

# Four Aspects of Making Disciples

## Aspect #1: Motivation

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#### **I. Motivation**

One of the greatest single needs in Christendom today for the fulfilling of the Great Commission is that people be motivated.

In the Christian life, the I.Q. is not nearly as important as the M.Q. - I.Q. stands for Intelligence Quotient, and M.Q. stands for Motivational Quotient.

#### A. What is Motivation?

“Motivation is that force, either external or internal, which stimulates the spirit, soul, or body to respond.”

#### B. What motivates people?

Three basic things:

##### 1. Convictions

Acts 20:24 (LB): “But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the good news about God’s mighty kindness and love.”

Acts 5:29 (RSV): “But Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than men.”

##### 2. Needs

Three different forms:

##### a. Real need.

Acts 12:1-10 (KJV) : “Now about that time Herod, the king, stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring

him forth to the people. Peter, therefore, was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing by the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him, and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.”

b. Felt needs.

Acts 8

c. Unconscious need.

Mark 2

### 3. Goals

Paul had a long-range life-time goal.

Philippians 3:10 (Amp): “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.”

Intermediate goals.

Colossians 1:28 (Phillips): “So, naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ.”

### C. What do we need in order to motivate others?

1. A motivating mindset.

2. The right motive.

3. The right attitude.

a. Recognizing that every individual is of infinite worth.

b. Believing in the limitless potential of each individual.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV): “I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me.”

1. Always love him.

John 13:1 (KJV) : “Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end.”

2. Never give up on him.

Matthew 26:50 (KJV) : “And Jesus said unto him, Friend, why art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him.”

Philippians 1:6 (KJV): “Being confident of this very thing, that He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Always love a man and never give up on him.

4. We need involvement.

a. Discover his convictions, needs, and goals. What he really believes. What his real wants are. Where he wants to go.

How?

1. We must listen, probe, retreat, pray, listen, probe, retreat, pray, listen, probe, retreat, pray.

2. We must strengthen personal relationship with him in order to build convictions.

We build convictions by helping him in his thinking.

b. Meet his needs.

c. Remove emotional roadblocks.

John 5:1-6 (KJV) : “After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep gate, a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the movement of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water; whosoever then first, after the troubling of the water, stepped in was made whole of whatever disease he had. And a certain man was there, who had

an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been thus now along time, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?”

d. Help him set worthy goals.

e. Have a game plan.. Always love him and never give up on him.

1. Set clear standards.

a. Where he is supposed to beheading

b. The route he is expected to take

c. How he is progressing

d. Communicate it clearly

2. Let him know you care.

I Corinthians 13:8 (KJV) : “Love never faileth . . .”

3. Express confidence in him and demonstrate it.

Acts 20:32 (KJV) : “And now brethren I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

4. Let him learn by his mistakes.

Matthew 14:23-31

5. Create needs in him.

Mark 4

John 4

6. Reward and Punishment.

James 1:12 (KJV) : “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

Revelation 3:19 (KJV): “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent.”

Hebrews 12:6 (KJV): “For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.”

7. Equip him to do the job.

Jeremiah 1; Exodus 4

8. Be fair, impartial and consistent.

Psalm 106:3 (LB): “Happiness comes to those who are fair to others and are always just and good.”

9. Let him help decide, where possible, what he is going to do and the way he is going to do it.

10. Check up.

Proverbs 27:23, 24 (LB): “Riches can disappear fast. And the king’s crown doesn’t stay in his family forever - so watch your business interests’ closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds.”

11. Encouragement and appreciation.

Proverbs 12:25 (LB): “Anxious hearts are very heavy but a word of encouragement does wonders!”

Know what to get enthusiastic about.

12. Empathize with him and pay the price.

II Corinthians 7:3 (LB): “I’m not saying this to scold or blame you, for, as I have said before, you are in my heart forever and I live and die with you.”

II Corinthians 1:5 (NEB): “As Christ’s cup of suffering overflows, and we suffer with him, so also through Christ our consolation overflows.”

Matthew 26:40 (KJV) : “And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep; and He saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”

II Timothy 4:10 (KJV): “Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world . . .”

I Peter 4:13 (KJV): “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings, that, when His glory be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Always love him and never give up on him.

13. Be a consistent example.

I Corinthians 11:1 (KJV): “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

Phillipians 4:9 (KJV): “Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do, and the God of peace shall be with you.”

#### D. Hindrances to Motivation

1. A lack of concern.

Philippians 2:3, 4 (KJV): “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

2. A lack of personal contact.

Acts 15:36 (KJV): “And some days after, Paul said unto Barnabas, let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.”

3. A lack of listening.

Proverbs 18:13 (KJV): “He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.”

James 1:19 (KJV): “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

4. A lack of thinking and planning.

Proverbs 21:28 (Williams): “The testimony of a liar is not believed, but the word of someone who thinks matters through is accepted.”

Proverbs 11:14 (KJV): “Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble; but with good counselors there is safety.”

Proverbs 16:9 (LB): “We should make plans counting on God to direct us.”

5. A lack of prayer.

I Thessalonians 5:25 (KJV) : “Brethren, pray for us.”

II Thessalonians 3:1 (KJV): “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.”

Romans 15:30 (LB): “Will you be my prayer partners? For the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and because of your love for me-given to you by the Holy Spirit-pray much with me for my work.”

E. Measuring motivation.

You can measure how well you are doing in terms of the man’s progress.

F. Remember that motivation is a never-ending process.

G. Be encouraged brethren.

We do not work alone:

1. The Bible is building conviction in their lives.

2. Jesus meets every need.

Philippians 4:19 (KJV): “But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

3. Our goal and our marching orders are clear.

4. God is working with our friend also.

a. Through circumstances

Romans 8:28 (KJV): “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

I Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV): “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

5. Motivation is always a two-way street.

H. Your own life is the most important tool you have.

Proverbs 20:27 (Williams): “The Lord gave us mind and conscience; we cannot hide from ourselves.”

I Timothy 4:16 (LB): “Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others.”