



## Course Series Syllabus: *Called to Be a Disciple*

**Institution:** Charles Stanley Institute

**Course Length:** 12 Courses

**Format:** Video-based instruction with Scripture-centered reflection and guided study

**Level:** Foundational Christian Formation

**Prerequisites:** None

## Course Series Description

*Called to Be a Disciple* is a twelve-part course series designed to help believers understand and embrace Jesus Christ's call to follow Him wholeheartedly. Whether students are new to the faith or have walked with Christ for many years, this course series invites them to move beyond information alone and into a life marked by obedience, trust, and daily dependence on God.

Built upon the faithful preaching ministry of Dr. Charles Stanley, this course series examines what Scripture teaches about discipleship—what it is, why it matters, and how it shapes every aspect of the Christian life. Students will explore the defining marks of a disciple, the essential role of prayer and God's Word, the personal ministry God entrusts to every follower of Christ as well as many more.

The courses are arranged intentionally, allowing learners to progress from understanding the call of discipleship to living it out with clarity and confidence. While each course addresses a distinct aspect of following Christ, the course series as a whole is designed to be experienced as a unified journey of growth and formation rather than a collection of isolated topics.

Students are encouraged to approach the course series prayerfully and patiently, allowing time for reflection and application. The aim is lasting spiritual growth as students respond to Christ's invitation and grow in faithfulness over time.

## Course Series Objectives

**By the end of this course series, students will be equipped to:**

- Describe the biblical meaning and purpose of Christian discipleship.
- Identify key spiritual habits that sustain a faithful walk with Christ.
- Understand how prayer and Scripture anchor the disciple's life.
- Recognize the calling and responsibility of every believer in ministry.
- Apply discipleship principles to everyday decisions, relationships, and service.
- Grow in confidence as followers of Christ who live out their faith intentionally.

## Course Series Content and Learning Resources

**This course series brings together multiple resources to support learning, reflection, and practical growth:**

### 1). Video Content

Teaching videos introduce and reinforce each course's central themes, providing biblical clarity and pastoral encouragement for discipleship.

### 2). Study Guides

Course-based study guides offer Scripture readings, guided questions, and reflection exercises designed to deepen engagement with God's Word.

### 3). Leader Guides

Leader guides are available for group settings, offering structure, discussion prompts, and teaching support for facilitators.

### 4). Accompanying Sermons by Dr. Charles Stanley

Each course is anchored by sermons preached by Dr. Charles Stanley, presenting clear, timeless biblical teaching on what it means to follow Christ.

### 5). Sermon Listening Guides

Listening guides assist students in engaging sermons actively, highlighting key truths and encouraging thoughtful application.

### 6). Course Quizzes

Brief quizzes reinforce learning, promote attentiveness, and help students assess their understanding of essential discipleship concepts.

### 7). Course Series Sequence

- What Are You Living For?
- The Meaning of Discipleship
- The Devotion of Discipleship
- The Badge of Discipleship
- The Detachment of Discipleship
- The Disciple and the World
- The Disciple and the Word
- The Disciple and Prayer
- The Disciple's Rest
- The Personal Ministry of a Disciple
- The Fellowship of Discipleship
- The Rewards of Discipleship



## Theological Emphasis and Learning Approach

*Called to Be a Disciple* is rooted in the authority of Scripture and a Christ-centered vision of the Christian life. Discipleship is presented as a response to God's grace rather than a pursuit of self-effort. Throughout the course series, students are encouraged to cultivate hearts that listen to God's Word, submit to His will, and rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and direction.

The course series emphasizes that following Christ is not reserved for a select few but is the calling of every believer. As students grow in understanding, they are encouraged to live out their faith with humility, courage, and consistency.

## Suggested Readings

The following readings are optional and not required for course series completion. They are provided for students who wish to deepen their theological reflection and spiritual formation alongside the core course series material.

These resources support the aims of *Called to be a Disciple* by encouraging disciplined engagement with Scripture, attentiveness to God's voice, dependence on the Holy Spirit, and growth in prayer.

### Suggested readings include:

- **Practicing Basic Spiritual Disciplines**
- **Developing a Servant's Heart**
- **Developing Inner Strength**
- **How to Handle Adversity**

All study guides are available through the In Touch Store [HERE](#).

## Intended Audience

*Called to Be a Disciple* is designed for believers at every stage of their spiritual journey. It serves new Christians seeking direction, seasoned believers desiring renewed focus, and ministry leaders looking for a biblically grounded discipleship framework. No prior theological training is required—only a desire to grow in faith and follow Christ more faithfully.