

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** The Making of a Disciple

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**Text: Acts 17:11.** And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. (NLT)

**Talk:** "We're in search of the **truth** of the **Scriptures** (humility), and not in **defense** of ourselves (pride)."

**QUESTION 1.** Can God no longer hear your prayers when you continually struggle with a certain sin? I have a desire to do what's right but find myself consciously committing the same sin over again. This sin has done so much damage to my relationship.

**ANSWER: a)** God will always **hear prayers** from a **broken** and **repentant** heart! (Psalms 51:17); **b)** You must be guided by the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:16); **c)** Some sins are **strongholds** and you may need someone to **pray through with you** until you're **set free**. (James 5:16); **d)** Sins have consequences that you must live through. (Galatians 6:7-8)

**QUESTION 2.** Can you expound on the historical purpose or current day principle behind the term AMEN and whether it even has anything to do with gender? I was thrown way off by the ending of that House prayer video and none of my research has provided much resolve. I Chronicles 16:36

**ANSWER: a)** Amen is **neuter**; **b)** Amen is a Hebrew word, which means certainty, truth, or so let it be; **c)** Amen comes from the **conviction** of the heart to mean, what they hear is true, just, and certain to be; **d)** Amen is the highest praise because it confirms your obedience (agreement) with God.

**QUESTION 3.** Are you against **activism**?

**ANSWER:** No! ... But! ...The **primary** message of a Christ Follower is **evangelism** and the **secondary** message is **activism**. References: John 18:36, Luke 24:46, I Corinthians 15:24, Romans 12:13, Micah 6:8

"Activism is for legislation and evangelism is for salvation."

**QUESTION 4.** Pastor, do you **repent** once for **all your sins**, or do you **repent** each time a **sin is revealed** to you?

**ANSWER: a)** You **repent** from **sin** and turn to Christ **by faith**, so you can be **reconciled** to God and become a **new person in Christ**. (Acts 20:21); **b)** You **continue** to **confess** your sins **after** salvation, so you can be **cleansed** and **remain** in **fellowship** with God. (1 John 1:8-9)

**QUESTION 5.** My question regarding the message .... I know some have a **special call** in their lives just like the disciples did, or like you when God called you to walk away from the Air Force. Others are not called to **leave everything** ...and start a new journey! Are those who aren't called to **walk away** from **everything** still make it to heaven? And what is the difference?

**ANSWER: a)** All Christ followers are called to leave "everything". We're all called to **exchange** our life for Christ's life, by **repenting** from **sin**, denying **ourselves**, coming out from **society**. (Luke 14:33); **b)** Offering God "**everything**" is made **relevant** to everyone, by God, when He ask you for something specifically. (Mark 10:17-23)

**Wrap up:** "When you fail to offer God what He ask for (everything), heaven is not in jeopardy, but your **maturity** in Christ is **stunted** and you have **forsaken** your walk with God and **forfeited** rewards in heaven."

**QUESTION 6.** What do you say to the believer that says: I don't really know or encounter people that are **not believers**? So **leading** people to Christ is hard. Living my life right before God is how I show people I am a believer. I don't think you have to **Bible beat people to win them to Christ**. Is this still **discipleship**?

**ANSWER:** A Christ Follower who is engaged daily in soul winning live by these five principles: **a)** You **love** sinners (St. John 3:16); **b)** You live right and ask for **wisdom** (Proverbs 11:30); **c)** Your **witness** is like fire (Jeremiah 20:9); **d)** Your **eyes** can see opportunities (John 4:35); **e)** Your soul winning method is **seed, water, and growth**. (1 Corinthians 3:5-6)

**QUESTION 7.** I have heard you say, "If you are a Christ Follower, you should **lead a small group**". You have also stated, "that you aren't a Christ Follower if you can't and or won't". **Here is my question;** Why is being a leader of a small group a **determining** factor of whether you are a Christ Follower?

**ANSWER: Gift** of teaching is **different** from the **ability** to teach what you have been **taught**. A **Disciple** is a **learner**, who **becomes like the teacher**, able to teach what they have been **taught**, so they can share them with others or **defend** their beliefs against those who **oppose** the teachings of their Teacher (maturity). References: Luke 6:40, 2 Timothy 2:2, 15

***NEXT WEEK: Your Witness and the Gospel***