

# Disciples At Their Best

## 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

We're always given a **CHOICE...OUR** way or **GOD'S** way.

To **Avoid** the dangers of a very poor **Decision**, we need to be **Reminded** of **HOW** to do things **God's Way**.

Today, Paul points out what **DISCIPLES At Their Best** looks like....

### 1. **RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD (v.13)**

- A Disciple is...**A LEARNER**.
- Are you "**Receiving the word of God**" from His own heart?
- Are we **Listening, Learning & Applying** God's message to our lives? (James 1:21-25)
- Do you ever walk out of church saying, "**Something's got to change**"?

### 2. **IMITATE THE GOOD IN OTHER CHRISTIANS (v.14a)**

- We must be **Careful** who we **IMITATE**.
- What good things/habits **Worth Imitating** do you see in **Others**?
- "**Follow My example**, as I follow the **example of Christ**" (1 Cor. 11:1)

### 3. **SUFFER FOR CHRIST (vv.14b-16)**

- Perhaps the **Least Popular** aspect of Christianity is **Suffering**. (2 Tim.3:12)
- If you endeavor to be a "**Disciple At His Best**," I encourage you to **COUNT THE COST...**
- Since **suffering is** sometimes **Part of God's plan**, it must have a **PURPOSE**.
- **When YOU Sacrifice** your time & effort to serve...**Someone WILL benefit!**

### 4. **FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS (vv.17-20)**

- Paul **Eagerly** sought to **Fellowship** with this wonderful church he **Founded**.
- But **Time & Time Again...Satan Hindered** him.
- If you find yourself **Resisting Fellowship** with other Christians, **Satan is Hindering** you.
- **Are you Dedicated** to the **Task** of being all the things you **Want your Church to be**?