

Foundation of a Disciple

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I. Introduction.

- A. Isaiah 58:6.
- B. Foundation builders are hard to come by. (John 7:24)
- C. A foundation is important for any solid building.

II. A disciple's solid foundation is built by hearing and doing the teachings of Jesus. (Mark 4:24)

- A. Obedience is a prerequisite to further life.
- B. Put your memory verses into practice and you will remember them. (Deuteronomy 4:9, Habakkuk 3)

III. How to build a good foundation. (Isaiah 58)

- A. We break the yoke of sin.
- B. We are to deal our spiritual bread to the hungry. Joy comes from this. (Isaiah 68:11)
- C. We will get answers to prayer when we quit doing certain things.
- D. God prepares us when He satisfies our souls in drought. (Jeremiah 17:8, John 7:37-38, Zechariah 4:10)
- E. Whatever we do we are to do for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31-32)
 - 1. There is no secondary job with God so we seek to glorify God in our vocation while balancing ministry in the Word. (Acts 6:4, Exodus 35:31-34)
 - 2. Your vocation is beside the point.

IV. The kind of person that we are trying to build. (2 Timothy 2:2)

- A. Paul wanted Timothy to be a learner. (2 Timothy 3:14)
- B. It is difficult to find people with a will to learn. (John 7:17, 1 Kings 4:29, Proverbs)
 - 1. Quite often it is important to reprove and correct in disciplinmaking.
 - 2. We need other people to help us.
- C. It is important to live transparently.
- D. We look for a person that commits himself.

E. We are to give. (Luke 6:38)

F. We seek faithful men who are able to teach others also.

G. Fruit costs us discipline - memory work, time, serving others, etc.

Application questions

1. Why is a solid foundation important for discipleship?

2. How can you build a good foundation for your disciples? What does this look like practically?

3. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:2 and write it below. What bearing does this verse have on discipleship?
