

Getting our Attention

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I. Introduction.

- A. Democracy and the family are under threat of decay.
- B. God is bigger than the US, but there has never been a greater missionary sending nation.
- C. The solution is real disciples. (Ephesians 5:12; Mark 8)

II. There are some things that disciples have to remember to face the battle.

- A. Sin is crouching at the door, but Jesus has overcome the world. (Genesis 4:7)
- B. Persecution is part of the deal. (Isaiah 59:5; 2 Timothy 3:12)
- C. The world is not our home. The Devil is the prince of this world, and we are aliens.
- D. We are to deny the world. (Mark 4:19; 1 John 2:15-16; Proverbs 23:4-5)
- E. Only the Word of God and people will last forever. These are things we should invest our lives in.

III. A disciple is a follower and a learner.

IV. There are certain marks of discipleship.

- A. A genuine love for the brethren. (John 13:34-35)
- B. Continuous in the Word. (John 8:31; Luke 6:40; 2 Timothy 3:17)
- C. Fruitfulness of a changed life and seeing others come to Christ and being disciple. (John 15:8)
- D. Forsaking self. (Luke 14:26; Matthew 8:22)
- E. Forsaking pleasure. (Mark 10:45)
- F. A multiplier. (Acts 6:7)
- G. A continuing revelation from God through his Word, his providences and our own conscience. (Psalm 102; 107)

Application questions:

1. How are you investing your life in the Word of God and people?

2. Why does it matter how we choose to invest our lives in the Word of God and people?

3. What areas do you need to grow in to maximize your own discipleship? Explain.
