

Perspectives - Part 3

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I. Having the right objectives.

A. Your schedule tells you what you want to be.

1. Personal example: student who wanted to be a man of the Word but did not have it in his schedule.

B. You are just as spiritual as you want to be.

2. Personal example: student who sought the grade more than the spiritual life.

II. In education the process is more important than the product.

III. Relationships always precede requisites.

A. The greater the relationship, the more minimal the rules.

B. Relationships are not a checklist.

1. We should not have to be forced to call our spouses.
2. We should not have to be forced to meet with Jesus.

C. People tend to accept or reject your principles because they accept or reject you.

1. Jesus taught by modeling.
2. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray because he was continually on his knees. (Luke 11)
3. Personal example: student who never had professor pray for him until the speaker prayed for him.

IV. Explain your convictions to your disciples.

A. There is an idiocy abroad that teaches that if one just lives the Christian life qualitatively, one will never have to share his or her faith.

1. Jesus Christ was perfect, but even he taught.
2. There is a need for explanation.

B. Teaching one-on-one has a real effect—there is a “delayed fuse.”

C. When you are brainwashed by the Word of God you begin to think instinctively with a Biblical perspective.

V. Feed your disciples responsibility.

- A. You have to give a disciple enough developmental growth so that he can grow.
- B. A weak area of many disciple makers is that they keep the rope too tight.
- C. One reason Jesus had a Judas was to provide us with a model.
 - 1. More disciplemakers get wiped out by failed disciples than anything else.
 - 2. We have to prepare ourselves for our own Judas.

VI. Create a desire in your disciples to relate to Christ and his will - not primarily to you.

- A. The most sincere disciplemakers produce the greatest perverts.
 - 1. A pervert is one who follows the disciplemaker instead of Christ.
 - 2. Christ had all the gifts and we do not - all our weaknesses are built into our disciples.
 - 3. A Christian is a person who follows Christ, not disciplemakers aside from him.

Application Questions

1. Why according to the speaker is relationship so important in the discipleship process?

2. Jesus did not merely live the perfect life, he explained it to his disciples. What are some things that need to be verbalized in your potential or present discipleship relationships? Be specific.

3. What are some ways that your can compel your disciples to be primarily and properly related to Jesus? Explain.
