

What is a Disciple? by Kevin Geoffrey

Discipleship is often viewed as a mere "after thought" to evangelism, relegated to new believers.

Becoming the dedicated, devoted disciples of Messiah that we are called to be, requires a lifetime of discipling – both living as and making disciples.

**So, where have all the disciplers gone?
Have the teachers of ones, threes and twelves
left for the "greener pastures"
of fifties, hundreds and thousands?**

**Can we no longer give of our precious
valuable time for the sake of one
helpless, misguided soul?**

**What valid reason can we give for closing ourselves off
so that no one may speak into our lives?**

**How can we justify holding everything in so that
we won't be responsible for anybody else?**

**If we're not cynical, or afraid, or worn out,
then the reason we don't participate in discipleship
is because we simply don't know how-**

**we haven't a clue what it means to make disciples because
we were never taught how to be one ourselves.**

**May we no longer be satisfied with
the accumulation of knowledge and
spiritual experiences that shape us personally,
but let us pour ourselves out for the sake of others
and enter into the fullness of who we are called to be:
disciples of Messiah.**