

Training Spiritually Qualified Men - Part 4

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I. Introduction.

- A. Preaching the gospel is sometimes very difficult when you are surrounded by Christians all the time.
- B. Our life should be taken up more with primary ministry than secondary, which is teaching others to do the primary work.
- C. We need primary ministry such as evangelism for our own spiritual growth.

II. Getting into the battle.

- A. Paul made many disciples to get into the battle. There is no security between the times.
- B. The work of the church is to get out of the building and into the battle.
- C. Paul was with them going in and out. We go in the church and then out for the battle. (Acts 9)

III. Pick from among disciples leadership. (Acts 16:1-3)

- A. We will have less heartache in our ministry if we choose leaders from among those already proven.
- B. The Apostles left their sphere and joined Jesus' sphere of ministry. This is to share the ministry and share life. (Mark 3:14)
- C. Sharing life.
 - 1. It is sharing in temptations, which are the tests that every day life brings. (Luke 22:28)
 - 2. We must first share our lives before our ministries if we are to be effective. People are needed who can handle people (Matthew 26:39)
- D. The Apostles were chosen to be with one another.
 - 1. The goal is to band men together.
 - 2. The kind of leader sought:
 - a. Good seed.
 - b. Someone that can work with people individually.
 - c. Someone that can band a handful of people together.
 - 3. Jesus bound together a group of men that were concerned with themselves.

4. There is tremendous power in a band of men.
5. There is the tremendous promise of Jesus' presence in a band of men.
6. A band of men solves administrative problems. People make a pastor or administrator successful.

IV. Discussion.

- A. It is important to get involved in the personal life of your men. The relationships are meant to be close. (Matthew 23)
- B. The only basis of true fellowship is Christ's atonement. It cannot be based upon how righteous we are because we are only getting worse. (1 John 1:7, 9)
- C. A band of men must be willing to lay down their lives for each other.
- D. There is a costly part of ministry and we must be willing to get on our knees and pray. We do not want to get hurt by friends, and makes us hesitant in regards to ministry. Love must be made vulnerable. (Psalm 55)

Application questions

1. What is the prerequisite to making disciples? Why is this so?

2. What techniques suggested do you find most important for developing leaders?

3. Why is it so difficult to bind a diverse group together? What do you find is most helpful?
