

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

1. In John 14:21, Jesus says, “Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.” Is it possible to truly love Jesus and still be in a habit of not doing what He says? Is there an area in your life currently where you have a habit of disregard for Jesus’ direction? Explore with your APP what lie you might be believing that causes you to think your way is better than Jesus’ way.
2. Which descriptor of the Holy Spirit (Counsellor, Comforter, Helper, Advocate) is most meaningful to you in this current season? Why?
3. D.A. Carson writes: “Christians were reproducing not merely the WORK of Jesus; they were continuing the PRESENCE of Jesus in the world... As the Son incarnated the Father’s presence in the world, so now the Spirit brings the Son’s presence into the world through the life of the believer.” Where are you observing Christians reproducing the presence of Jesus in these days? Encourage one another with where you see the Holy Spirit at work in your own life and the lives of others.



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LAST WORDS

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John 14:15-26 NLT

“If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ¹⁸No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. ¹⁹Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

²²Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, “Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?”

²³Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. ²⁴Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Misdirected Expectations

John 14:22 NLT

“Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?”

Love Expressed Through Obedience

We live in a world that God created where we are free to choose many things... but the one thing we are not free to choose is the consequence of those choices.

John 14:15 NLT

“If you love me, obey my commandments.”

John 14:21 NLT

“Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.”

John 14:23 NLT

“All those who love me will do what I say.”

John 14:24a NLT

“Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me.”

“Is it possible to truly love Jesus and to still be in a habit of not doing what He says?”

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Parakletos = refers to the Holy Spirit and is usually translated in one of 4 ways:

- Counsellor
- Comforter
- Helper
- Advocate

Kent Edwards

“The Greek word used here, paraclete, often meant one who was a legal counsel in court, one who argued the case and stood in someone’s stead. It always contains the idea of encouragement, one who will shoulder the responsibility of another.”

John 14:16-17a NLT

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another** Advocate who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit...”*

1 John 2:1 NLT

*“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **Advocate** who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.”*

D.A. Carson

*“Christians were reproducing not merely **the work** of Jesus; they were continuing **the presence** of Jesus in the world. Perhaps we could put it this way: As the Son incarnated the Father’s presence in the world, so now the Spirit brings the Son’s presence into the world through the life of the believer.”*