

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

### A DISCIPLE EMULATES HIS TEACHER

Luke 6:40 "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."

For three years Jesus prepared His disciples for their ministry they would undertake once He ascended into heaven. The disciples went with Him, were taught by Him, and observed all that He did. One could say that they absorbed all that Jesus was in order to be like their teacher. No, they could never be equal to Jesus but He did prepare them to preach, teach and minister as He did.

Jesus also desires you to observe through the Holy Scriptures all He did, what He taught and how He ministered. He desires this because as a believer in Him you are also His follower and a witness to the world of who Jesus is and of His saving work. He desires, like He did for His disciples, that you will be like Him your teacher.

What does it mean for you to be "like your teacher" (Luke 6:40) Jesus:

- Ephesians 2:6-7 "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant. . . "
- Ephesians 4:15 "speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. . ."
- Colossians 3:11 ". . .Christ is all, and is in all. . ."

You are never above Jesus. Rather, He is in you and with you to lead and guide you in all you think, say and do. You do all you do in His name, to His glory and for the good of those to whom you say and do it. This is Jesus' desire for you, namely you are commissioned by Him and equipped by Him to be His witness: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, equip me to fully to be like You, my teacher. In Your holy name. Amen.

Hark the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers Thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower, giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.  
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.  
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