

HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

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

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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.”

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III. To Glorify God

A. The purpose for which we were created.

Isaiah 43:7 (KJV): “Even everyone that is called by My name for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him, yea, I have made him.”

Revelation 4:11 (KJV): “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”

B. How do we glorify God?

1. By praising Him.

Psalms 50:23 (KJV): “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.”

2. By our actions.

I Corinthians 10:31 (KJV): “Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

John 11:4 (KJV): “When Jesus heard that, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified by it.”

3. By bearing fruit.

John 15:8 (KJV): “In this is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.”

4. By believing God.

Romans 4:20 (RSV): “No distrust made him waiver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith, as he gave glory to God.”

5. By declaring Christ Lord of our lives.

Philippians 2:11 (KJV). “And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

6. By what we are.

Ephesians 1:12 (KJV): “That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

IV. To be used of Him.

A. Only God produces spiritual results.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV): “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”

John 15:5 (KJV): “I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.”

John 6:63 (KJV): “It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing.”

I Corinthians 10:12 (Letters to Street Christians): “We don’t have to be concerned about how great we look in men’s eyes. The Father has a plan for each one of us in building up His family. He gives us the work to do and He’s the One that does it.”

B. Availability.

Haggai 2:19 (KJV): “Is the seed yet in the barn?”

C. We must be fit to be used.

II Timothy 2:19-21 (KJV): “Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His; and, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man, therefore, purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”

D. We must be equipped.

II Timothy 3:17 (Phillips): “The scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all branches of his work.”

E. We must have “stickability”.

What we ARE is more important than what we DO. God is more interested in making us something, than He is in simply teaching us something.

Romans 8:29 (KJV): “For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Ephesians 4:13 (KJV): “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

John 12:32 (KJV): “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Me.”

The measure of spiritual maturity is to be found in Galatians 5:22, 23 (KJV) – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”

V. To raise up.

Matthew 9:36-38 (KJV): “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”

Isaiah 58:12 (KJV): “And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places. Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations and thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.”

II Timothy 2:2 (KJV): “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

II Samuel 23:27 (KJV): “Zelak, the Ammonite, Naharai, the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab, the son of Zeruiah.”

Psalm 142:4 (KJV): “I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me. Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.”

Galatians 6:7 (KJV): “Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Philippians 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.”

A. Raising up men involves at least three aspects:

1. Teaching - to impart facts
2. Training - imparts skills in both the Word of God and ministry.
3. Building - to impart character.

Revelation 14: 13 (KJV): “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.”

VI. Qualified laborers

A. A qualified laborer has at least three attributes:

1. Knowing what to do.

John 6:25-29 (KJV): “And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto Him, Rabbi, when camest thou here? Jesus answered them, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you, for Him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered, and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent.”

Oliver Cromwell said; . “No one has gone so far as the man who doesn't know where he is going.”

2. Knowing how to do it.
3. Committed to the task.

VII. In significant numbers.

“A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.” Isaiah 60:22

VIII. As fast as possible.

Why?

A. The tremendous need.

B. The shortness of our own lives.

Ephesians 5: 15-16 (Phillips): “Live life then with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the evils of these days.”

C. There is a time element in maturity.

Luke 7:30 (Williams): “But the Pharisees and experts in the law thwarted God’s purpose for themselves by refusing to be baptized by him.”

IX. To Help Fulfill the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20 (RSV): “And Jesus came and said unto them - All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.”

(Mark 16:14, 15; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8)

Two parts to the Great Commission:

A. Winning men.

Luke 19: 10 (KJV): “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

B. Making disciples of men

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Why Make Disciples?

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I. The Great Commission

Matthew 23:18-20 (RSV): “And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age.”

The Great Commission breaks down into two parts:

A. Winning Men to Christ.

Luke 19: 10 (KJV): “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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 about God’s mighty kindness and love.”

I Timothy 2:4-6 (KJV): “Who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

II Peter 3:9 (KJV): “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

B. Making disciples of men.

Why do you think Christ commanded us to make disciples?

1. It was His own method.

Mark 3:13-15 (KJV): “And He goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto Him who He would, and they came unto him. And He ordained twelve that they should be with him, and that He might send them forth to preach and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils.”

Mark 6:31 (Williams): “And He said to them, Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a little while.”

Mark 9:30, 31 (LB): “Leaving the region, they travelled through Galilee where He tried to avoid all publicity so that He could spend time with His disciples teaching them.”

2. It was the Apostle Paul’s method.

Acts 20:4 (KJV): “And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.”

3. It’s the fastest way to get the job done.

Genesis 1:28 (KJV): “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

Examples of multiplication:

- a. Children
- b. Salmon
- c. Grain

John 12:24 (KJV) : “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

II Timothy 2:2 (KJV): “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

Isaiah 8:16 (LB): “Write down all these things I am going to do, says the Lord, and seal it up for the future. Entrust it to some godly man, passed on down to godly men of future generations.”

Story of Phillip:

Acts 8:1-8, 26-40 (KJV): “And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house and, haling men and women, committed them to prison. Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did; For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went; and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Isaiah, the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran there to him, and heard him read the prophet, Isaiah, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth; In his humiliation his judgment was taken away, and who shall declare his generation? For his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water. What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus, and, passing through, he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.”

4. It works.

Moses poured his life into Joshua; Elijah poured his life into Elisha.

II. Why I am committed to this means of ministry.

A. Because of the brevity of life.

Psalm 71:9 (KJV): “Cast me not off in the time of old age. Forsake me not when my strength faileth.”

Psalm 71:18 (KJV): “Thou, also, when I am old and gray headed, Oh God, forsake me not until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation and Thy power to everyone that is to come.”

Isaiah 46:4 (Berkeley): “Even to old age I am the same and to the time of gray hair I will bear you. I have made you and I will carry you. Even I will bear you and save you.”

Psalm 92:14 (Berkeley): “In old age they shall still be bearing fruit. They shall be full of life and vitality.”

B. Because of a sense of stewardship.

Job 2:4 (KJV): “And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.”

Psalm 66:8, 9 (LB): “Let everyone bless God and sing His praises for He holds our lives in His hands and He holds our feet to the path.”

C. A desire for my life to count.

Two things last forever:

1. People

2. The Word of God - Luke 21:33 (KJV) : “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”



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III. Misconceptions in the Ministry of Multiplication

A. It is the only way to do it.

John 21:15-17 (KJV): “So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou Me? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed My sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.”

I Peter 5:1, 2 (KJV) : “The leaders who are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind.”

Ephesians 4:11, 12 (KJV): “And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

B. You have to be a finished product in order to help others.

C. Ministers can't do it.

D. You must be a minister to do it.

E. It's an unrealistic approach.

F. You must see immediate, measurable results.

G. Paul was not trained.

H. It will always succeed.

II Kings 5:5, 8-11, 15, 16, 20-27 (KJV): “And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment ... And it was, when Elisha, the man of God, had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go

and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper ... And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him. And he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; now, therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it, but he refused ... But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman, this Syrian in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: But, as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying Behold, even now there are come to me from Mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants, and they bore them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither: And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive yards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy, therefore, of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.”

Qualifications of a Discipleship - Who is a Disciple?

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I. Use of the Word, “Disciple”

A. It is broadly used in the New Testament to describe the followers of:

1. Moses

John 9:28 (KJV): “Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses’ disciples.”

2. The Pharisees

Matthew 22:16 (KJV): “And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man; for thou regardest not the person of men.”

3. John the Baptist

Matthew 9:14 (KJV): “Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?”

4. Jesus Christ

Matthew 10:1 (KJV): “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

B. The word appears over 250 times in scripture.

II. Qualifications for Being a Disciple

A. A learner

B. Born again

C. Loves God

D. Under Christ’s authority

E. Abides in the Word

- F. Loves the brethren
- G. Bears fruit
- H. Willing to forsake people
- I. Positively identified with Christ
- J. Willing to forsake possessions

III. Explanation of the qualifications of a disciple

A. A learner

1. It is basically an attitude.
2. A learner is humble.

Romans 12:3 (Phillips): “As your spiritual teacher, I give this piece of advice to each one of you, don’t cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.”

3. A learner is teachable.

Proverbs 10:8 (Living): “The wise man is glad to be instructed, but a self-sufficient fool falls flat on his face.”

Proverbs 10:17 (Living): “Anyone willing to be corrected is on the pathway to life. Anyone refusing has lost his chance.”

Proverbs 12:1 (Williams): “A man who loves knowledge wants to be told when he is wrong. It is stupid to hate being corrected.”

The opposite is:

Proverbs 9:8 (Williams): “Never correct a conceited man - he will hate you for it. But if you correct a wise man, he will respect you.”

4. A learner is hungry.

Nehemiah 9:3 (Berkeley): “They stood in their places for a fourth part of the day while the book of the Lord their God was being read and for

another fourth part of it they made confession and worshipped the Lord their God.”

Proverbs 27:7 (RSV): “He who is sated loathes honey, but to one who is hungry, everything bitter is sweet.”

5. A learner doesn't know it all.

Romans 12:16 (L): “Work happily together: Don't try to act big! Don't try to get into the good graces of important people, but enjoy the company of ordinary folks and don't think you know it all.”

B. Born again

C. Loves God

Matthew 22:34-40 (KJV): “But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. The 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.”

D. Under Christ's authority

Luke 6:40 (KJV): “The disciple is not above his master, but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.”

Matthew 8:5-10 (KJV): “And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”

Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV): “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I

tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Romans 3:23 (KJV): “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Acts 26:18 (KJV): “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

At conversion, God does two works within us:

1. He separates us from our sin nature.
2. He gives us a new nature.

Romans 6:1-4 (KJV): “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer in it? Know ye not that, as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Philippians 2:13 (KJV): “For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

E. Abides in the Word - *Abiding means obeying.*

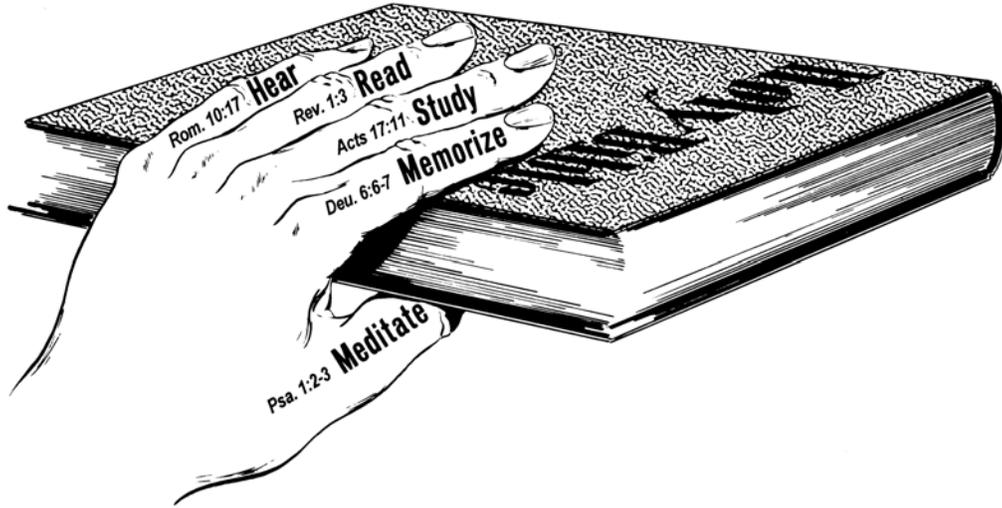
John 8:31, 32 (KJV): “Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

I Peter 2:2,3 (KJV): “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow by it, if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

There are four basic steps to abiding in the Word of God:

1. **Take it in** - Hear, Read, Study, Memorize
2. **Think it over** - Meditate
3. **Live it out** - Apply
4. **Pass it on** - Proclaim

THE WORD HAND *Abiding in the Word of God*



Hear to be informed - Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 3:15

Hearing the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into other's study of the Scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.

Read to be healthy - Revelation 1:3; Deuteronomy 17:19

Reading the Bible gives us an overall picture of God's Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.

Study to be intelligent - Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15

Studying the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God's truths. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.

Memorize to be skillful - Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 7:1-3

Memorizing God's Word enables us to have it readily available for personal meditation, for witnessing to and helping others, and for overcoming temptations.

Meditate to be fruitful - Psalm 1:2-3; I Timothy 4:15

Meditating on God's Word, thinking of its meaning and application to our daily life, enables us to release its transforming power to continually work within us.

Apply to be obedient – Ezra 7:10; James 1:22

Application of the Word of God to our daily life is a continual process that enables us to obediently walk in close personal fellowship with Him.

Proclaim to be reproductive – Colossians 1:28-29; II Timothy 2:2

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

1. Taking it in. How?

a. **Hearing** - Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 3:15

Romans 10:17 (KJV): “So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

b. **Reading** - Revelation 1:3; Deuteronomy 17:19

c. **Studying** - Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15

II Timothy 2:15 (KJV): “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

d. **Memorizing** - Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 7:1-3

2. Thinking it over by **Meditating** - Psalm 1:2-3; I Timothy 4:15

3. Living it out by **Applying** - Ezra 7:10; James 1:22

4. Passing it on by **Proclaiming** - Colossians 1:28-29; II Timothy 2:2

Questions we might ask ourselves to discover possible applications:

a. An example to follow

b. A command to obey

c. A sin to avoid

d. A promise to claim

e. A difficulty to explore

f. Something to pray over

g. New insights about God

Things we must believe in order to abide in the Word:

a. Recognize its authority.

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV): “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the

dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

II Timothy 3:16 (KJV): “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

II Timothy 3:17 (Phillips): “The scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all branches of his work.”

b. Obey it.

Isaiah 66:2 (KJV): “For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.”

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.”

Psalms 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.”

Results of abiding in the Word:

a. A progressively increasing knowledge and love for God.

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

I John 2:3-5 (L): “And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By looking within ourselves. Are we really trying to do what he wants us to do? Someone may say, I am a Christian. I am on my way to heaven. I belong to Christ. But if he doesn’t do what Christ wants him to do, he is a liar. But those who do what Christ tells them to do will learn to love God more and more. That is the way - to know whether or not you are a Christian.”

b. Abiding in the Word is the key to multiplying.

Acts 6:7 (KJV): “And the word of God increased and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly.”

c. The key to knowing the enemy.

II Corinthians 2:11 (KJV): “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

II Corinthians 11:3 (KJV): “But I fear lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

F. A disciple loves the brethren.

John 13:34, 35 (KJV): “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another; by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

1. A servant heart.

Mark 10:45 (KJV) : “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Luke 22:27 (KJV): “For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth.”

II Corinthians 4:5 (KJV): “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

Isaiah 43:10 (KJV) : “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.”

2. A unifying spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (Phillips): “As the Lord’s prisoner, then, I beg you to live lives worthy of your high calling. Accept life with humility and patience, generously making allowances for each other because you love each other. Make it your aim to be at one in the Spirit, and you be bound together in peace.”

II Corinthians 12:25 (F. F. Bruce Paraphrase)

John 17

3. Positive action

I John 3: 10 (KJV): “In this the children of God manifest and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

4. Fulfills God’s law

Romans 13:10 (L): “Love does no wrong to anyone. That’s why it fully satisfies all of God’s requirements. It is the only law you need.”

I Timothy 1:5 (20th Century N.T.): “The object of all instruction is to call forth that love which comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience and a sincere faith.”

I Corinthians 13

I John 3:18 (Phillips): “My children, let us love not merely in theory or in words - let us love in sincerity and in practice!”

G. Bears fruit

John 15:8 (KJV): “In this is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

What do we mean by “bearing fruit”?

1. The outward manifestation of God’s inner working.
2. The invisible working of God in a man’s life gradually producing God-like character.

a. The outward manifestations:

1. Good works

Matthew 3:2, 8 (bluest): “Be having a change of mind which issues in regret and a change of conduct. Produce therefore fruit weighing as much as the repentance you profess.”

2. People

John 4:36 (KJV): “And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”

Proverbs 11:30 (Amplified): “The fruit of the uncompromisingly righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise captures human lives for God as a fisher of men: He gathers and receives them for eternity.”

3. Giving

Romans 15:25-28 (KJV): “But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them, verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. When, therefore, I have performed this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.”

II Corinthians 9:10 (Phillips): “He who gives seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat will give you the seed of generosity to sow and for harvest the satisfying bread of good deeds done.”

b. The God-like character is found in Galatians 5:22, 23.

1. Love

Matthew 4:8-10 (KJV): “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

2. Joy

Philippians 4:4 (KJV): “Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice.”

Philippians 4:11 (20th Century New Testament)

Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV): “Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared. For this day is holy unto our Lord. Neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Joy is a response to the situations of life which is really helped by basically believing four things:

a. God is sovereign.

Daniel 4:35

Isaiah 14:24

Job 23:12, 13

b. He knows what is going on.

Hebrews 4 :13

Proverbs 15: 3

c. He is all-powerful.

d. He loves you.

3. Peace

Psalm 112:7 (L): “He does not fear bad news nor live in dread of what may happen for he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him.”

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV): “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in Thee.”

Philippians 4:6, 7 (KJV): “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Psalm 119:165 (KJV): “Great peace have they who love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.”

4. Longsuffering

5. Gentleness

Psalm 18:35 (KJV): “Thou hast also given me the shield of salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.”

6. Goodness

Ephesians 5: 9, 10 (20th Century New Testament): “For the outcome of life in the light may be seen in every form of goodness, righteousness and sincerity, always trying to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.”

7. Faith

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV): “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

a. Three aspects of faith: past, present, future.

II Corinthians 1:10 (KJV): “Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.”

b. Growing in faith.

I Thessalonians 3:5 (NAS): “For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the temptor might have tempted you, and our labor should be in vain.”

I Thessalonians 1:2,3 (P): “We are always thankful to God as we pray for you all, for we never forget that your faith has meant solid achievement, your love has meant hard work, and the hope that you have in the Lord Jesus Christ means sheer dogged endurance in the life that you live before God, the Father of us all.”

c. Produces a positive outlook.

Philippians 4:8 (KJVJ): “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Philippians 2:5 (Phillips): “Let Christ Himself be your example as to what your attitude should be.”

d. Prayer.

Luke 18:1 (KJV): “And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

e. How to grow in faith:

1. The Word

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

“So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 15:4 (Phillips): “For all those words which were written long ago are meant to teach us today; so that we may be encouraged to endure and to go on hoping in our own time.”

2. Praising God.

Romans 4:20 (KJV)

“. . . yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.”

3. Exercise.

8. Meekness.

This is strength under control.

9. Temperance (Self-control).

H. Forsaking people.

Luke 14:26 (KJV): “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and his mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”

Matthew 6:33 (KJV): “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

I. Positively identified with Christ.

Luke 14:27 (KJV): “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 9:23 (KJV): “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Galatians 5:11 (KJV): “And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offense of the Cross ceased.”

I Corinthians 1:18 (KJV): “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.”

J. Forsaking possessions.

Luke 14:33 (KJV): “So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot be my disciple.”

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

Mark 4:19 (KJV): “And the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things entering in choke the Word and it becometh unfruitful.”

Many relationships with other people are not simply a teacher-pupil relationship but one of mutual sharing and becoming.

Proverbs 27:17 (KJV): “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”

Joel 2:25 (KJV): “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer worm, my great army which I sent among you.”

How To Make Disciples

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I. Selecting People

A. Basic Insights

1. You must be a disciple.

Isaiah 37:31 (KJV): “And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root down ward, and bear fruit upward.”

2. Only God really chooses men.

I Timothy 1:18 (NEB): “This charge, son Timothy, I lay upon you, following that prophetic utterance which first pointed you out to me ...”

3. His selection may not be the ones we would choose.

I Samuel 16:6, 7 (KJV): “And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord’s anointed is before Him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”

- a. Men who are great but not good.
- b. Men who are good but not great.
- c. Men who are both good and great.
- d. Men who are neither good nor great.

4. Have a fishing pond.

- a. They were curious.

John 1:35-39 (KJV): “Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto Him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where

dweldest Thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where He dwelt, and abode with Him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.”

b. They became convinced.

Matthew 16: 13-16 (KJV): “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that Thou art John the Baptist: some Elias, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

c. Committed.

John 6:66 (KJV): “from that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.”

B. Qualities to look for in a man.

1. Availability.

Isaiah 6:8 (KJV): “Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said, I, Here am I, send me.”

Ruth 1: 16-17 (KJV): “And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee. For whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me.”

II Kings 2:2 (KJV): “And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as my soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.”

I Samuel 14:6, 7 (KJV): “And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. And his armour bearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.”

Pay close attention to the guy that keeps “hanging around”.

Judges 3:31 (KJV): “And after him was Shamgar, the son of Anath which slew of the Philistines 600 men with an oxgoad and he also delivered Israel.”

2. A heart for God.

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

II Chronicles 16:9 (KJV): “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.”

Psalms 34:15 (LB): “For the eyes of the Lord are intently watching all who live good lives and He gives attention when they cry to Him.”

Psalms 53:2 (LB): “God looks down from heaven searching among all mankind to see if there is a single one who does right and really seeks for God.”

3. A love for people.

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, which 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 unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

4. Faithful.

Luke 16:10 (KJV): “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”

Daniel 6:3, 4 (KJV): “Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king - thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.”

Nehemiah 9:7, 8 (KJV): “Thou art the Lord God who didst choose Abram and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees and gavest him the name of Abraham and foundest his heart faithful before Thee.”

Proverbs 25:19 (KJV) : “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.”

C. Basic Ground Rules

1. Recruit to Jesus and a vision of the ministry not to an organization or yourself.

a. The dangers of recruiting to yourself:

1. Pride
2. Building emotionally dependent cripples.
3. Making them unable to work with another leader.
4. They may look to you instead of God.

2. Be sure he understands that in being .available for help, he isn't doing you or God a favor.

3. Help includes the whole man.

4. The door to bail out is always open.

II. Helping People

A. Every believer is in God's program of receiving help.

1. God's objective.

Romans 8:29 (KJV): “For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

2. Growth is a life-long process.

I John 3:2 (KJV): “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”

3. When we refuse to grow, it is to our own hurt.

Luke 7:30 (Williams): “But the Pharisees and experts in the law ordered God’s purpose for themselves by refusing to be baptized by Him.”

B. God uses many means of growth.

1. His Word - Psalm 119:105 (KJV) : “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and alight unto my path.”
2. Our own conscience.
3. The Holy Spirit.
4. Circumstances.
5. Other people.

C. To be used of God to make disciples, we must be willing to pay the price.

1. In time - Psalm 90:12 (KJV): “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”
2. Lack of recognition.

I Thessalonians 4:11, 12 (Phillips): “Yet we urge you to have more and more of this love and to make it your ambition to have no ambition. Be busy with your own affairs and do your work yourselves. The result will be a reputation for honesty in the world outside and an honorable independence.”

3. Inconvenience.

Luke 22:27 (KJV): “For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.”

4. Hurt.

II Corinthians 12:15 (KJV): “And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.”

II Corinthians 13:7 (LB): “I pray that you will live good lives. Not because that will be a feather in our cap proving that what we teach is right, no, we want you to do right, even if we are despised.”

II Corinthians 13:9 (LB): “We are glad to be weak and despised if you are really strong. Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become mature Christians.”

5. Vulnerability to exposure.

II Timothy 3:10, 11 (KJV): “But thou has fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconia, at Lystra, what persecutions I endure but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”

You can't hide from the man you're helping.

6. Tunnelling while others are climbing.

Jeremiah 45:5 (KJV): “And seekest thou great things 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 whither thou goest.”

7. Seeing your weaknesses reproduced.

I Samuel 2:12, 29 (KJV): “Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial, they knew not the Lord ... Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?”

I Samuel 3:13 (KJV): “For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained then not.”

I Samuel 8:1-5 (KJV): “And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah; they were judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the leaders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

8. Your life.

Isaiah 43:4 (KJV): “Since thou wast precious in My sight, thou has been honorable and I have loved thee. Therefore, will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.”

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.”

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Aspect #2 & 3: Teaching & Training

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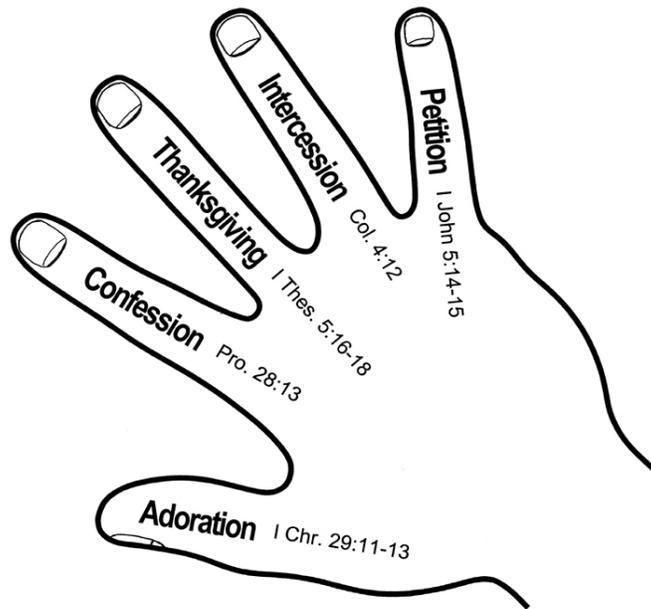
II. Teaching

Teaching is imparting knowledge.

What do we teach?

A. His personal walk with Christ.

1. Quiet Time
2. The necessity of the Word
3. Prayer: Prayer Hand Illustration - "ACTS"



A – Adoration or Praise (I Chronicles 29:11-13)

Psalm 50:23 (KJV): “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.”

C – Confession (Proverbs 28:13)

I John 1:9 (KJV): “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

T – Thanksgiving (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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

S – Supplication:

a. Intercession for Others (Colossians 4:12)

I Samuel 12:23 (KJV) : “Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.”

b. Petition for Myself (I John 5:14-15)

Philippians 4:6, 7 (KJV): “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

B. His ministry

1. Evangelism

a. Testimony

A testimony consists of:

1. Life before you met Christ.
2. How you met Him.
3. What it’s been like since.

b. Tools - Bridge, Four Laws, Steps to Peace with God, Real Purpose in Life

c. Memorize some verses (first set: “*Beginning With Christ*”)

2. Fellowship

Real fellowship is around the Person of Jesus.

I John 1:3 (KJV): “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.”

a. Value of operating as a team

1. Learning to get along with others:

Luke 2:52 (KJV) : “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Acts 24:16 (KJV): “And in this do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.”

2. Beginning to fulfill Jesus’ prayer for unity in John 17.

3. For spiritual strength.

Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 (KJV) : “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor; For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.”

4. Increased power in ministry.

Leviticus 26:8 (LB): “Five of you will chase 100, and 100 of you, 10,000! You will defeat all of your enemies.”

5. Power in prayer, increased.

Matthew 18:19, 20 (KJV): “Again I say unto you that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall

thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by My Father, who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them.”

6. Protection.

Hebrews 3:13 (KJV) : “But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

7. Peer group pressure.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (LB): “And one standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer; three is even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

8. It works.

3. Follow up. Spiritual pediatrics.
4. How to lead a Bible study.
5. How to speak in front of groups.
6. Basic Bible doctrine.
7. Bible prophecy.
8. Understands principles of multiplication.
9. Understands the infinite potential and worth of the individual.

III. Training

Training can be defined as imparting skills.

A. How do we do it?

1. By example.
2. Have a quiet time with him.
3. Check his verses.
4. Get him in a Bible study.
5. Have prayer with him.

6. Take him out on evangelism.
7. Expose him to others.
8. Give him responsibility.
9. Structured learning opportunities.

B. Possible problems in training men

1. Zeal out of balance

- a. When in our determination to be bold, we become brazen.

Acts 23:1-5 (KJV) : “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. And the high priest, Ananias, commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall; for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God’s high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he. was the high priest; for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.”

- b. When in our desire to become frank, we become rude.

I Peter 4:8 (LB) : “Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults.”

- c. When in our effort to be watchful, we become suspicious.

Proverbs 17:20 (LB): “An evil man is suspicious of everyone and tumbles into constant trouble.”

- d. When we seek to be serious and instead become somber.

Philippians 4:4 (KJV): “Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.”

- e. When we mean to become conscientious and instead become overconscientious.

Matthew 23:23 (KJV) : “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy,

and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

Mark 7:10-13

“Methods are many, principles are few. Methods often change, principles never do.

f. Christians living in distress, under pressure, fearing they cannot please God.

2. Spiritual pride.
3. Exclusivism.
4. Using a man, instead of training him.
5. Snowed under by activities.
6. Locked into a syllabus and ignoring natural abilities and spiritual gifts.
7. Pushing methods instead of principles.
8. More of it in the head than in the life.

C. Evaluation of Progress

I Thessalonians 1:6-9 (KJV):

Vs. 6: “And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.”

Is he responding to the word of God?

Vs. 7: “So that we were an example to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.”

Is his life an example of what you’re trying to teach him?

Vs. 8: “For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything.”

Is he sharp in ministry skills and reaching out to others?

Vs. 9: “For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God.”

Is his life transformed?

Matthew 6:33 (KJV): “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Philippians 1:21 (KJV): “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

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Aspect #4: Building

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IV. Building

Building means making a permanent difference which will produce a life-long lifestyle.

A. Paul speaks to Timothy's character - I Timothy 4:12-16 (KJV):

Vs. 12: "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Vs. 13: "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

Vs. 14: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

Vs.15: "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them that thy profiting may appear to all."

Vs. 16: "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

1. Character is not a matter of age.

Job 32:8,9 (LB): "But it is not mere age that makes men wise, rather, it is the spirit in a man; the breath of the Almighty which makes him intelligent."

Character in a godly life must be developed.

Colossians 1:6 (Phillips): "This is the gospel itself, which has reached you as it spreads all over the world. Wherever that Gospel goes, it produces Christian character, and develops it, as it has done in your own case from the time you first heard and realised the truth of God's grace."

Titus 1:1, 2 (LB): "I have been sent to bring faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know God's truth - the kind of truth that changes lives - so that they can have eternal life, which God promised them before the world began-and He cannot lie."

2. How we talk is a dead giveaway (I Timothy 4:12).

3. Character expresses itself in conduct (I Timothy 4:12).

I Thessalonians 4:7 (KJV) : “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.”

I Peter 1:15, 16 (KJV): “But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.”

4. A godly character has godly attributes (I Timothy 4:12).

5. Godly character needs to be fed (I Timothy 4:13).

6. Character is developed along the lines of spiritual gifts (I Timothy 4:14).

a. Everyone has at least one spiritual gift.

Hebrews 2:4 (LB): “God always has shown us that these messages are true by signs and wonders and various miracles and by giving certain special abilities from the Holy Spirit to those who believe. Yes, God has assigned such gifts to each of us.”

I Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) : “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with all.”

b. No one has all the gifts.

I Corinthians 12:28-30 (KJV): “And God hath set some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”

c. How to help a man discover his gifts:

1. What does he like to do?
2. What does he do well?
3. How do others see him?

7. Wholeheartedness is a mark of godly character (I Timothy 4:16).

8. Godly character must be protected (I Timothy 4:16).

Matthew 26:41 (KJV) : “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

I Corinthians 16:13 (KJV): “Watch, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

9. The root from which godly character springs is the thought life (I Timothy 4:16).

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV) : “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

Proverbs 4:23 (Williams): “Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts.”

Ephesians 4:23, 24 (KJV):”And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Romans 12:2 (KJV): “And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of

God.”

10. Godly character takes daily choices (I Timothy 4:16).

Luke 9:23 (KJV): “And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

B. We never know if building is real until they are away from us.

C. Building usually takes time, exposure, and sensitivity.

D. Building begins with clearing away the debris.

Jeremiah 1:10 (KJV): “See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root out and to pull down and to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.

1. Root out-bitterness, hostility, fear.

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

2. Pull down-idols.

Hosea 10:2 (KJV): “Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty. He shall break down their altars, He shall spoil their images.”

3. Destroy-bad responses.

Philippians 4:11 (20th Century New Testament).

4. Throw down-ungodly imaginations.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV): “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds), Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV): “As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.”

E. Clearing away debris involves rebuke.

Ezekiel 3:20 (LB): “And if a good man becomes bad, and you refuse to warn him of the consequences, and the Lord destroys him, the previous good deeds won’t help him-He shall die in his sin. But I will hold you responsible for his death, and punish you.”

Rebuke is only viable when the relationship is solid. The person must know that you love him, and that you’re pointing out problems not to be critical but to be helpful.

Proverbs 28:23 (KJV) : “He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flattereth with the tongue.”

1. II Timothy 4:2 (KJV) : “Preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

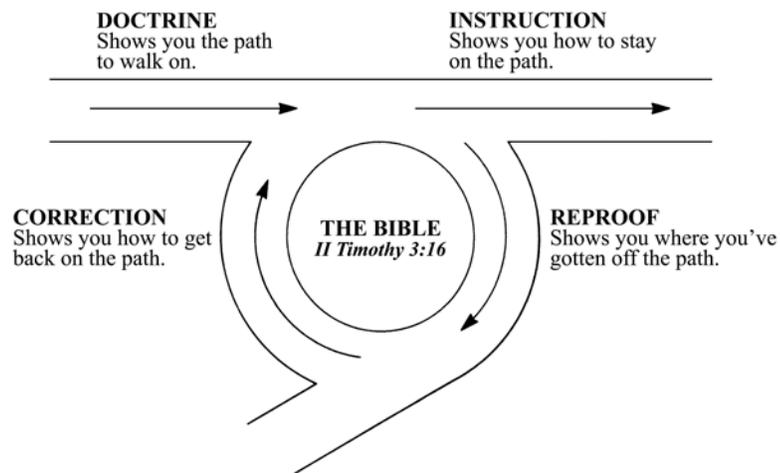
a. Reprove. To expose something in his life, and for him to develop conviction over it as sin.

b. Rebuke-to “Bawl him out” for getting in such a shape or situation.

c. Exhort-this is always connected with the future, not the past, and is designed to help correct the problem. Exhortation aims at producing the right effect in changing a life.

d. The scripture is adequate in doing all of these things.

II Timothy 3:16 (KJV): “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”



2. Five principles of rebuke.

There always needs to be a proper balance between love and rebuke.

a. If you love a man, you will rebuke him. But it is a two-way street. He must be committed to you, but you must commit yourself to him.

b. Find out why he isn't doing it. Basically, there are two reasons.

1. Rebellion.

2. He doesn't see it.

c. Rebuke on the basis of impression, not accusation.

d. Have his best interests at heart.

e. Always rebuke from the Word of God.

F. Planning new structure is also a part of building.

Three helpful questions to ask yourself:

1. What does he need?
2. How can he get it?
3. How will I know when he has it?

G. Every man is different.

We must determine who he is, and where he is before we can help him.

I Thessalonians 5:11-14 (KJV): “Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.”

1. Who are spiritual leaders (I Thessalonians 5:12, 13)?

- a. Those who labor among you.
- b. Those who are over you in the Lord.
- c. Those who admonish you.

2. How to treat different men (I Thessalonians 5:14).

- a. The idle-admonish. Those who are lazy, unruly.

I Samuel 15:23 (KJV): “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry . . .”

- b. The fainthearted or timid-encourage.
- c. The weak-help them.
- d. Be patient with all men.

H. Building can be specific.

Men need help in:

1. Making decisions.

I Kings 18:21 (KJV): “And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him. But if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.”

God expects our “yes” to be “yes” and our “no” to be “no”.

II Corinthians 1:17, 18 (LB): “Then why, you may be asking, did I change my plan? Hadn’t I really made up my mind yet? Or am I really like a man of the world who says ‘yes’ when he really means ‘no’? Never! As surely as God is true, I am not that sort of person. My ‘yes’ means ‘yes’.

a. Life is made up of choices.

b. Indecisiveness may reveal

1. Immaturity.

Proverbs 17:24 (Williams): “A mature man knows the wise thing to do, but an immature person can never decide.”

2. A lack of facts.

3. A fear of consequences or people.

II Timothy 1:7 (KJV): “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

4. Lack of convictions.

Colossians 2:8 (KJV) : “Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of man, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ.”

Ephesians 4:14 (KJV) : “That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie and wait to deceive.”

5. A lack of faith.

Romans 14:23 (KJV): “And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; for whatever is not of faith is sin.”

c. Four helpful thoughts when indecisive:

1. God wants me to know His will.
2. Do I know it? If so, I should trust Him and act on it.
3. Am I trying to find it out? If not, I am kidding myself.
4. Have I found it out? If so, get busy and trust Him.

d. Six insights toward decisiveness:

1. Get the facts.

Proverbs 23:23 (LB): “Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get.”

2. Face the facts.

Proverbs 14:8 (LB): “The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won’t face facts.”

3. Plan ahead.

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

Proverbs 11:14 (NEB): “For want of skillful strategy, an army is lost. Victory is the fruit of long planning.”

4. Think through.

Proverbs 22:3 (LB): “A prudent man

foresees the difficulties ahead, and prepares for them. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.”

Proverbs 14:15 (Berkeley): “The simple believes every word, but the man of insight makes sure of where he is going.”

5. Make a decision.

I Corinthians 14:8 (KJV) : “For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”

6. Do it now.

Get the facts NOW. Face the facts NOW. Plan ahead NOW. Think through NOW. Make a decision NOW. Do it NOW.

2. A positive outlook

Philippians 4:18 (KJV): “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

3. Persistence.

4. Relating to business associates.

5. Relating to the church.

In building, your own life is the greatest tool.

I. Marks of the Spiritual Man

1. The desire to be holy rather than happy.

I Thessalonians 4:3 (F.F. Bruce Paraphrase)

2. The desire to see the honor of God advance through his life, even if it means he himself must suffer temporary dishonor or loss.

I Corinthians 10:31 (KJV): “Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

3. The desire to carry his cross.

John 16:33 (KJV): “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

II Timothy 3:12 (KJV): “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

4. He sees everything from God’s point of view.

Colossians 1:9, 10 (Phillips): “We are asking God that you may be filled with such wisdom and that you may understand His purpose. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master’s name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit in all that you do, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper.”

5. He would rather die right, than live wrong.

Daniel 3:16, 17 (KJV): “Shadrack, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, Oh Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, oh King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

6. A willingness to see others advance at his expense.

7. This man habitually makes eternity judgments instead of time judgments.

Hebrews 11:26 (Phillips): “He considered the ‘reproach of Christ’ more precious than all the wealth of Egypt. For he looked steadily at the ultimate reward.”

J. Possible Problems in this Type of Ministry

1. Never turning a man loose.
2. Not trusting them or trusting God in them.
3. Trying to help too many at once.
4. Impatience.
5. Trying to copy others.
6. Being hard-nosed. (Always love a man and never give up on him.)
7. Operating on past experience and training instead of on prayer and faith.
8. Trying to pour everyone into the same mold.

Basic Follow-Up Outline

The twenty-three principles listed below are certainly not exhaustive. Neither are they placed in the absolute order of importance in a Christian's life. However, they are, I believe, indicative of the direction that God would have us go. You will find listed the principle and then resources which may be of help in implementing or teaching the principle. The resources may be questions, project assignments, scriptures, audios, books, or pamphlets. All of the audios and videos listed as resources are available online at www.DiscipleshipLibrary.com and are also available on cassette from the Discipleship Tape Library, 435 West Boyd, Norman, Oklahoma 73069, on a free-loan basis (*you pay only postage and handling*).

1. Assurance of Salvation. The following scriptures will help in the area of believing and receiving: John 20: 28-31; 3:16; 3:36; 5:24; 6:37-40; 11:25,26; 1:12.

The following will help regarding assurance: Romans 8:38,39; I John 5:11-13; Jude 24,25; I Peter 1:3-5.

- A resource audio: *Assurance* by Kenneth Chafin
- A helpful booklet: *Fact, Faith, and Feeling* by Billy Graham.

2. The Devotional Life. Psalm 27:7,8; 143:8; 5:3; 63:1,2; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12,13, Proverbs 8:34 (LB).

- Audios available: *Quiet Time* by Gene Warr
- Booklets available: *Quiet Time* by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; *Manna in the Morning* by Stephen Olford; *My Heart - Christ's Home* by Robert Boyd Munger.

3. The Authority of the Bible. II Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12; Jeremiah 23:29; 22:5.

A. Read Psalm 119 and list what the Word can do for you and what you are to do with the Word of God.

B. What is the Word of God from these verses: Ephesians 6:17; John 12:48; 17:17; Luke 21:33; John 6:63, Luke 8:11; Isaiah 55:11?

C. From the following verses, summarize the value of the Word of God in a believer's life: Matthew 4:4; Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105; John 5:39, II Timothy 3:4-17; Psalm 119:9,11; Numbers 15:39; John 15:3; I Peter 2:2.

D. From II Timothy 3:16, identify and define each thing the Word is profitable for.

- Audios available: Authority and Sufficiency of the Word by Lorne Sanny; The Word of God by Max Barnett; The Authority of the Scriptures by Jack Mayhall; Why the Bible? by Gene Warr.
- Available books: Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell; The Authority of the Bible by John Stott.

4. How to Take in the Word of God (*The Hand Illustration*). This has to do with hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on the Word of God, as well as applying it to our daily lives, and passing it on to others.

- Audios are also available from the Discipleship Library on the Hand Illustration given by a number of great teachers.

5. The Balanced Christian Life (The Wheel Illustration). The Wheel has Jesus Christ at the center. The rim of the wheel represents the obedient Christian living the life. The four spokes of the wheel are the Word of God, prayer, fellowship, and witnessing.

- Audios available: The Christ-centered Life by Larry Woods; The Wheel by Gene Warr.

6. How to Pray.

A. List the principles of prayer from the prayer life of Jesus in the Gospels and write a personal "When I need to pray" application for each principle.

B. As you read through the Psalms, keep a list of when David cried to God and why. Then categorize the reasons and write a personal application for each category.

C. Read the first chapter of Paul's letters, plus Ephesians 3. List all the specific things Paul prayed for believers. Beside each specific prayer request put the name of a believer. Pray for that particular person during the coming week.

D. Memorize and meditate on I John 5:14,15.

E. Set up a time each week to pray with another Christian.

- Audios available: Prayer by Jim Peterson; Prayer by Peter Lord; What Is Intercessory Prayer and How to Pray for the Lost? by Barry Wood; Prayer by Larry Woods; Prayer by George Sanchez.
- Books and booklets available: Ministry of Intercession by Andrew Murray; Praying Hyde by Francis McGaw; George Mueller of Bristol by Arthur T. Pierson; Power through Prayer by E. M. Bounds; Rheer Howell, Intercessor by Norman Grubb; How to Spend a Day in Prayer by Lorne Sanny; With Christ in the School of Prayer by Andrew Murray; Prayer: Conversing with God by Rosalind Rinker.

7. How to Meditate on Scripture.

- Audios available: Meditation by Bill Gothard; Control of Our Thoughts by Stephen Olford.
- Books available: Primer of Meditation by Jim Downing.

8. Financial Responsibility. The four basic areas of financial responsibility are earning,, saving, spending and giving money. Matthew 6:19,20.

- Audios available: Financial Responsibility by Gene Warr; Work by Max Barnett.
- Books available: You Can Be Financially Free by George Fooshee; God's Miraculous Plan of Economy by Jack Taylor.

For a study on giving, the following will be helpful:

A. From II Corinthians 8 & 9, Philippians 4:10-20, and Luke 6:38 list the principles of giving.

B. From Galatians 6:6 and II Corinthians 9:6-15 list at least five areas where we should give.

C. List how we are to give from these verses: Deuteronomy 16:17; Deuteronomy 8:18; II Corinthians 9:7-14; Matthew 10:8; Proverbs 3:9,10; I Corinthians 16:2.

D. List the characteristics and consequences of Ananias's and Sapphira's giving program in Acts 5:1-10.

9. How to Resist Satan. James 4:7-8; Ephesians 6:10-20.

A. From Genesis 3:1-6, list the steps Satan used in tempting Eve.

B. From James 1:13-15, who tempts us? List the steps we follow in surrendering to temptation.

C. From I John 2:15-17, what areas does Satan appeal to in tempting us? Define each area. Correlate each area from I John 2:15-17 with Jesus' temptation in Matthew 4:1-10.

D. Read Matthew 4:1-10. List how Jesus dealt with temptation and list two areas in which you face temptations.

E. Meditate on James 4:7,8; I Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 12:3,4; Revelation 12:11.

- Audios available: James I by Peter Lord; Drives by Peter Lord; Conflict with Sin and Trials and Temptation by Larry Woods.

10. How to Walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16,17.

A. Study the following Scripture passages to prepare yourself for walking in the Spirit.

- 1) What does God command in this area? See I Thessalonians 4:4.
- 2) What should I know about Satan's attack in this area? See I Corinthians 10:13.
- 3) What can I do in regard to my will to walk in the Spirit? Job 31:1.
- 4) What main defensive weapon can I use? I Timothy 6:17.
- 5) What principles do we find on walking in the Spirit from David's prayer for purity? Psalm 119:35-37. f. How does associating with godly people help me to walk in the Spirit? Proverbs 27:17; 13:20.
- 6) How can I avoid some of Satan's traps? Proverbs 4:25-27.

B. In studying how to stand fast in the trial of fire which would tempt us to walk in the flesh:

- 1) Who did Christ immediately identify with when the adulterous woman walked up? John 8:6-10.
- 2) When possible, what is better than fighting temptation? II Timothy 2:22; Genesis 39:12.
- 3) What weapon did Christ use in temptation? Matthew 4:3-11.

C. From the following verses, give reasons for walking in the Spirit and living a holy life: Psalm 24:3-4, I Peter 1:22.

- Audios available: Purpose by Peter Lord; The Kind of a Woman God Wants by Leila Sparks; Knowing God (Tape 1, 2, and 3) by Peter Lord; The Perfect Heart by Diane Sargent; Becoming a Whole Person by Tom Nesbitt; and The Tabernacle (Audios 1-7) by Paul Burleson.
- Books Available: Called unto Holiness by Ruth Paxson; and Joni by Joni Eareckson.
- Also available is Transferable Concept #4 from Campus Crusade for Christ.

11. How to Experience God's Love and Forgiveness (*and your own self-acceptance*). I John 1:9; Luke 7:47.

A. From Exodus 20:1-17, James 4:17-23, Romans 14:21-23, define sin.

B. From the following verses, list the consequences of unconfessed sin and the results of confessing sin: Psalm 51; 79:9; Luke 7:47; Psalm 24:3-5; 66:18; John 15:7; Romans 4:7,8; II Chronicles 16:9; Hebrews 10:2; 10:17,18; II Corinthians 5:15; Isaiah 59:1,2; I Kings 8:33,34; Psalm 32:1,2; 130:4; Colossians 2:13,14; Romans 6:10-14; Romans 6:10-12; I John 3:6; II Corinthians 6:16.

C. From the following verses, list how one gains God's forgiveness: Acts 10:43; Mark 2:5; Matthew 26:28; John 6:53-55; Psalm 19:12; 139:23,24; 51:3,4; Genesis 39:9; I John 1:9; Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 51:1; Mark 2:7; Lamentations 3:22,23; Psalm 78:38; II Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 51:10; II Chronicles 7:8-10; Matthew 6:14,15, and Luke 6:37.

D. Visualize Micah 7:19 and Psalm 103:12 when confessing sin. Then visualize the blood of Jesus from the cross cleansing you as you confess your sin. Right down insights you gain during this time.

- Audios available: Forgiveness by Larry Christenson; and Conflicts with Sin by Larry Woods.

Forgiveness and self-acceptance are inevitably tied together. The following may be of help in the area of self-acceptance:

A. Study Psalm 139 for insights into why you can accept yourself.

B. From the following verses, answer the question, "Who am I?" Psalm 139:13-16; John 1:12; Romans 8:16,17; II Corinthians 5:17; I Peter 2:9; II Corinthians 5:20.

C. From Isaiah 43:1-10, list "What God thinks of me."

D. Meditate on Romans 12:3 and from the following verses, write down why it is not wrong to love or accept yourself: Matthew 22:39; Leviticus 19:18; Mark 12:31; Romans 13:9,10; Galatians 5:14; and James 2:8.

E. Write down the names of people who have verbally told you, "I love you." Write down the names of people who have shown love to you and what the act of love was.

- Books available: Please Don't Hurt Me by Leonard Keene; Please Love Me by Keith Miller.

12. Living by Faith. I Timothy 1:5; Romans 14:23; Hebrews 11:6.

A. Read Matthew 8:8,9 and 21:21. Underline the word faith wherever it appears. Why did Jesus perform these miracles? How can this increase our faith today?

B. Read Romans 4 and Genesis 12-22.

- 1) On what was Abraham's faith based?
- 2) Did he ever doubt?
- 3) In what ways did he walk by sight? d. How did his faith grow?

C. List the things we depend upon God for by faith from these verses: John 3:16; Galatians 2:16; John 7:38, John 14:1; Ephesians 3:12-17; Acts 16:31; Galatians 2:20.

D. Read Proverbs 3:5,6.

- 1) Define the meaning of all the verbs in these verses.
- 2) Write out those verses using first person singular.
- 3) What does "with all your heart" mean to you?
- 4) Why can you trust God with all your heart?
- 5) List areas of your life where you haven't been trusting God and how you can acknowledge Him in those areas,
- 6) How can you help a new Christian develop faith in God?

E. Read Hebrews 11:1-31 and list how each person demonstrated faith. Read Hebrews 11:32-40 and list how each person demonstrated faith.

F. Matthew 6:25-33.

- 1) What does God promise He will provide? b. What are we to seek?
- 2) What is His kingdom?
- 3) What is His righteousness?
- 4) What steps can we take to trust Him more for what He's promised to provide?
- 5) What can we do to seek His kingdom and righteousness?

G. From the following verses, how are we to grow in faith? Hebrews 11:6; Luke 7:1-10; Romans 10:17.

H. From James 2:14-26, define in detail the relationship between faith and works.

- Audios available: Faith by Ruth Myers; How God Provided Finances for Our New Building by Hal Brooks; Giving by Russ Johnston.
- Books available: They Found the Secret by V. Raymond Edman; Shadow of the Almighty by Elisabeth Elliot; God Can Make It Happen by Russ Johnston.

13. How to Develop a Servant Heart.

A. Develop humility. Matthew 10:24; 20:28; Luke 17:7-10; I Peter 2:18; Philippians 2:3-8; Mark 10:45; Luke 22:26,27; Romans 12:16 (LB); Philippians 2:19-22; 2:25-30; Acts 20:19.

- 1) Study the life of Ziba. II Samuel 9:2,11; 16:1-4; 19:24-27.
- 2) From Deuteronomy 15, list the rights, privileges, and duties of a bondsman; then read Luke 17:7-10 and make a personal application.
- 3) From the following verses, list the characteristics of a humble life and pick out one weak area in your life and develop a project to help in that

area. I Peter 2:18; Philippians 2:3-8; Luke 22:26,27; Romans 12:16; Philippians 2:19-22; Philippians 2:25-30; Acts 20:19; Mark 10:45.

4) Meditate on James 4:6 and why that is true.

5) From meditation on these verses, make two columns: "My part in becoming a success" and "God's part in making me a success." I Peter 5:5,6; Psalm 75:6,7; Matthew 20:16; Isaiah 66:2.

B. Learn to Meet Practical Needs of Others.

1) Physical. Matthew 25:35-40; Matthew 10:42; Romans 12:13-15; I Peter 4:9; Hebrews 13:1-3; Hebrews 6:10.

a. Commit yourself to learn from one who is already proficient at serving others.

b. List the practical needs of those you are in contact with every day and list at least one way you can meet that need.

2) Spiritual.

a. Read I Thessalonians 1 and 2 and list what the Thessalonians' needs were and how Paul met them.

b. Repeat the above project with Ephesians 1, Colossians 1, and Philippians 1.

- Audios available: Making Disciples (Videos 1-8) by Gene Warr; How to Train a Disciple by Walt Henrichsen; Developing Disciplemakers and Objectives in Making Disciples by LeRoy Eims; Concept and Philosophy of Disciplemaking by Skip Gray; The Difference Between Help and Training by Dave Dawson; Ministry, Philosophy, and Strategy by Max Barnett; Follow Me Principle by Max Barnett; Making Disciples by Doug Sparks; Building (Audios 1-4) by Doug Sparks; Building into Another's Life by Leila Sparks; Qualities Needed for Helping Others and Recruiting Girls to the Great Commission by Jodi Baker; Discipleship Principles I, II, and III and Training I and II by Larry Woods.
- Books available: Conserving the Fruits of Evangelism by Dawson Trotman; The Dynamics of Personal Follow-up by Gary Kuhne; Disciples Are Made, Not Born by Walt Henrichsen; Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman; How Jesus Trained Leaders by Maxfield Garrett; New Testament Follow-Up by Waylon Moore; What Made You Cross? by J. H. Horsburgh.

14. Openly Identifying with Christ. Mark 8:34; Mark 8:38; Luke 14:27.

A. Study Acts 22 and Acts 26 listing the four areas of Paul's life covered in his testimony.

B. Using the outline from # I, write your own testimony.

C. From John 4:7-27, answer:

1) Why did the disciples marvel?

2) List principles Jesus used to communicate the gospel.

3) Write down why you think the Samaritan woman responded as she did.

D. From I Peter 3:15, I John 1:3, and John 9:24,25, write down what you think the value of your testimony is.

E. From the following verses, list the condition and future of the unbeliever and your responsibility as a Christian: Ezekiel 3:18-19; I Timothy 2:4; Acts 1:8; 2:1-24; 2:32-47; Luke 16:27,28; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Acts 18:6; 24:14-16; 3:12-20; Revelation 20:15; Romans 10:13-14; 1:14; Ezekiel 33:11; Mark 16:15; Acts 4:1-31; 8:1-5; John 3:36.

- Audios available: Evangelism by Billy Graham; Students' Questions by Paul Little, The Great Resurrection Hoax and Nine-point Whammy by Josh McDowell; Enemies of Evangelism by Skip Gray; Importance of Evangelism by Max Barnett; Witnessing by Pat Shaughnessy; The Testimony by Scott Smith.
- Books available: How to Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little; Winning Ways by LeRoy Eims; How to Witness by Lorne Sanny.

15. How to Reproduce Spiritually. II Timothy 2:2. The example of Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, Jesus and the Twelve, Paul and Timothy.

- For suggested Audios and books, see the spiritual section under #13, How to Develop a Servant Heart.

16. How to Build a Christian Home. Ephesians 5:25-27.

- Audios available: Scriptural Home Seminar by George Sanchez; Husband and Wife Relationship by Jack and Carol Mayhall; The Role and Responsibility of the Husband by Gene Warr; The Role and Responsibility of the Wife by Irma Warr.
- Books available: Heaven Help the Home by Howard Hendricks; Letters to Philip by Charlie Shedd; Letters to Karen by Charlie Shedd; Do Yourself a Favor-Love Your Wife, by H. Page Williams; Me Obey Him, by Elizabeth Rice Handford; The Total Woman by Marabel Morgan; Children-Fun or Frenzy? by Al and Pat Fabrizio.

17. Priorities and the Use of Time. Ephesians 5:15-17.

- Audios available: Priorities and the Use of Time by Max Barnett; Priorities and the Use of Time by Gene Warr; How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life by Alan
- Lakein; Managing Your Time by Ted Engstrom.
- Books available: Tyranny of the Urgent from IVCF.

18. Vision. To examine Jesus' vision and to gain perspective into what to give your life to.

- Audios available: Vision by Jim Peterson; Born to Reproduce by Dawson Trotman; Possibilities of a Life by Max Barnett; Pacesetting by John Crawford; Spiritual Leadership by Larry Woods.
- Books available: Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman; How Jesus Trained Leaders by W. Maxfield Garrett.

19. Lordship of Christ. (Total commitment) Luke 6:46; Luke 14:33; John 13:13; Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:11;

A. Meditate on Luke 14:37-45.

B. Go through the Gospels listing the costs and rewards of making Christ Lord, according to Jesus.

C. Read Hebrews 11. List the price each person paid to be on God's honor roll.

D. Meditate on Mark 8:34-37 and Matthew 16:24-26.

E. From Romans 6,7, and 8, list the characteristics of the old and new natures, and how we are to overcome the old nature.

- Audios available: Jesus Is Lord by Gene Warr. Authority of the Believer by Jack Taylor; Life Transforming Concepts I by Tim Timmons; What is the Christian Life and How do I Live the Christian Life? by Tim Timmons; The Lordship of Christ by Rod Sargent; Total Commitment by Helene Ashker; Jesus Is Lord by S. M. Lockridge.
- Books and booklets recommended: Have We No Rights? by Maybelle Williamson; My Heart - Christ's Home by Robert Boyd Munger; Calvary Road by Roy Hession; Continuous Revival by Norman Grubb; The Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee; Saving Life of Christ by W. Ian Thomas; Where Is Your Treasure? by William McDonald.

20. Knowing God. John 17:26; Psalm 69:36; 91:14; 31:23; Philippians 1:9.

A. Study the names of God out of a concordance, preferably Young's.

B. Study the seven major concepts of God: Loving, Holy, Forgiving, Heavenly Father, Unchanging, Provider, and Personal.

C. From John 17:26, study the life of Jesus and how He manifested the names of God to His disciples.

- Audios available: Attributes of God by Josh McDowell; Names of God by Jack Taylor; Character of God's Nature I, II, III, IV by Jim White; Fellowship with God by George Sanchez; Quiet Time by Larry Woods; Knowing God I, II, III by Peter Lord.
- Recommended books: Knowing God by J. I. Packer; The Names of God by Nathan Stone.

21. Suffering. Deuteronomy 13:3; James 1:12; Romans 5:3-5; Psalm 26:2,3; I Peter 4:12,13; 1:6; II Corinthians 1:3,4; II Timothy 3:12; John 16:33.

- A. List the circumstances from your past and present for which you cannot understand the ways God was and is working.
 - B. Do a character study of Joseph.
 - C. Do a word study on prudence.
- Audios available: Suffering by Donald Grey Barnhouse; Suffering by Ruth Myers; Trials and Temptations by Larry Woods; Trials by Peter Lord; Job Videos 1-5 by Gene Warr.

22. Discovering God's Will.

- Recommended Audios: The Will of God by John Repass; The Will of God by Lorne Sanny.

23. How to Study the Bible. II Timothy 2:15.

- A. From the following verses Ezra 7:10; Proverbs 2:4; II Tim. 2:15) answer these questions:
 - 1) What are the proper attitudes toward studying the Word?
 - 2) Who are the people who studied the Word, and what was their occupation?
 - 3) What is the objective of Bible study as opposed to other methods of intake of the Word?
 - 4) What ways will Bible study benefit you that the other methods of intake of the Word will not?
 - 5) Study Proverbs 2:1-10. List the attitudes to take in Bible study and the results of these attitudes.
- Audios available: Bible Methods I, II, III, IV, V by Howard Hendricks.
 - Recommended book: Joy of Discovery by Oletta Wald.

Disciple-Rating Sheet

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very weak, 10 being very strong) evaluate yourself and then, the person with whom you are working in the areas of Vision, Ministry Skills, and Character.

Vision		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments
1	Grasp of what follow-up is											
2	Grasp of multiplication principle											
3	Understanding what it means to motivate, teach, train, and build											
4	Understanding and obeying the great commandment. Matthew 22:36-40											
5	The Great Commission being his vision											
6	An understanding of world need											
7	Understands every person's need for Christ											
8	An understanding of the world situation-political, economic, religious											
9	A grasp of population centers, degree of evangelical witness, present response											
10	An understanding of what God has done in the past											
11	The infinite worth of the individual											
12	The absolute authority of the Bible											
13	Prophecy-what is going to happen											
14	Reality of heaven and hell											
Ministry Skills												
1	Personal testimony											
2	Evangelism											
3	Public speaking											
4	Ability to encourage others											
5	Specific application of the Word											
6	Ability to lead a group Bible study											
7	Scripture memory											
8	Helping another one-to-one											
9	Ability to set objectives											
10	Takes steps to reach objectives											
11	Prayer life											
12	Quiet time											
13	Ability to prepare Bible Study											
14	Ability to work on a team											
15	Initiative to do things independently											
16	Ability to motivate people											
17	A thinker											
18	Balance											
19	Peacemaker											
20	Leader											
21	Creative											
22	Ability to work with those who disagree											
23	Flexible											
24	Organizational ability											
25	Sensitivity to sin_											
26	Sensitivity to needs of others											

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