

**Becoming Authentic Disciples Part 1**  
**The Goal is Love**

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**1 Timothy 1:1-2 (NIV)**  
**<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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**1 Corinthians 4:15-17a (NIV)**  
**<sup>15</sup> Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you to imitate me. <sup>17</sup> For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus.**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

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**1 Timothy 1:3-4 (NIV)**

**<sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer <sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith.**

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**Ephesians 4:14 (NIV)**

**<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

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**1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)**

**<sup>5</sup> The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**

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**2. Authentic Disciples understand that the goal is to love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.**

**1 Timothy 1:6-7 (NIV)**

**<sup>6</sup> Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. <sup>7</sup> They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

**3. Authentic Disciples understand the proper use of the law.**

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**1 Timothy 1:8 (NIV)**

**8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.**

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**Galatians 3:24 (NLT)**

**The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God.**

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**Romans 7:7 (NIV)**

**Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

**4. Authentic Disciples understand their sinfulness and the power of God's grace.**

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**1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)**

**<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

**5. Authentic Disciples hold on to faith.**

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**1 Timothy 1:18-19 (NIV)**  
**<sup>18</sup> Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup> holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.**

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**Characteristics of Authentic Disciples**

**6. Authentic Disciples are people of prayer.**

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**1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)**

**<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority.**

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