



“WHOEVER OF YOU DOES NOT FORSAKE ALL THAT HE HAS CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.” – LUKE 14:33

The Relationship Between the Master and His Disciples

1. He is thankful for faithful and obedient servants

“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”
(Matt. 11:25)



2. He wants to give us rest

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28)

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matt. 11:29)

Learning to be humble and gentle will give our souls rest

“You are my Lord, and You have no need of my goodness.” He has manifested His wonders to His saints who are in His earth, and He has wrought all His desires in them. (Ps. 15:2-3 LXX)

2. He wants to give us rest

“I said in my prosperity, I shall never be moved. O Lord, in Your will You gave strength to my beauty: **but You turned away Your face from me, and I became troubled.** To You, O Lord, I shall cry; and to my God I shall make supplication. **What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to destruction? Shall the dust confess to You? or shall it declare Your truth?** The Lord heard, and had mercy upon me; the Lord became to me a helper. **You have turned my mourning into joy for me: You have rent off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;** that my glory may sing praise to You, and I shall not be troubled at heart. O Lord, my God, I will confess to You forever. ALLELUIA.” (Ps. 29 LXX)

2. He wants to give us rest

Rest in labor?

Labor teaches us to bear our burden of responsibility

Without labor we will never learn to bear our own burden

- “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2)

Without labor, we will become accustomed to being served rather than serving.

- “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mk. 10:45)

3. He is thankful for the growing love between His children

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other...”
(2 Thes. 1:3)

This brotherly love is a command

- “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (Jn. 15:12)

This is how we will be identified with the Lord Christ

- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
(Jn. 13:34-35)

3. He is thankful for the growing love between His children

How do we show that we love one another?

“Be **kindly affectionate** to one another with brotherly love, in honor **giving preference to one another...**”
(Rom. 12:10)

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love **serve one another.**” (Gal. 5:13)

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love...**” (Eph. 4:1-2)

4. He wants us to share our gifts

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Pet. 4:10)



5. He wants to be our top priority

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” (Lk. 14:26)



6. He desires that we be useful disciples

To build

To battle

