

SO YOU SAY YOU'RE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST...
Examining ourselves in light of Lord's basic commands to His disciples
Matthew 10:34-39

- I. *Review:* TRUE DISCIPLES UNDERSTAND THEY SERVE CHRIST IN THE CONTEXT OF DIFFICULTY & HATRED MEANT FOR HIM (24-25)

- II. *Review:* TRUE DISCIPLES *THUS* CONFESS CHRIST, FEARLESSLY yet REVERENTLY (fearing God not men) DECLARING HIS WORD (26-33)

- III. TRUE DISCIPLES UNDERSTAND CHRIST DIVIDES AND *THUS* LOVE HIM CHOOSING HIM OVER ALL ELSE, including family (34-39)
 - A. True disciples understand Christ divides and brings hostility even within family (34-36)
 - 1. Christ did not come to bring earthly peace, but came bringing salvation, which divides (34-35)

 - 2. As a result even families will be divided and thus enemies made (36)

 - B. True disciples (Worthy) *thus* genuinely love Christ, which will manifest in obedient self-denial (37-39)
 - 1. True disciples will love Christ over family (37)

 - 2. True disciples do not love their own lives but have yielded them, evidencing eternal life (38-39)