

DISCIPLE OR DUD

Intro. Dict says dud is shell that fails to explode. Not unreal. All ingredients there but no results with them. Dict says "Colloq. a person who fails to make good." Unfortunately, a lot of real Xns are duds. Not speaking of professing ones. Illus of firecracker. Real enuf but doesn't go off until you go and look. Among real Xns there are duds and disciples (and others) Can be disciple of practically anything, but disc of X characterized by certain things.

Lk 6:40
Gal 5:22

I. Scholarship. Learning. Mt 28:19-20.

A. Command to learn. Make disc only finite v_g. Disc is one bap and taught. To fulfill commission you must teach and that means learn yourself.

B. Content of learning.

1. Facts of life of X. Primary meaning of Mt 28. All things (and esp humility of X, Mt 11:28; 2 Cor 11:3--simplicity means without self-seeking *self-discipline of X Mt 5:8*)
2. Doctrine of epistles. Secondary meaning. Got to know about sanctification, church's beg, eschatology, ch govt. These were questions on mission field.
3. Practical life truth, Acts 14:22. This excludes evil, Rom 16:19--simple here means unmixed, innocent. Same word as harmless, Mt 10:16.

4. Prange Jn 15
Must learn this year. Maybe school isn't all it should be but sometimes it hard to help those who put forth so little effort. Maybe it wasn't the lecture but your lack of self-discipline in getting to bed. Don't limit the Lord's leading in years to come by fooling away these years of study.

II. Sacrifice. Leaving (not losing as world things of it). Lk 14:26-33. *Illus. Hill bet leaving + losing. Smoking on*

- Dorchester elevator. When got off I am glad to leave & don't consider I'm losing anything.*
- A. It is complete.
1. Family, 26. Not absolute hate cf Mt 15:4, but cf Lk 14:20. "It is the language of exaggerated contrast, it is true, but it must not be watered down till the point is gone." ATR. Cf Jn Mark if that's the reason he went home. Contrast Timothy who left a good family.

leave family for field. Ordinary pleasures of family life

