

## LIFE NOTES

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Series: The

“Abide in Me”

*How do you know if a person is a genuine follower of Jesus?*

### EXPERT EXAMINATION

**John 8:31** “Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, “You are **truly** my disciples if you **remain faithful to my teachings.**”

**The point:** A genuine disciple of Jesus not only \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, but also \_\_\_\_\_ His teachings in his/her life.

**John 8:31-32; Matthew 3:8-9 ; Galatians 3:7**

**John 8:37-38; Genesis 12:1-3**

**John 8:42-56; Galatians 3:8-9**

**John 8:57-59**

### WHY I SHOULD ABIDE IN JESUS

1. I will know the \_\_\_\_\_

**John 8:32** “... you will know the truth ...”

**Ephesians 1:13** “And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago.”

2. I will be \_\_\_\_\_ from sin.

**John 8:32** “... and the truth will set you free.”

**2 Peter 2:19** “They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves to sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.” (NLT)

**Romans 6:16-18** <sup>16</sup> “Don’t you realize that **you become a slave of whatever you choose to obey**? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. <sup>17</sup> Thank God! Once you were slaves to sin, but now you wholeheartedly **obey this teaching** we have given you. <sup>18</sup> Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.” (NLT)

3. I will be a true \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 8:47** “Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don’t listen because you don’t belong to God.”

**1 John 1:9** “Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.” (NLT)

**John 14:15-17** <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.”

4. I will \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 8:51** “I tell you the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!”

**Psalm 1:1-6** <sup>1</sup> “Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. <sup>2</sup> But **they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.** <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. <sup>4</sup> But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. <sup>5</sup> They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.” (NLT)

**Matthew 10:28** “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” (NLT)

### BOTTOM LINE

1. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with Jesus.

2. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ on the shelf.

3. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ believing and faithfully following Jesus.