

Disciple-Makers – Master Class

"FOLLOW ME: The Disciple-Making Process"

[Homework – Video 2]

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Jesus expected **COMMITMENT** from His disciples. [Mark 8:34-36]

- Jesus expected His followers to **obey** Him and **persevere**. They were not required to be smart, but to be **devoted**.
- In time obedient followers eventually take on the character of their leader.
- No one will follow a person in whom he or she has no trust, nor sincerely take the step of faith unless he or she is willing to obey and submit to that.
- Jesus didn't have the time nor desire to pour Himself into those who wanted their own terms of discipleship.
- There can be no half-stepping around with the Word of God. Every day that we are *slacking* in our *walk* with Christ, is a day lost to the *cause* of Christ. The question is: **Are you in or are you out?**
- Complacency Christianity can no longer be commonplace. The obedience of the Cross and the teachings of Christ regarding **SELF-DENIAL** and **DEDICATION** have been replaced with "do what pleases you" mindset.
- **THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO QUIT!**

DISCIPLESHIP: The _____ of _____ from one **INTO** another.

- This then makes the disciple also a **TRUSTEE**.
- A **TRUSTEE** has to be **FAITHFUL!**
 - "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and trustees (stewards) of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of trustees (stewards) that one be found faithful (trustworthy)." (1 Cor 4:1-2)
 - Being **FAITHFUL** means **SPIRITUAL CONSISTENCY** over time.

CHRISTIANITY has two sides (continued):

- **Evangelism:** Spiritual Infancy → **Discipleship:** Spiritual Maturity
- **Evangelism:** Addition → **Discipleship:** Multiplication

A TEST OF A DISCIPLE: Is there _____, _____ **CHANGE** in one's attitudes, actions,

character, and conduct. [In short: Is there any _____ ???] John 15:8 [we prove to be His disciples by the fruit we bear]

- Yes, you made a commitment at the start, but it's not until you're really rolling that assessment is really made on your commitment
- Jesus said to them all, "if anyone desires to **FOLLOW ME** (come after Me), let him **DENY self**, **CARRY your cross** daily, and **FOLLOW Me**. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." (Luke 9:23-24; Mark 8:34)

- 1) _____ self: **DECISION** --> To disconnect; to separate; die to self; abandon your own agendas and fleshly desires. (a) (b)
 - **Opposite:** Self-gratification; live for self

 - 2) Carry your _____: **DEATH / DUTY** --> Be willing to put in the WORK; to DIE to self DAILY....to identify with Christ in His rejection, shame, suffering, and death daily...it's your duty! (e)
 - **Opposite:** Quit; no discipline; stop working...stop trying; give up

 - 3) _____ Christ: **DEVOTION / DETERMINATION** --> To not stand idle with your cross, but to follow Christ with it, leading your flesh and desires towards of Christ [Phili 3:14] (c) (d)
 - **Opposite:** Follow the World
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- (a) "and He died for all, so that they who live might NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM who died and rose again on their behalf." (2 Cor 5:15)
- (b) "Therefore if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creature; the OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor 5:17)
- (c) "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phili 3:14)
- (d) "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phili 2:8)
- (e) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;" (Phili 3:10)

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Jesus **EMPOWERED** them with His Spirit... [*stay until you are empowered from on High...(Luke 24:49)*
...without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)]

- Show your disciples how to **RELY** on the *presence* and *power* of the Holy Spirit. [it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...by faith in the Son of God – Gal 2:20]
- Remember you were **BORN** by the Power of God, now you've got to **WALK** by the Power of God which is the Holy Spirit [Gal 5:16-25]
- To begin to live in Christ one has to be born again (John 3:3-9). The corrupted human nature must be regenerated (something dies and something new is born; a total transformation begins) by the Spirit of God before your life can be conformed to its true created purpose, in the divine image of Jesus Christ.
- Experiencing the living Christ in any personal way is the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus told Paul that "His **GRACE** is more than enough for him, and that His mighty power works best in weakness." – 2 Cor 12:9a. Paul learned then that during his weaknesses, if he relies on the **POWER of Christ**, then he'll become **STRONG**.
- **YOU CAN DO THIS!** "I can do **ALL THINGS** through Christ, Who **strengthens** me!" (Philippians 4:13)

DISCIPLESHIP FORMAT

- Meet **INTENTIONALLY**:
 - A disciple has to be found faithful:
 - With the objective to grow and mature them in Christ
 - To transfer into their heart a "passion for Christ"
 - To make them *Disciple-Makers (reproducers)* through spending intentional time together
- Meet **REGULARLY**:
 - Meet *formally*: Weekly or twice/month; 1.5 - 2 hours; for 9 – 12 months
 - With pre-defined, gender-specific, disciple-relevant, systematic curriculum
 - **Gospel of Mark** – *preferred*; Kingdom Man / Woman; 33 Series video/workbook series, etc)
 - Pre-develop questions on 1st 6 chapters of Gospel of Mark. They develop questions for the rest
 - Become *Self-Feeders* of the Word of God
- Meet **RELATIONALLY**
 - Spend time (talk 3x or more times weekly)
 - Build trust
 - Speak truth
- Meet **ACCOUNTABLY**
 - Get their commitment to be accountable to you
 - To give you authority to speak into their life
 - To follow your guidance even when they might not agree with you
 - To be able to correct them
- Meet **SOCIABLY**
 - Meet during casual time, ministry service and volunteer time.
 - Let them see and learn you in multiple settings.