

Discipleship Within the Local Church

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Why? 1. Jesus commanded us to make disciples. Matthew 28:19

2. Church is under attack - Consider this dual purpose:

A. Make disciples

B. Your availability to God can overcome the devil's attacks on the Church or Split it over petty issues. The more disciples the stronger the Church.

How? 1. Examine your motive. Go in a spirit of humility. I Corinthians 10:31

2. Don't go in your own strength. John 15:5

3. Be sure you're involved in and are reviewing the basics of the Christian Life yourself. II Timothy 2: 15

4. Remember you're there to serve. Mark 10:45

5. Remember the life lived in Christ is your greatest influence. Matthew 5:16

6. The Senior Pastor is the key.

A. Assure him you are no threat or to take anyone out of the Church.

B. Work within the framework given you.

C. Ask if you can have a home Bible Study.

D. Share with him the material you intend to use.

E. Keep him informed.

F. Invite him to attend.

7. Contribute time and money to the Church.

8. Don't be over-committed. Remember if you have a family or profession, they come before ministry.

9. Expect success from God's perspective but also expect opposition.

10. When God blesses, avoid the trap of pride. God gets the glory.

11. Know how and where to "fish for men"- Matthew 4:19
12. Be patient! Don't be discouraged. Persevere. Hebrews 10:36
13. Stay prayed up. Ephesians 4: 6, 7 and John 16:24
14. Hold very loosely to your preferences, very tightly to absolutes.
15. Be yourself - Don't restrict the Spirit working in your life.