

# Bogus Vs. Authentic Discipleship

BOGUS	AUTHENTIC
Not working in your own strength	But being helpless but in the power of God – Luke 18:27; Romans 7:24-25
Not the one who has the most Bible verses memorized	But the one who savors the Word until it becomes a part of their bloodstream
Not having God all figured out	But bowing to The Mystery
Not being in the Word everyday to tick boxes for “good little Christian girls and boys”	But meeting with the God of the Word and trembling in His Presence
Not meeting with God in prayer and leaving when your “list” is finished	But waiting on God in prayer and leaving when He is finished talking
Not studying to teach others the truths of God with excellence	But listening to God, maintaining a teachable heart and sharing as He leads
Not homiletics	But humility
Not cajoling God to come alongside your heart longings	But coming alongside God in His heart longings
Not being a visionary for the work of God	But having Jesus as your Vision
Not being passionate about some phase of ministry	But pursuing the One Pure and Holy Passion of knowing Jesus. (All others bow to that.)
Not the ability to articulate your thoughts about God well	But speaking “the very words of God” – 1 Peter 4:10-11
Not “minding the store”, focusing only on church matters	But being Kingdom-minded, longing for His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven
Not ones who sample spiritual hors d’oeuvres and then work for God until burn-out comes	But ones who “eat what is Bread and spend their labor on what satisfies” – Isa. 55:2
Not Perfection	But Progress – 2 Cor. 12:9
Not being concerned with appearance and reputation	But being concerned with repentance
Not looking for dignity and honor from men	But looking for deliverance from God
Not formulas	But fresh revelation
Not human programs	But God’s Presence
Not Doing	But Being
Not seeking information	But seeking transformation
Not activity for God first	But adoration of God first
Not being inhibited	But being inhabited the Holy Spirit
Not spiritual “bulliness”	But brokenness
Not Intellect	But Intimacy

<b>Not endless committee meetings</b>	<b>But watching after peoples' souls</b>
<b>Not demanding answers to your questions</b>	<b>But humbly answering God's questions</b>
<b>Not worldly sorrow</b>	<b>But Godly sorrow</b>
<b>Not familiarity with God</b>	<b>But intimacy with God</b>
<b>Not kudos for instructing others in God's Majesty</b>	<b>But being in awe of God's Majesty</b>
<b>Not "ears that have heard of God"</b>	<b>But "eyes that have seen God" – Job 42:5</b>
<b>Not being big and puffed up</b>	<b>But being small and lifted up</b>
<b>Not "Spin"</b>	<b>But Surrender</b>