

Christianity without the living
Christ is inevitably Christianity
without discipleship, and
Christianity without
discipleship is always
Christianity without Christ

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sometimes we don't need another chance to express how we feel or to ask someone to understand our situation. Sometimes we just need a firm kick in the pants. An unsmiling expectation that if we mean all these wonderful things we talk about and sing about, then lets see something to prove it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The alternative to how the
kings of the earth rule is not
"spirituality," but
servanthood

John Howard Yoder

Suffering, then, is the badge
of true discipleship.

The disciple is not above
his master.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The last thing postmodern
young people need is
something more to do. They
have plenty to keep them
busy, but precious little to
make them holy.

Kenda Creasy Dean

Discipleship isn't something
you learn just by studying it;
at some point you have to
do it.

Kenda Creasy Dean

Orthodoxy and orthopraxy -
faithful belief and faithful
practice are the two lungs of
Christian Discipleship. You can
get along breathing on only one
lung, but you can't breathe very
deeply, and you don't live as
long or as fully as when you use
both lungs, which is clearly
what God intends.

Kenda Creasy Dean

“There is a term in the ancient churches that catches the power of the idea that experience precedes thought. It is *lex orandi; lex credendi; est.* the rule of prayer is the rule of faith. Another way of stating this truth is , “show me how you worship or live and I will tell you what you believe.” In the modern world this axiom got turned around.

It was always “get your theology straight and then your praxis will flow from it.” In the postmodern world we are rediscovering that experience precedes reflection.

Robert Webber

The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says, “Give me all. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you.... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.” Both harder and easier than what we are all trying to do.

C.S. Lewis

Most problems in
contemporary churches can
be explained by the fact that
members have not yet
decided to follow Christ.

Dallas Willard.

Working on it, the radical nature of Jesus' teaching hit me as never before, which makes me realize that to be a missional disciple of Jesus means ... not something "nice" or "proper," but something revolutionary, world-changing, uncontainable. It's about social transformation, not social control. It's wild, not tame.

Brian McLaren

We are all familiar with the gospel stories where Jesus selects a band of disciples, lives his life with them, ministers with them, and mentors them. This approach to the formation of followers was common in the Israel of Jesus' day. Most rabbis would initiate and develop their schools of thought through similar means. It was this life-on-life phenomenon that facilitated the transfer of information and ideas into concrete historical situations.

Alan Hirsch

Christ did not appoint
professors, but followers. If
Christianity ... is not
reduplicated in the life of the
person expounding it, then he
does not expound Christianity,
for Christianity
is a message about living
and can only be expounded
by being realized
in people's lives.

Soren Kierkegaard