

Discipleship

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How to make an impact on an area for Christ:

I. Examples

A. Life of Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28:1ff)

1. Did evil in the sight of the Lord.
2. Extremely low time in history of Jewish nation.

B. Life of Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 28:29ff)

1. Did right in the sight of the Lord.
2. Begin with your own life: prayer, the Word of God, offerings, worship, praise, rejoicing
3. Sought God with all his heart.

II. Principles

A. Whole-hearted. (2 Chronicles 31:21)

1. God wants men who are eager zealots.
2. General attitude:
 - a) Take it easy.
 - b) Don't work too hard.
3. Spirit of the word of God is to hit it wholeheartedly!
4. God wants men with hearts on fire because only fire kindles fire.
5. Have a heart that is burdened on fire - whole-hearted. (2 Kings 2:2-4)
6. Play a man's game with high stakes – play a boy's game and you'll requite boys; play a man's game and you will requite men.

B. Single-minded

1. Destroy your life.
 - a) Be lazy and do nothing.

- b) Give your life to the wrong goal.
 - c) Dabble without giving your life to anything.
- 2. A man wrapped up in earthly things is an enemy. (Philippians 3:17)
- 3. Cannot serve God and money. (Matthew 6:24)
- 4. A life of discipleship leaves the herd and stands out. (Luke 9:23)
- 5. Reasons to remain single-minded:
 - a) Everything else is going to burn. (2 Peter 3:10)
 - b) Your life is a vapor. (James 4:14)
 - c) Anything you do for Jesus is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 13:58)
- 6. Ready for battle (1 Chronicles 12:33)
 - a) Trained
 - b) Equipped
 - c) Disciplined
 - d) Single-minded
- 7. None of these things move me. (Acts 20:24)
- 8. Martyrdom. (Acts 15:26)
- 9. We live in an undisciplined age.
 - a) Be not conformed to this age. (Romans 12:1-2)
- 10. Sidetracked
 - a) Sin (Numbers 33:55)
 - b) Thorns
 - c) Put the knife to it!
- 11. Press toward the mark. (Philippians 3:13-14)

C. Fighting Spirit

- 1. Not diverted in spite of opposition. (Acts 9:15-16, 2 Chronicles 11:24- 28, Acts 20:23)
- 2. Suffer for his sake. (Philippians 1:29)

3. Glory in the cross. (Galatians 6:14-17)

4. Words that show up in the New Testament:

a) Watch (Matthew 6:41)

b) Run (1 Corinthians 9:24)

c) Fight (1 Corinthians 9:26)

d) Strive (Colossians 1:29)

e) Continue (Acts 13:43)

5. Heroes (Acts 17:6)

6. One little man named Paul. (Acts 19:15, 26-27)

7. Marks of a good warrior/soldier:

a) Worries the enemy.

b) Stand the test of endurance. (Job 23:10)

III. The job. (1 John 3:16)

A. It takes one to make one.

B. All the world. (Luke 2:1)

C. The message is passed through multiplication. (2 Timothy 2:2)

D. The key to reaching the Great Commission from Christ.

E. Anything else we try is obsolete.

F. Stick with it.

1. Historically it works.

2. Only way possible.

G. Determine if what you are doing is worth your life.

H. The call to discipleship.

I. The question is the response - Lord Jesus, take my life!