

# Discipleship Commitments

**1. The Commitment of Unconditional Love.** I will choose to love you, build you up, and accept you, my brothers and sisters, no matter what you say or do. I will choose to love you in whatever form you come. There is nothing you have done or will do that will make me stop loving you. I may not agree with your actions, but I will love you as a person and do all I can to hold you up in God's affirming love.

**2. The Commitment of Honesty.** I will not hide from you what I feel about you or coming from you, good or bad, but I will seek, in the timing of the Spirit, to deal openly and directly with you in a loving and forgiving way so that you are affirmed when in need, and so that our frustrations with each other do not become bitterness. I will try to mirror back to you what I am hearing you say and feel. If this means risking pain, realizing it is by speaking the truth in love that we grow up in every way into Christ who is the head' then I will take the risk. I will try to express this honesty in a sensitive and controlled manner and to meter it, according to what I perceive the circumstances to be.

**3. The Commitment to Openness.** I promise to seek to become a more open person, disclosing my feelings, my struggles, my joys and my hurts to you as well as I am able. The degree to which I do so implies that I cannot make it without you. This is to affirm your worth to me as a person. In other words, I need you!

**4. The Commitment of Sensitivity.** Even as I desire to be known and understood by you, I commit to be sensitive to you and your needs to the best of my ability. I will try to hear you, see you, and feel where you are and to draw you out of the pit of discouragement or withdrawal I will earnestly avoid giving simplistic answers to the difficult situations you may find yourself in.

**5. The Commitment of Accountability.** I commit myself to growing to maturity in Christ. I give you the right to question, confront, and challenge me in love when I seem to be failing in any aspect of my life under God - family, devotions, general spiritual growth, and the like I trust you to be in the Spirit and led of Him when you do so. I need your correction and reproof so that I may ever better fulfil my God-given ministry among you. I commit not to be defensive.

**6. The Commitment of Availability.** Here I am if you need me. Anything I have - time, energy, insight, possessions is at your disposal, if you need it, to the limit of my resources. I give these to you in as a priority.

**7. The Commitment of Prayer.** I commit to pray for you in some regular fashion, believing that our caring Father wishes His children to pray for one another and ask Him for the blessings we all need. I will not be merely a passive listener. Rather, I choose to be a spiritual participant, to enter into your situation and prayerfully helping to shoulder your burden.

**8. The Commitment of Outreach.** I commit to find ways to sacrifice myself for those outside our fellowship. In the same way that I have committed to sacrifice myself for you, my brothers and sisters. I will do my best to see that others are added to the Kingdom of God in His love.