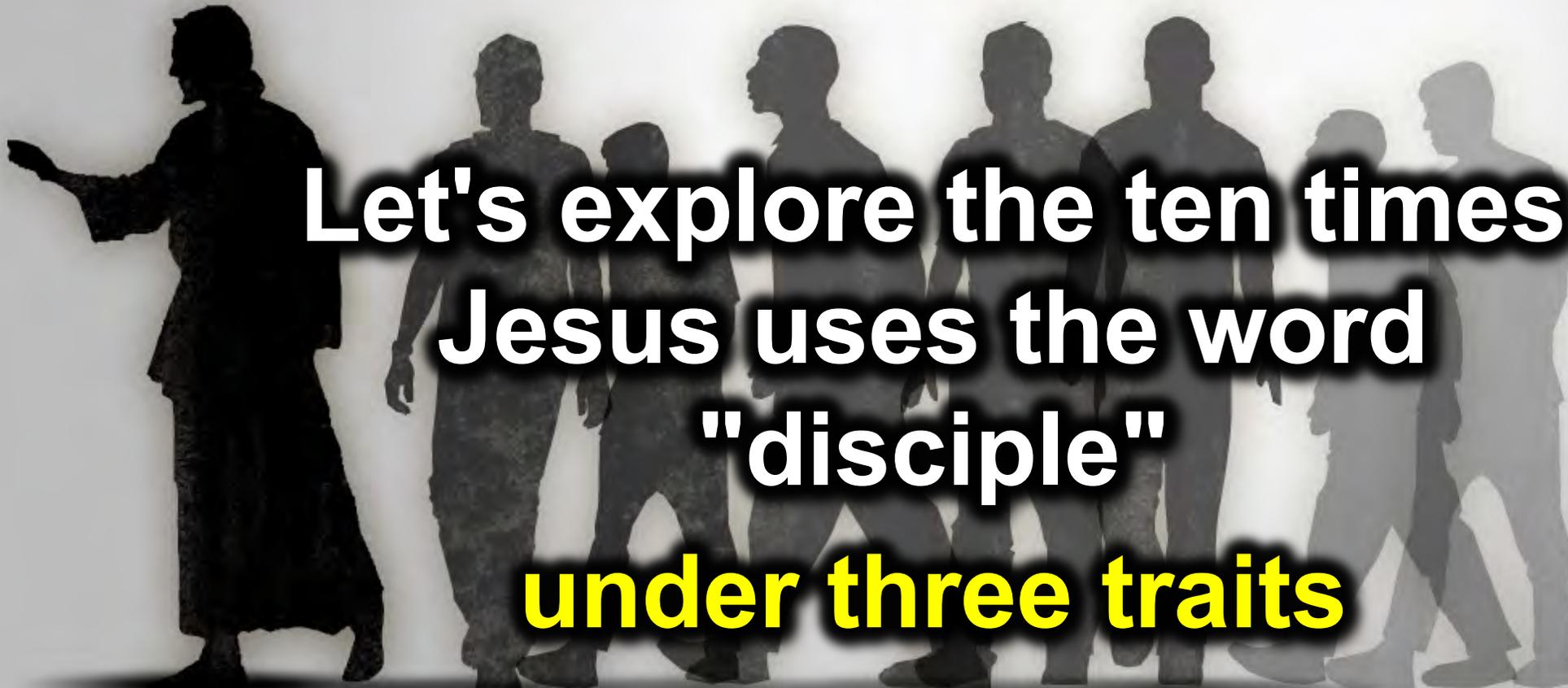


**Let's define "disciple"  
biblically.**



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A silhouette of Jesus on the left, gesturing towards a group of ten disciples on the right. The background is a light gray gradient.

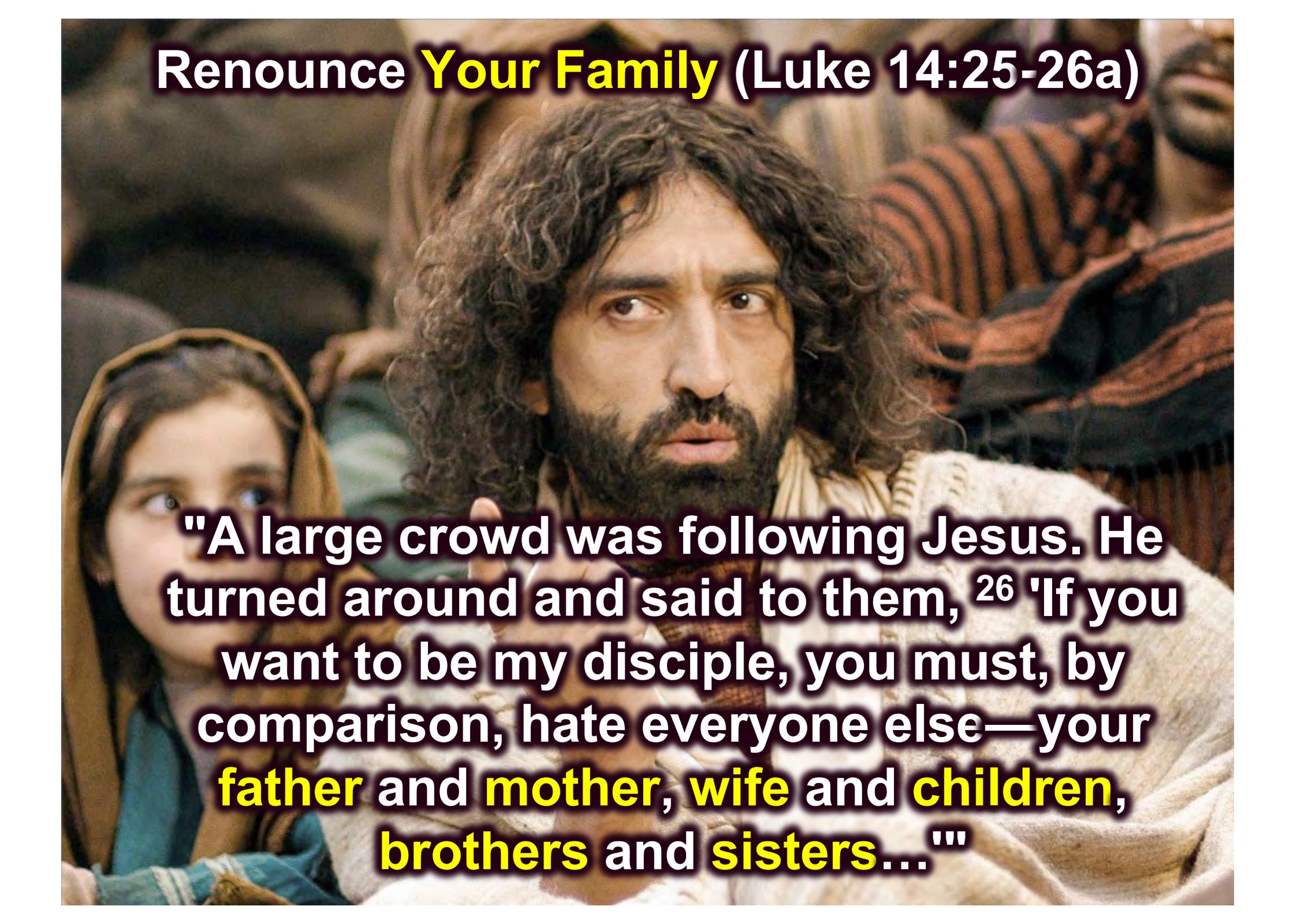
**Let's explore the ten times  
Jesus uses the word  
"disciple"**

**under three traits**



I. A disciple is **totally committed** to Christ.

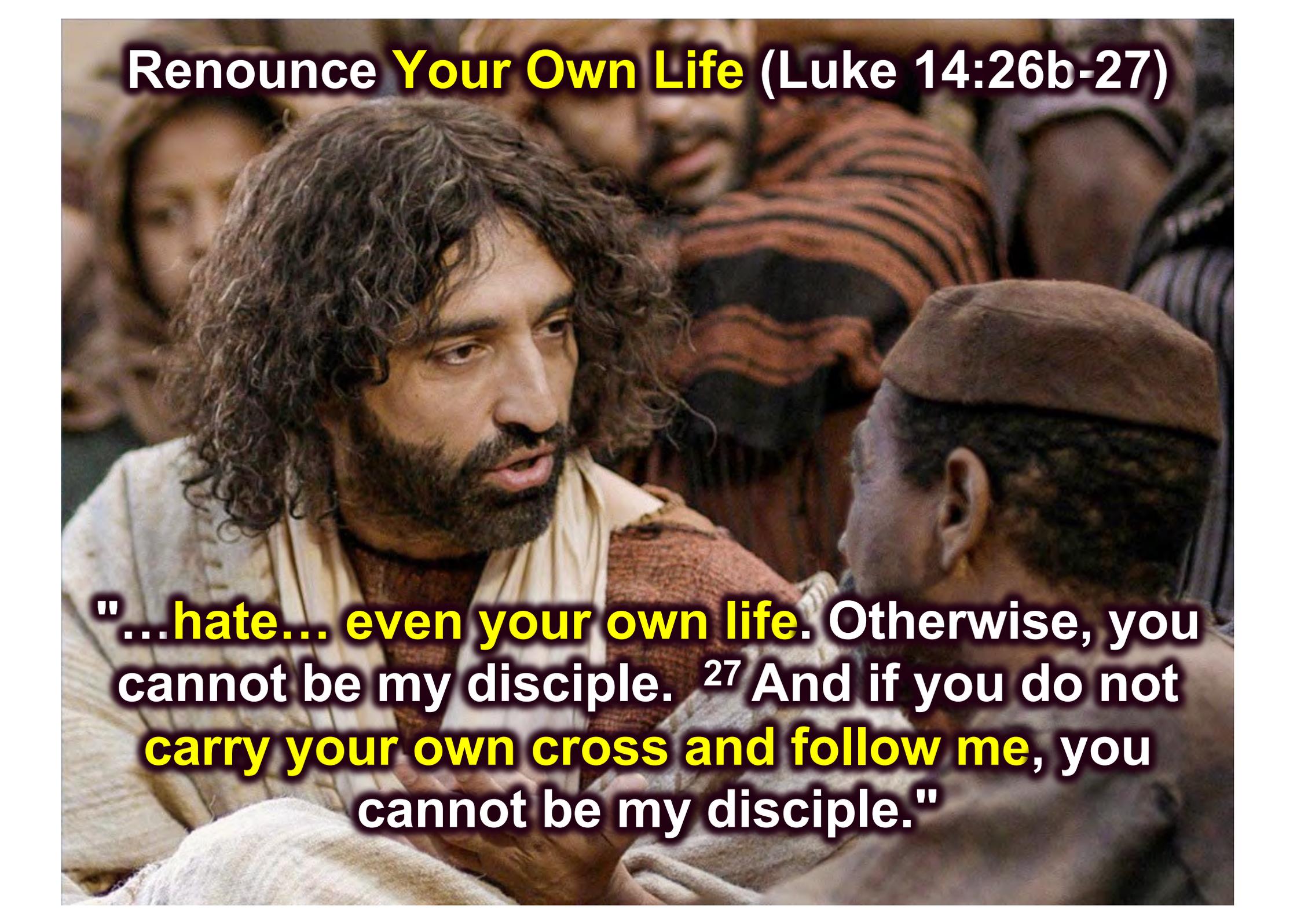
**A. A disciple renounces his family to follow Christ (Luke 14:26a).**

A photograph of Jesus with long, curly brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. In the background, a crowd of people is visible, including a woman in a blue and brown headscarf on the left. The text is overlaid on the image.

Renounce **Your Family** (Luke 14:25-26a)

"A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your **father** and **mother**, **wife** and **children**, **brothers** and **sisters**...'"

**B. A disciple renounces his own life to follow Christ (Luke 14:26b-27).**

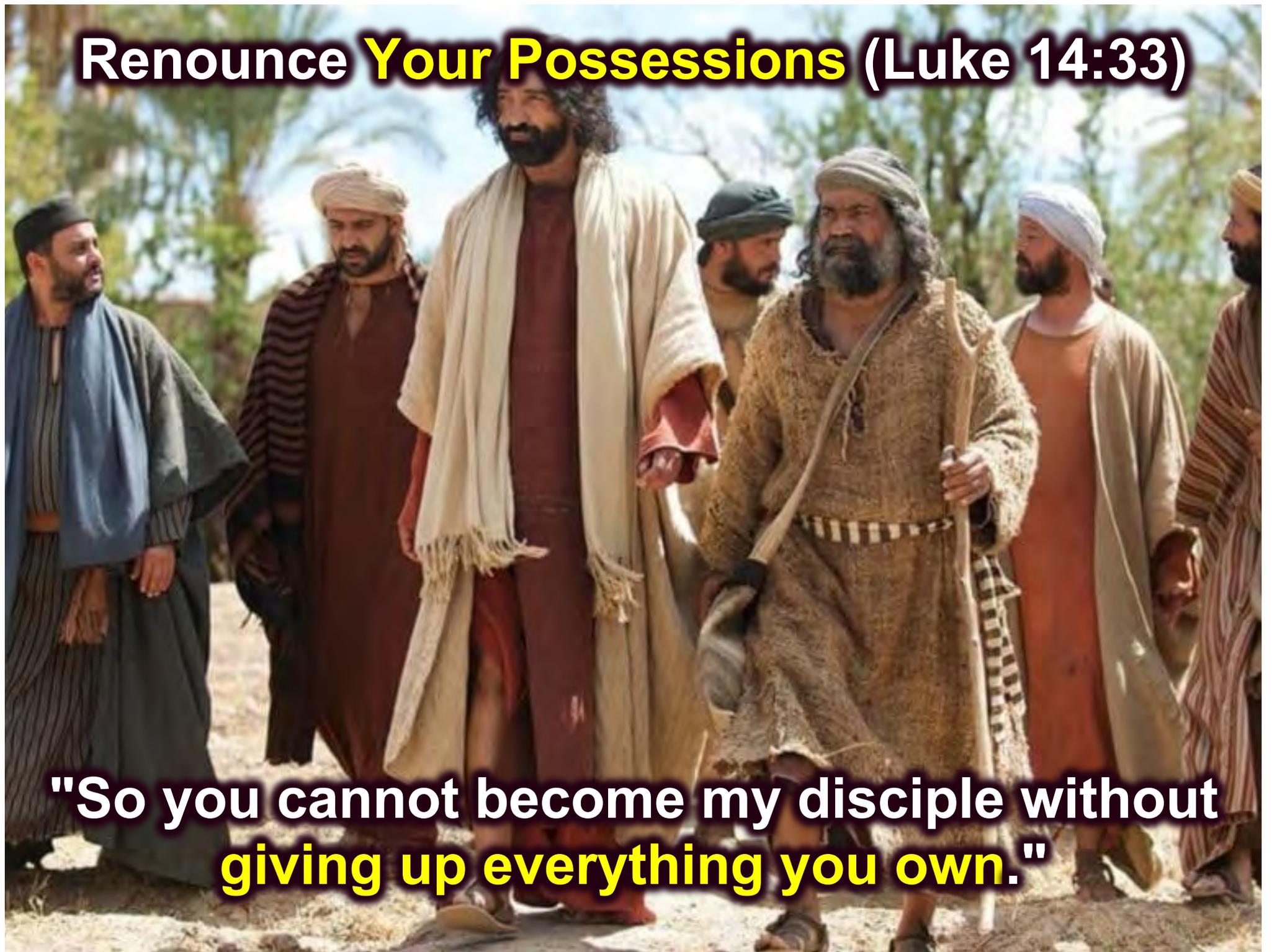
A photograph of Jesus with long, curly brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, looking intently at a man in a brown cap. They are surrounded by a crowd of people in a historical setting.

Renounce **Your Own Life** (Luke 14:26b-27)

"...**hate... even your own life**. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And if you do not **carry your own cross and follow me**, you cannot be my disciple."

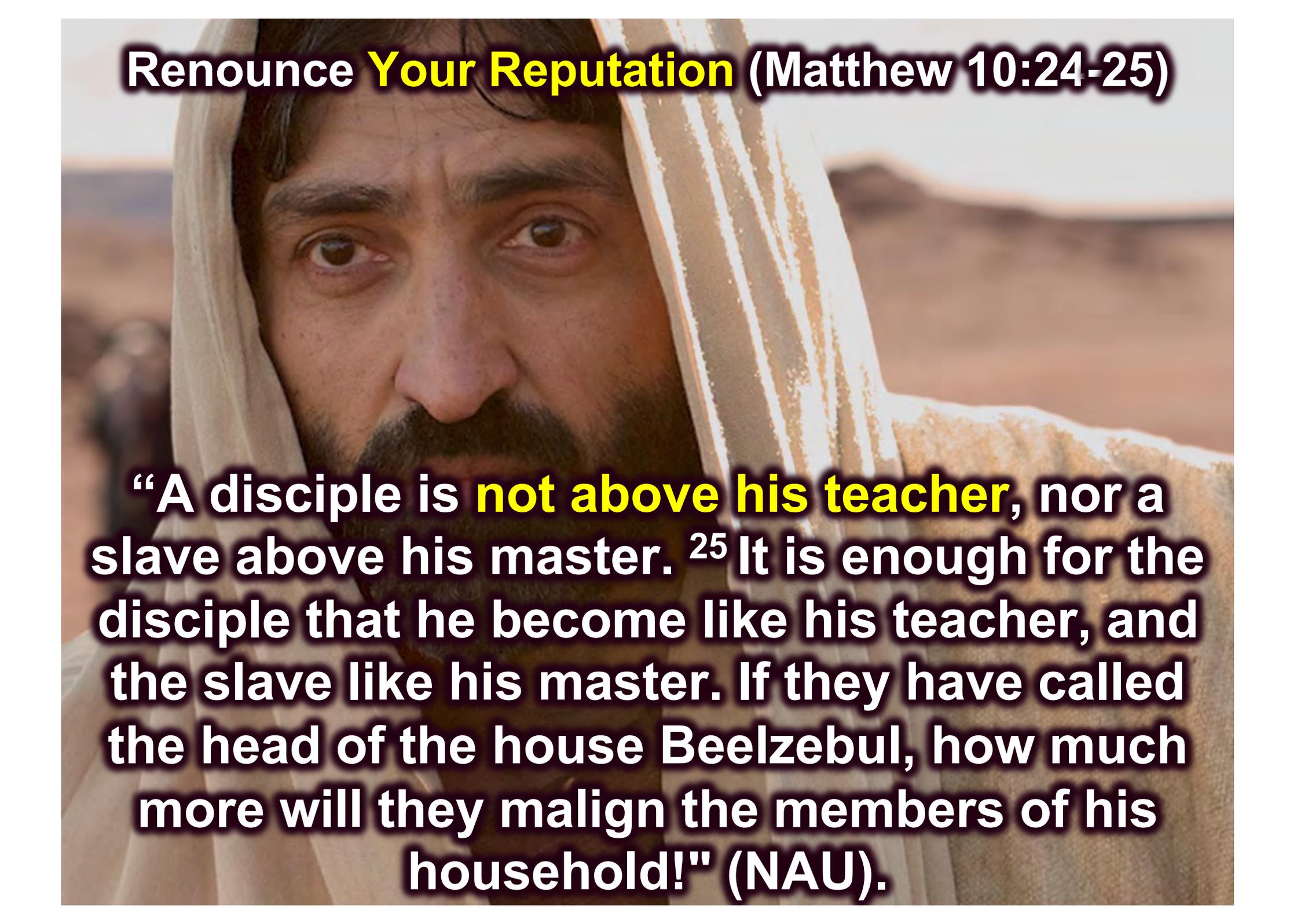
**C. A disciple renounces his possessions to follow Christ (Luke 14:33).**

# Renounce **Your Possessions** (Luke 14:33)



"So you cannot become my disciple without **giving up everything you own.**"

**D. A disciple renounces his reputation to follow Christ (Matthew 10:24-25).**



Renounce **Your Reputation** (Matthew 10:24-25)

“A disciple is **not above his teacher**, nor a slave above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household!” (NAU).



I. A disciple is **totally committed** to Christ.



II. A disciple **obeys** Christ.

**A. A disciple obeys by  
remaining in God's Word  
(John 8:31).**

# A Disciple **Obeys Christ**

"Then many who heard him say these things believed in him.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, 'You are truly my disciples if you **remain faithful to my teachings**. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free'" (John 8:30-32).



**B. A disciple obeys by  
loving other Christians  
(John 13:34-35).**

# A Disciple **Loves Believers**

"So now I am giving you a new commandment:  
Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you  
should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another  
will prove to the world that you are my disciples"  
(John 13:34-35).



Love  
One  
Another

**C. A disciple obeys by  
showing compassion to  
the helpless (Matt. 10:42).**

## A Disciple **Shows Compassion** (Matthew 10:42)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a clear glass filled with water. The glass is held in a way that the water is clearly visible. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with light coming from a window.

**"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a **cup of cold water** to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward." (NAU).**



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III. A disciple **disciples.**

**A. A disciple makes  
disciples (Matt. 28:19-20).**

# A Disciple **Makes Disciples** (Matthew 28:19-20)

“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”





# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**B. A disciple brings others  
to Christ (John 15:8).**



**I am the Vine**

**You are the  
branches**

**Those who remain in  
me, and I in them, will  
produce much fruit.**

**For apart from me  
you can do nothing.**

**John 15:5 NLT**

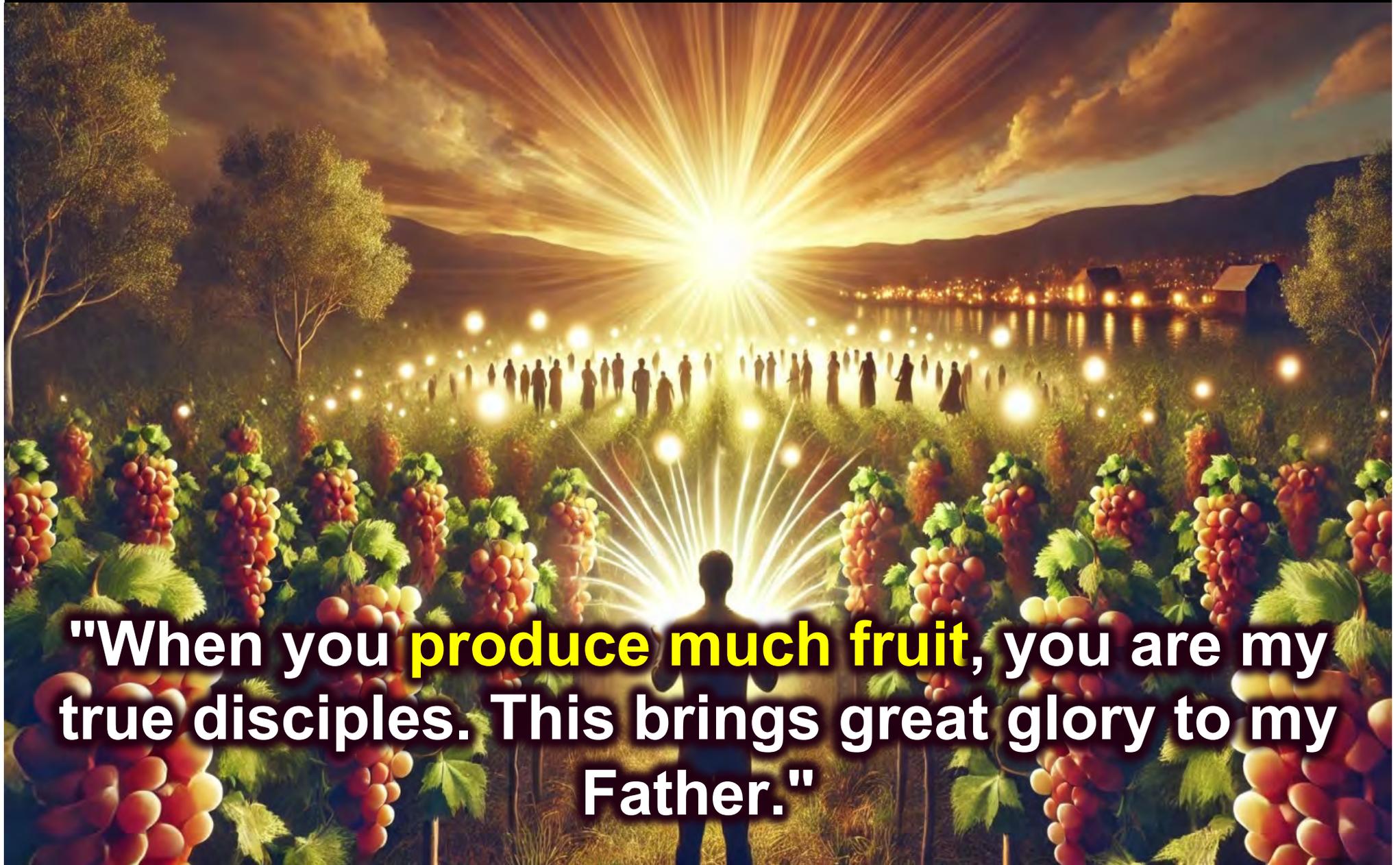
*...that you might bear much fruit!* <sup>15</sup>

# What is the "fruit"?



*by Phil Ware <http://www.heartlight.org>*

# A Disciple **Brings Others to Christ** (John 15:8)



"When you **produce much fruit**, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."

**C. A disciple teaches others  
(Matthew 13:52).**



# What is a disciple?

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# Main Idea

**A disciple shows commitment, obedience, and discipling**





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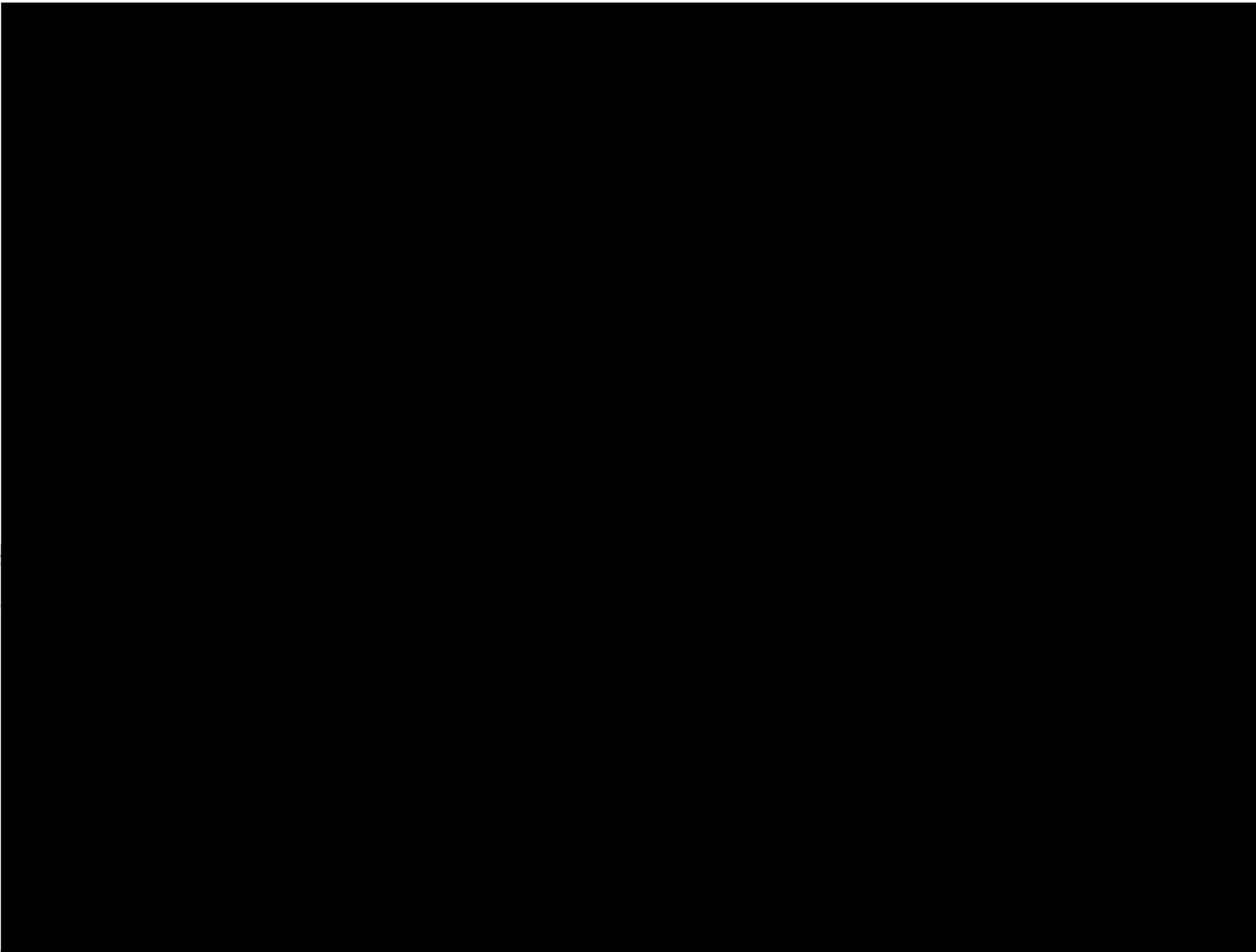


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# What About You?

How can you have these qualities as a disciple of Jesus?

- Join a small group
- Commit to disciple someone



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