

Becoming Authentic Disciples Part 4
Discipline and Honor

1. Authentic Disciples are people of Discipline.

- They are not easily deceived.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV)

¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

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1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- They do not get caught up in myths and controversies.

1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

Titus 3:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.

- **They train themselves to be godly examples.**

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (NIV)

...train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

- **They train themselves to be godly examples.**

1 Timothy 4:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

- **They train themselves to be godly examples.**

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

- **They train themselves to be godly examples.**

1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2. Authentic Disciples are people who honor others.

- **They relate well with all kinds of people.**

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

- **They honor and care for the needy. (especially their family)**

1 Timothy 5:3-4 (NIV)

³ Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

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1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

⁸ If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:9-10a (NIV)

⁹ No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, ¹⁰ and is well known for her good deeds,

- **They honor their Church leaders.**

1 Timothy 5:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

- **They hold their leaders accountable.**

1 Timothy 5:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

1 Timothy 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.
