

Steps to Christ  
Chapter 7  
The Test of Discipleship

I. Do We Have to Know When and Where?

 **Read John 3:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you answer a person who asks you for the exact time and place of your conversion?
2. What do you believe Jesus was saying in John 3:8?
3. A person was heard to say that they had been saved 23 times. How do you feel about this?
4. Explain in your own words 2 Corinthians 5:17.
5. Suggest several real-life situations that illustrate what you have just said.

II. Characteristics of a Growing Christian

Discussion Questions:

6. What do you notice is the most obvious difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the works of the flesh as enumerated in Galatians 5:19-21?
7. What would you say to a person who has a “pick-and-choose” attitude toward the fruit of the Spirit?
8. Take a few minutes to discuss how each of the characteristics relate to one another.
9. Which characteristic do you believe anchors the others? Explain why you believe this to be true.
10. Choose three characteristics in the list of nine and give practical illustrations of when and how these will be manifested.

III. The Christian and the Popular Culture

 **Read John 17:15; James 4:4; 1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 John 2:15**

Discussion Questions:

11. What do you think Peter is talking about in 1 Peter 3:3-4?

 **Read Galatians 5:22-23**

12. Although the reference in the verses is to Christian women, how do you feel the text applies to men as well?

13. How would you explain 1 John 2:15?

14. What does it mean to “love the world”?

15. Why do you believe that the popular culture and love for God are incompatible?

16. Explain in practical ways what Jesus means in His prayer in John 17:15.

#### IV. The Role of Obedience in the Christian Life

##### **Read Hebrews 10:16; 1 John 2:4 and 5:3**

Discussion Questions:

17. What do you think the role of obedience is in the Christian life?

18. Some Christians believe that obedience was all right for the people in the Old Testament but not for Christians in

the New Testament. How would you explain the relationship between love and obedience?

19. What do you think it means, “I will put My law in their hearts”?

##### **Read Ephesians 2:8; 1 John 3:5-6; 1 John 3:7**

Discussion Question:

20. We know we’re not saved by works. How do you see Ephesians 2:8 and James 2:17 relating to each other?

#### V. The Christian’s Source of Victory

##### **Read Matthew 10:20; Galatians 2:20**

Discussion Questions:

21. What do you think Paul means when he says, “I live by faith”?

22. How does living by faith in Jesus affect our everyday life?

23. This lesson was entitled, “The Test of Discipleship.” After having gone through it, what are three points that have meant the most to you?