

CONVERTS VERSUS DISCIPLES MATTHEWA.DANIEL.**Converts**

This is general term for those who engage in the beliefs of a certain religion and are convinced by them. Converts often transform and align their lifestyles to the dictates of their new conviction. Many are proud to be identified by this new religion. Many Converts are usually recruited and often railroaded into accepting a new form of religion and hence spend many years trying to find their feet.

Disciples

This is the term for those who have deep convictions for a religion or a way of life and are persuaded it's the right way to live. The word disciple comes from the root word discipline which means the person engaged must apply themselves and conform by the tenets of that religion or way of life.

The Church of the Living God

The reason for this article is the disturbing trend in the kingdom worldwide. The last twenty years has seen the emergence of mammoth churches across the world. Explosion of churches and congregants all over the world and yet the impact of the church has diminished more rapidly in the same time period. Many experts have tried to explain it away as the fulfillment of prophecy but its obvious that this present church is nothing compared to the first century church that started this movement.

Lost in Translation

The original charge was to preach the good news to everyone and make disciples of all nations. Teaching them to obey all that Jesus taught.

Mark 16:15(NLT)¹⁵ and then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. **Matthew**

28:18-20 (NLT)¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

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And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The gospel is being preached around the world without a shadow of doubt all you have to do is tune to the multiple Christian channels and take note of the churches littering every street corner in the developing world or the multitude of Apostles on the internet. The breakdown is in making disciples of the converted. There are millions of Christian converts who are not disciples. They have been informed enough to pitch their tent with Christianity but not taught enough



to obey all Jesus taught us to do. This has significantly affected the relevance of the church. Jesus

Word for the Month

"Not everyone who calls Lord! Lord! will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my father in heaven-Mat 7:21.

teachings can be summarised into; Love God, Love others. It's nothing complicated.

Disciples gave up all they had to follow Jesus and lacked nothing. They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles and they were identified by their lifestyle. **Mark 1:16, Matthew 16:24, John 13:35, Luke 22:35, Acts 4:34.** Calling yourself a Christian these days have varied meanings. Many of what it conveys is unsavoury. The principal reason for this is we are raising converts instead of disciples thereby producing poor specimens for the kingdom. I' am not a perfect man by any means but I have subscribed fully to the cross and working on myself daily to be like Jesus. What about you? Shalom.

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