

# HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

*Jesus Said, "Go therefore and make disciples ..." Matthew 28:19*

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## **Forward**

Christians today are becoming more and more aware of the fact that they should be helping to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. They should be obedient to the command of Jesus to "Go . . . and make disciples."

Still, as in Jesus' day, "the laborers are few." Why? Some lack motivation. They simply don't seem to care very much. Others don't have a vision for what a layman should and can do. Many simply don't know how to go about it.

In this online discipling manual, Gene Warr provides answers to the roadblocks that keep Christians from being effective. He motivates, provides vision, and shows step-by-step how to make disciples.

My friend Gene Warr is a discipling maker. He is also a stimulator. He has been doing it for years and getting others to do it. Therefore, the material presented in this book has been tested in real life experience. It is a veritable handbook of how-to's for those who are willing to obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples.

This manual shows you that you can make disciples. I am happy to commend it and I trust it will have a wide circulation and use. Prayerfully applied to the lives and ministries of Christians today, these principles can help them become makers of disciples who will "turn the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

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## **Philosophy of Life & Ministry**

*To Know, love, and glorify God and to be used of Him to raise up qualified laborers, in significant numbers, as fast as possible to help fulfill the Great Commission.*

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#### **I. To know God**

##### **A. It is His desire.**

Hosea 6:6 (LB): “I don’t want your sacrifices - I want your love; I don’t want your offerings - I want you to know Me.”

I Corinthians 1:9 (KJV): “God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

##### **B. It should be our desire.**

Philippians 3: 10 (Amplified): “For my determined purpose is that I may know Him-that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly. And that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection which it exerts over believers; and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death.”

Psalm 27:4 (LB): “The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all is the privilege of meditating in His temple, living in His presence every day of my life, delighting in His incomparable perfections in glory.”

Exodus 33:13 (KJV): “Now, therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way that I may know Thee and that I may find grace in Thy sight and consider that this nation is Thy people.”

#### **A real key to knowing God:**

##### **1. Following God.**

Psalm 103:7 (KJV) : “He made know His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.”

Amos 3:7 (KJV): “Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He reveals His secret unto His servants, the prophets.”

God shows His way to us through His Word. Going the way of God really means obeying God.

Romans 11:29 (KJV): “For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”

2. There is a time element in obedience, namely now.

Psalm 119:59, 60 (KJV): “I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep Thy commandments.”

3. Obedience is necessary in order for us to walk with God.

Amos 3:3 (KJV): “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

4. Obedience is necessary for meaningful fellowship with other believers.

I John 1:7 (KJV): “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.”

5. Obedience is necessary for an effective prayer life.

Isaiah 59:1, II (KJV): “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, that He will not hear.”

Psalm 66:18 (KJV): “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”

6. Obedience is an important part of the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 (KJV): “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil.”

Deuteronomy 10:12, 13 (LB): “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, except to listen carefully to all He says to you, and to obey, for your own good, this commandment I am giving you today. And to love Him and to worship Him with all your heart and soul.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV): “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Ephesians 1:8 (KJV): “In which He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.”

Micah 6: 8 (KJV) : “He has showed thee, oh man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee - to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.”

7. Obedience is the proof of your love.

John 14:21 (KJV): “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.”

8. Love is also the basis of our obedience.

Deuteronomy 5:29 (KJV): “Oh, that there were such an heart in men that they would fear Me and keep My commandments at ways. That it might be well with them and with their children forever.”

#### C. The results of knowing God.

Genesis 5:21-24 (LB): “Enoch was 65 years old when his son, Methuselah was born. Afterwards he lived another 300 years in fellowship with God and produced sons and daughters. Then when he was 365 and in constant touch with God, he disappeared, for God took him.”

Hebrews 11:5 (KJV): “By faith, Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found, because . God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God.”

#### D. How do we get to know God?

1. Through conversion.

John 3:3 (KJV): “Jesus answered, and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 14:6 (KJV): “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

2. Through His Word.

John 5:39 (KJV): “Search the scriptures, for in them, ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of Me.”

3. By spending time with Him (quiet time, prayer, etc.).
4. Example of godly people.

## II. To love God

Matthew 22:34-40 (KJV): “But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

### A. Loving God is matter of choice.

Deuteronomy 30:19, 20 (Berkeley): “Therefore, choose life so that you may live - you and your children to love the Lord your God and to obey His voice and to cling to Him for He is your life.”

Loving God begins with an act of the will.

### B. God is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:14 (LB): “For you must worship no other gods, but only Jehovah, for He is a God who claims absolute loyalty and exclusive devotion.”

II Kings 17:33 (KJV): “They feared the Lord and served their own gods.”

#### 1. Pride.

I Corinthians 4:7 (KJV): “For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”

#### 2. Bitterness.

Hebrews 12:15 (KJV): “Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and by it many be defiled.”

### 3. Prosperity and Success.

Luke 12:15 (KJV): “And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

### 4. Self-seeking.

Jeremiah 45:5 (KJV): “And seekest thou great gains for thyself? Seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord, but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places to which thou goest.”

## C. How then do we show our love for God?

### 1. Through obedience.

John 14:15 (KJV): “If you love Me, keep my commandments.”

### 2. Through desiring His presence.

### 3. Through loving others.

Matthew 25:33-41 (KJV): “And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee; or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and to took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”