Making Disciple Makers



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Forward

All throughout the New Testament we are given real life examples of disciples making other disciples. The hope of all those involved in the creation of this booklet is that you will find at your fingertips the heart, vision and know-how needed to make disciple-makers.

Goal:

Place in the hands of faithful men and women, Biblical tools to equip them to make disciple-makers. 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Strategy:

Produce tools from examples found in the Word of God that will enable both the disciple-maker and the disciple to live an obedient Christ-centered life.

Requirements:

It is imperative that "disciple makers" themselves be true "disciples" with a genuine dedication to continuously striving to live an obedient Christ-centered life. – 2 Corinthians 13:5

1. Salvation – 1 John 5:11-13, Ephesians 2:5
2. Baptism – Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 28:19
3. Prayer – Philippians 4:6, John 15:7
4. Bible Study – 2 Timothy 2:15, Romans 10:17
5. Church Attendance – Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:42
6. Giving – Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:7
7. Disciple Making – Acts 1:8, John 15:8, Matthew 28:19-20, John 17:18, 20-21

Note to Students:

The format of this study booklet is such that you will be asked to fill in blanks and answer questions as part of your study. To fill these in you should strongly consider the Scripture verses preceding these blanks and questions; like the Principle and Example Scriptures given. The additional Scripture references in parenthesis, e.g., (John 3:16) are ONLY for additional hints to help you to fill in the blank and/or answer the questions. So, the primary source you should consider for answering the questions is the Scripture text fully written in the booklet prior to the question.

Also, the booklet is written in what is known as PEA format; that is, Principle, Example, and Application. The goal is to give you a general principle from the Bible for the area being discussed, then a Biblical Example of that principle in action, and finally things to consider while you attempt to apply the principle in your own walk with Christ.

Remember, apart from accepting Christ as Savior and living a Christ-like life, making Disciples is one of the highest callings a Christian can have.

Scriptural Basis for Disciple-Making (Heart)



The example that Jesus Christ left for his disciples is the same that Peter and Paul and the rest gave the early church. That is to make disciples.

Principle: **2 Timothy 2:1-2** *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) 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*. (KJV)[1]

a) Before teaching, the Apostle Paul tells us, we need two things, and they are the **grace** that is in **Christ Jesus** and the things that **Paul spoke of** among **many witnesses**. (John 17:8)
b) We are to commit to **faithful** men these **same things** so they become **Disciple Makers** also. (John 15:5)
c) As you have been **taught** and sent, you should teach and **send** others. (John 17:18)

Example: **Matthew 4:19, 20:** *And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.*

Application:

Ephesians 5:1 *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

a) Who should you follow? (Remember Christ is no longer on earth in the flesh.) Hint: Who is "me" in 1 Cor. 11:1? Keep your **eyes** on Christ but imitate those who **taught** you. (Hebrews 12:2-3, Hebrews 13:7)
b) We are to **duplicate** ourselves, just as we take on some of the traits of those who **mentored** us. (John 17:16-23)
c) The ultimate pattern is the life of **Jesus Christ** and how he related to his **Disciples** who went out and taught others. (Ephesians 5:1, John 17:18, John 17:20-21)
d) The Apostle Paul Demonstrates this by never letting up and following **Jesus Christ** with every waking breath. (Philippians 3:12-13)
e) It's a heart thing! John 15:4, 7, and 1 John 2:24 tells us if we **abide** in **Christ** the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will remain with us.

God is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Lest we forget, even in the Old Testament God sets forth the way we will win disciples:

Ruth 1:16 *And Ruth said, Intreat 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:*

It's a heart thing!

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Model of a Disciple (Vision)

Before making disciples, one needs to have a good understanding of what a disciple looks like. (Koessler) However, it is very important to realize that you can do both, be a disciple and "make disciples," and grow in **both**, simultaneously. So don't wait, start now!

1. **Marks of Discipleship – How to Become a Disciple**

   Principle: **Matthew 28:19-20** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

   Example: **Acts 2:38, 41** *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost….* **Acts 2:4**1 *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

   Application:

   a. Define Repentance: A **change in direction;** not just **sorrow.** (2 Corinthians 7:8-11, Ezra 10:1-2 vs. 10:3-4 and 10:11)
   b. Baptism is the first **act of obedience** of a believer. (Acts 8:12, 38)
   c. Differentiating WWJD and Grace-based-obedience means do it because it is **right**, not because it **gets me something**. (Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12, John 15:7, Matthew 5:16, 6:3-4, 2 Corinthians 9:10-13)
   d. We "abide" in Christ when we **bear fruit** and by living through the **imputed righteousness** of Christ. (John 15:4-5, 1 Peter 2:21, Colossians 1:23-24)

2. **Costs of Discipleship**

   Cross Bearing,

   Principle: **Luke 9:23** *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.*
   Example: **1 Corinthians 15:30-31** (30) *And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? (31) I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*
   Application:

   a. As disciples of Jesus Christ
      i. we accept **persecution** (Galatians 2:20, 2 Tim 3:12, Genesis 50:20),
      ii. we are **selfless** (Luke 9:23, 1 Corinthians 15:31, 9:3-6, Hebrews 11:24-26)
      iii. we **serve** others. (Galatians 6:2) [Three principles to help. 1. Life is not about me, 2) Lord what are you trying to teach me. 3) What has happened in this person's life to cause them to behave this way toward me. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5]
   b. Move past ***pain***, and Love the ***unlovely***.
   c. Embrace Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through…

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Overcoming Temptation.

Principle: **1 Corinthians 10:13** *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Example: **Matthew 4:7** *Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

Application:

a. The best method to successfully handle temptation is to **flee** the situation. (1 Timothy 6:11)
b. Our best weapons against temptation are:
    i. **Scripture** as a weapon for control of the mind (Hebrew 4:12, Psalms 119:9-11),
    ii. **Prayer** in times of weakness (Matthew 6:13, 26:41),
    iii. Continuously walk in dependence and yielding to the **Holy Spirit** (Galatians 5:16), and
    iv. An **Accountability** partner (Romans 14:12, Hebrews 13:17, Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:19-20).

3. The Obligations of Discipleship

Principle: **1 Corinthians 11:1** *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.* [1 Corinthians 9:24-27]

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

Example: **Philippians 2:8** *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Application:

a. We are called to follow **Christ's example**. (1 Peter 2:21)
b. Humility needs to be **genuine** and not **false**, so accept praise without secret thoughts of superiority. (Romans 12:3, Colossians 2:18)
c. We are to **submit** to God and to one another with a heart of **humility** (1 Peter 5:5-6, James 4:7).
d. **Patience** often requires us to wait on God, (2 Peter 3:9, Romans 5:3, James 1:3) Repentance is a change of direction – Peter, I will not deny you Lord, and denied Him three times.
e. Biblical **giving** should be done **cheerfully** with no expectation of **reward**. (2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 6:38)

If you don't have these things, how can God use you?

4. The Obstacles to Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity

Principle: **1 Corinthians 3:1-3** *(1) And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. (2) I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. (3) For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (See also Romans 12:3)*

1 John 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Example: **Hebrews 5:11-14** *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. (12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

Application:

a. A Spiritually Immature disciple requires the baby's "**milk**" of parables, patience, and forgiveness as they are not ready for the "**meat**" of Christ-like obedience, sacrifice, selflessness, and giving. (1 John 2:13-15) [Seek to understand more than the words on the page, but see the face of God, become one with His Spirit]
b. Comparing spiritual thinking to normal thinking is like comparing **heart** knowledge to **head** knowledge. (Matthew 15:7-9, Psalm 110:10) Knowing vs. Belief/Faith – You must spend quality and quantity time with God!
c. A Spiritually Mature disciple must not just ask WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) but being **motivated** by the same things that motivated our LORD. (John 3:16-17, 1 John 2:13-15) [Why did Jesus do what he did?]
d. Be not lovers of the **world**, nor its **riches** or **cares**. (James 4:4, Matthew 13:22, 1 Timothy 6:9-10)

5. Your Machinery of Holiness – The Body

Principle: **Romans 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Example: **1 Corinthians 9:27** *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

Application:

a. God's purpose for the body is to **glorify** Him. (1 Corinthians 6:20)
b. God's purpose for the body is to **serve** Him and others (Galatians 5:13)
c. Our bodies are God's **Temple** (1 Corinthians 6:19) Remember, Christ sees with our **eyes**, and hears with our **ears**, touches with…. Be Holy as He is Holy.
d. A disciple is a "triune" being, containing a **Body**, a **Soul**, and a **Spirit**. (1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
e. The Gospel of Jesus Christ **saves** our **soul** and we receive the indwelling of the **Holy Spirit**, so the **Spirit** saves the **soul**. (James 5:20, Ephesians 1:13)
f. **Judgment** is coming. Our obedience/discipline is fruit proving we will realize God's **provision**. (2 Peter 1:3-11)

6. Spiritual Training – God's Gym

Principle: **James 1:23-25** *For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (25) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

Example: **Philippians 2:1-10** *If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, (2) Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (3) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (4) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (9) Wherefore God*

also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Application:

a. The most important phrase in Revelation 3:20 is, "**open the door** as it represents taking action? (Luke 11:9, Colossians 3:23-24, Galatians 3:27, Luke 12:36)
b. A big part of spiritual discipline is being in the **Word daily**. (Acts 17:11, Psalms 119:11)
c. The power in **Prayer** is highly under-rated and perhaps the easiest way to improve spiritual **discipline**. (Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 7:7, Philippians 4:6, Isaiah 55:6)
d. To supercharge prayer a disciple should pray **Scripture**. (Matthew 4:10, Ephesians 6:18)
e. **Thinking** proper **thoughts** is how we develop spiritual discipline through Meditation. (Philippians 4:8, Psalms 119:15)
f. To reach the goal of Godly/Christ-like behavior, we must receive God's **Grace**, speak Truth, and put forth Effort (John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.)
g. Physical exercise profits us **little** but spiritual exercise had **eternal** benefits (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

7. Christian Virtues (Desirable Attributes – Spiritual Growth)

Principle: **Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Example: Beatitudes **Matthew 5:3-11** *Blessed are the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4) Blessed are they that **mourn**: for they shall be comforted. (5) Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall inherit the earth. (6) Blessed are they which do **hunger** and **thirst** after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (7) Blessed are the **merciful**: for they shall obtain mercy. (8) Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall see God. (9) Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God. (10) Blessed are they which are **persecuted** for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) Blessed are ye, when men shall **revile you**, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

Think on the above section of the Sermon on the Mount as each verse being a bigger step in Spiritual growth:

- ✓ 3) assurance
- ✓ 4) morn the old life and follow God anyway
- ✓ 5) power & humility – confidence
- ✓ 6) see the truth at all costs
- ✓ 7) forgiveness – don't give others control of your emotional well being
- ✓ 8) control of the mind 2 Corinthians 10:5
- ✓ 9) Be the voice of Christ to the lost
- ✓ 10) Kingdom Mentality – my life is but a spec compare to eternity with Christ in Heaven
- ✓ 11) Completely Spiritually Mature!

Application:

a. You become what you **think** about. (Prov 23:7a)
b. The Beatitudes are sometime described as the stepping stones to spiritual maturity for the believer. To have a latter attribute one should have the **earlier** attributes.
c. The Beatitudes may be used as a gage of our level of Spiritual **Maturity**.

8. The Spiritual Journey

Principle: **Philippians 1:6** *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Example: **Philippians 3:12-15** *(12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (15) Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Application:

a. What "types" of Men did Jesus call? _____

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   (Mark 1:16-17, Matthew 9:9, 22:14 – many types)

b. None are **worthy** to receive Christ; that is why it's called **grace**. (Matthew 8:8, Luke 5:8, John 1:27, Acts 13:25)
c. To be a disciple of Christ your **commitment** must be complete. (Luke 14:33, John 21:15-17)
d. What transformation can be expected? (Romans 12:2, Titus 3:5)

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e. Peter is a great example of someone who grew through **failure** on to spiritual **maturity** and to be a great leader.

   (Luke 22:61, Mat 16:21-23, Mark 14:37-38, Galatians 2:11-14, Acts 2:14-17, 3:12-13)

9. New Testament Model of Discipleship

Principle: **Matthew 23:11** *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And 1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

Example: **Matthew 13:10-11** *And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? (11) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*

Application:

a. Jesus taught the **Masses** but selected a few **Disciples**. (Matt 5:1-2 – Sermon on the Mount)
b. Jesus' teaching to the **Apostles** was different; why? He engage in Dialog, Questions, and Debate. (Matthew 13:13, 16-17)
c. How is Discipleship described in the Epistles? …a pupil, apprentice, adherent. Most prevalent in the NT are those called disciples who identified themselves as **followers** or **learners** of Christ (John 8:31, Matthew 10:1, 11:1, 20:17)
d. Above all else a Disciple follows **Christ**. (2 Corinthians 10:5, Acts 11:26) and are imitators (1 Corinthians 4:16, 11:1)

10. The Importance of Local Church – Introduction

- Church Mission
- Evangelize – Matthew 28:18-20,
- Each do a part to edify the body – Ephesians 4:11-16

Principle: **Hebrews 10:23-25** *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) (24) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Example: **Acts 2:42** *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Application: Mission of the Church

a. We are to be strong in **faith** and **brotherly** love. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
b. We are **sent** – It is the mission of the church to **send** out its members to **evangelize** the lost. (John 20:21, Acts 13:1-4, 15:22,25)
c. What two things does Paul describe that curtail ministry in the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

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d. What are God's expectation regarding our attitude about the church? (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, 2 Corinthians 6:17)

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e. What does it mean to edify one another? (Romans 14:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

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Characteristics of a Disciple Maker



Introduction… The Learner as Teacher - Making Disciples

Principle: **2 Corinthians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:*

Example: **Acts 18:24** *And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus… (26) And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

Application:

a. The biggest help in our Christian walk may "come from people who **aren't** considered competent to give it."
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXUYguMXnog
b. Mentors have a **significantly positive** influence on disciple making.
c. God does not expect us to produce a result but to be **obedient** – He will create the result or not.
d. Transparency (i.e., what you see, is what you get; no pretence) of the teacher is required to be a **success**.
e. Making disciples is a matter of investing **time**, **energy** and even **finances** in the church's human capital.
f. Learning and / or teaching at **home** is of paramount importance in making disciples.
g. The church of Antioch sent its most **skilled** members to make disciples elsewhere. Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Mark.
h. In the final analysis, discipleship is a "**people**" thing. Through it, God used **ordinary** people to do the **extraordinary** work of transforming lives.

What do you think is the single most important trait of a Disciple of Jesus Christ? Let's look at some important ones.

The key to being an effective Disciple-maker is having the following traits.

1. **A Transparent Life –**
Principle: **2 Corinthians 4:2** *But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

Example: **2 Timothy 3:10-11** *But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, (11) Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.*

Application:

a. Our behavior **outside** the church should be the same as **inside** the church? (1 Corinthians 10:21, 15:58, Philippians 1:27)
b. We monitor ourselves regarding transparency by Prayer, being in the **Word**, seeking the **Holy Spirit**, and having an **accountability** partner. (John 14:26, Revelation 2:11)

2. **A Willingness to Say What is Most Needed –**

Principle: **Acts 20:20-21** *And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, (21) Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks,*

repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. … **Acts 20:27** *For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*

Example: **Acts 18:24-28** *And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. (25) This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. (26) And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. (27) And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: (28) For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.*

Application:

a. What does it mean to hate the sin and love the sinner? We are to encourage all men to **repent** and **restore** them.
   (Matthew 9:13, Galatians 6:1)
b. Is there a time when honesty is a bad thing? Directness? **No**, but, In everything we must speak in **love** and not **judge**. (Matthew 7:1-5, John 8:32, Roman 14:12-13)

3. A Significant Investment of Time –
Principle: **Ecclesiastes 3:1** *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

Example: **Acts 20:31** *Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

Application: **Acts 11:25-26** *Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: (26) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

a. How much time do you need to invest? When is it enough? Just remember your **life** was paid for on the cross and we **serve** God. (1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:23)
b. However, you must be a good **steward** of your time. How? (Ephesians 5:14-17, Ecclesiastes 3:1-17)

4. A Genuine Affection for Those being Discipled
(One Discipled = saved, taught, trained, sent!)

Principle: **1 Thessalonians 2:7-8** *(7) But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: (8) So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.*

Example: **2 Corinthians 6:11-13** *(11) O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. (12) Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. (13) Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.*, **2 Corinthians 7:2-3** *(2) Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. (3) I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.*

Application:

a. To maintain the affections for those we serve, always remember why you are doing ministry; **unconditional** love. (Galatians 6:10, Romans 15:1-2)
b. Also, we must **remember** whom we are ultimately doing all this for; i.e., whom we **serve**. (Joshua 24:15)
c. How do you love those who make you **angry**?
   (Romans 12:20, Luke 6:27-32)

5. **An Attitude of Accountability –**

   Principle: **Hebrews 13:17** *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

   Example: **Luke 16:1-2** *And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. (2) And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.*

   Application:

   a. After Prayer, being in the **Word**, and seeking the **Holy Spirit**, it is a good idea for a mature Disciple to have an **accountability** partner. (John 14:26, Revelation 2:11)
   b. A powerful deterrent to **sin** is a mature commitment to confess, face to face, to another mature believer and answer their **tough** questions honestly and completely. (James 5:16)
   c. We should **encourage** one another as **team** mates and not a **coach** to blow the whistle at every foul. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
   d. **Pray** for and **respect** the ones who watch over you and keep you on the straight and narrow. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-17)

The bottom line is we are to be an example of a Christ-like life to those we disciple.

Tools of the Disciple Maker (Know-How)



1. **A Commitment to the Word**
   Principle: **Deuteronomy 11:18** *Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.*

   In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses stressed the importance of having the Word of God in one's heart and soul. Likewise then, as followers of Christ it is important that disciples **memorize** the scriptures.

   What do the following verses say about our commitment to memorizing scripture?

   a. **Psalms 119:16, 93** – Memorizing the Word for the Psalmist was not a chore but a **delight**!
   b. **1 Corinthians 15:1-2** – Once the Word has been received, it then is to be kept in our **memory.**
   c. **Colossians 3:16** – The Word should "dwell" or be a **permanent** resident in our hearts.

   Example: ***Mark 4:19*** *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.*

   Memorizing scripture can be difficult; what three things does Jesus say will "choke" the Word and make it unfruitful in the disciple's life?

   a. A disciple's priorities can get mixed up by being involved with the **cares** of this world.
   b. A disciple can be deceived by being **motivated** by riches.
   c. A disciple can develop a hunger for other **things**.

   Application: ***2 Timothy 3:16*** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

   The apostle Paul states that all the scriptures were given to us by God; however, in order for the scriptures to work in one's life, it requires the disciple's **obedience.**

   What do the following verses say about our commitment to obeying scripture?

   a. **Psalm 119:67** – The psalmist had lived his life in two phases, the first part of his life he had gone astray; the second part of his life he **obeyed** the scriptures.
   b. **Romans 6:17** – Paul told the disciples in Rome that they too were once disobedient. Where did he say that the disciple's obedience must come from? **The heart.**

c. **Psalm 119:59** – After careful thinking the psalmist realized that he could no longer live his life according to his own ways. What did he begin to do? **He patterned his life after the Scriptures.**

Hebrews 12:1 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

According to the writer of Hebrews, what is it that so easily slows down the disciple from being obedient to the scriptures? **The weight of sin that has not yet been removed from the disciple's life.**

2. A Commitment to Prayer

Principle: ***John 15:7-8*** *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

Everyone has the desire to be heard by God; according to Jesus what two things are necessary for a disciple to ask for anything they desire?

a. The disciple must **abide** in Christ.
b. Christ's words must **abide** in the disciple.

What do you think it means to "abide" in these verses?

Abide means to "to remain" or to "stay in place."

What do these verses say the goal of prayer should be?

a. **Glorify the Father.**
b. **Bear much fruit.**

Example: ***Hebrews 11:6*** *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.*

Application: Our commitment to prayer cannot be without faith.

a. Faith is confidence in the trustworthiness of **God**. It is the conviction that what **God** says is true and that what **He** promises will come to pass. (Titus 1:2)
b. If the disciple is to "expect" to receive rewards from God through prayer; what does God "expect" him/her to do? **Be diligent!** 2 Peter 3:14
    c. The power in **Prayer** is highly under-rated and perhaps the easiest way to improve spiritual **discipline**. (Heb 4:12, Mat 7:7, Php 4:6, Isa 55:6)
    d. Jesus gave us the heart for prayer in Mat 6:6-8 and 1Th 5:16-23. Pray in **private** without **vanity** and without **ceasing**.
    e. Jesus gives us the model Prayer in Mat 6:9-13 and Luk 11:2-4. This suggests our prayers should focus on: Praying to the **Father**, reverence to the **Father** and His **Will**, remember the petitions; "**give** us..." (material needs), "**forgive** us..." (merciful needs), "**lead** us..." (Spiritual Guidance needs), and "**deliver** us..." (Protect us from Satan).
    f. Remember these suggested attributes to apply to your Prayer life: Our prayers should...
        1) be God centered. Seek to Love God with all we are and be in His Will. Mat 22:37
        2) be mostly petitionary. God want us to seek Him out to intercede, bless, forgive. Rom 8:34, Mat 5:3-12, Mat 6:14
        3) demonstrate our love of self... material, spiritual, moral, and relational needs. Rom 8:26
        4) demonstrate our love of family... hense the pronouns, we, us, our, etc.
        5) demonstrate our love of all others...forgive, accept, love the unlovely; even non-believers. Rom 12:10, 1Th 4:9
        6) demonstrate our love of good and hate of evil... God hates evil. Indifference is unacceptable Rev 3:15-17.

7) be primarily concerned with spiritual matters. Mat 6:20-21
8) acknowledge Satan is real and seeks to harm you. 1Pe 5:8, 1Jn 5:19, remember 1Jn 4:4.

g. Pray in Gods **Will** 2Co 10:5; and the best way to do that is to pray **Scripture**. Jas 4:3, Mat 7:21, Mat 26:39, Joh 5:30. Look up "it is written": Mat 4:4-10 -> Deu 8:3, Mat 11:10 -> Mal 3:1, Joh 8:17 -> Deu 17:6, Rom 1:17 -> Hab 2:4, Rom 4:17 -> Gen 17:4-5, 1Co 9:9 -> Deu 25:4 <- 1Ti 5:18.

h. Praying Scripture is a weapon of offence against **Satan**. Scripture tells us the **Word** is a **Sword**. Heb 4:12, Eph 6:17

"You can do more than pray after you pray; but you can't do more than pray until you pray." - John Bunyan

D.A. Carson says - "Pray until you pray." D. A. Carson also says "pray long enough and honestly enough, at a single session, to get past the feeling of formalism and unreality." 1Th 5:17

3. A Commitment to Serve

Principle: ***Romans 12:1*** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

a. What is it that Paul says the disciple should commit to the service of God? **His/Her body, one's entire life.**
b. What is it that God has provided in order for Paul to consider it our "reasonable" service? **His mercies.**
c. Someone once said; "It is our reasonable service in this sense: if the Son of God has **died** for me, then the least I can do is **live** for Him."

Example: ***John 13:14-15*** *If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.*

a. Where do we get our greatest example of serving? **Our Lord and Master, Jesus.**
b. Who is it that we are to serve? **One another.**

Application: ***Ephesians 6:7-8*** *With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

a. Serving others can be challenging; how does Paul say we are to serve others even when we don't feel like it? **With good will, cheerfully and willingly.**
b. Paul says that we are not to think of it as serving men, but as if we are serving the **Lord.**
c. Where will the disciple's reward come from if he serves with the right attitude? **The Lord.**

4. A Commitment to be an Example

Principle: **Hebrews 13:7** Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Example: **2 Thessalonians 3:7-9** For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; (8) Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: (9) Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

Application:

*a. Be ye followers of **me**, even as I also am of **Christ**. (1 Corinthians 11:1)*
*b. 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**. (1 Timothy 4:12)*

5. A Commitment to Others – Time and Priority

The Greatest Ability is Availability!

Principle: ***2 Timothy 2:1-2*** *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) 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*.

Time Example: – ***Mark 1:32*** *And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.*

a. Mark tells us that even after a long day Jesus still had **time** for others in the evening.
b. As disciple-makers, we must ask ourselves the following question; "am I always investing in **others** despite my busyness?"

Priority Example: – ***John 17:4*** *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*

Although there were many more people that needed the healing, forgiveness and salvation of the Lord, Jesus makes this statement; "…I have finished the work…"

What two "qualifiers" does Jesus use to ensure His work would be completed?

a. His work always **glorified** the Father.
b. His work always **came** from the Father.

Application: ***Mark 1:35*** *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*

What discipline can we put in practice to ensure that our priorities are correct and help us "finish the work?" **Start early before the busyness of the day begins and pray asking Him how we may glorify Him and what He would have us do.**

6. *A Commitment to Multiply* – Spiritual Multiplication –
Duplicate yourself and help others do the same.

Principle: ***2 Timothy 2:1-2*** *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) 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.*

Paul had committed himself to helping Timothy grow spiritually; what then did Paul expect of Timothy? **To be committed to helping others grow spiritually.**

Example: ***1 Corinthians 4:17*** *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*

Application: **Investment** – ***2 Timothy 2:2*** *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.*

With many needing spiritual growth, Paul needed to carefully pick those in which he would invest his time into. The acronym below can help us remember that we should invest in F.A.T. people, who are they?

a. F. **aithful**.
b. A. **vailable**.
c. T. **eachable**.

7. A Commitment to Finish- Perseverance
How to handle discouragement

Principle: ***Colossians 4:14*** *Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you…* ***Philemon 1:24*** *Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow labourers…* ***2 Timothy 4:10*** *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.*

The scriptures above contain a list of just some of the men that Paul invested his time into. Despite all Paul's efforts what did Demas choose to do? **He left Paul and his teachings and traded them in for the things of the world. Remember:**

Romans 8:36-39 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Example: ***2Timothy 4:17-18*** *Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. (18)And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

At the end of Paul's ministry there were very few left by his side. What kept Paul committed to finishing well?

a. God **stood** with him
b. God **strengthened** him
c. God gave him his **purpose**, (to preach the gospel)
d. God **delivered** him from evil works
e. God will **preserve** him in His kingdom
f. One of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament at one point had this to say: **1 Kings 19:4** *But he [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.*

Application: ***2 Timothy 4:7*** *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

a. If Paul experienced **discouragement** in ministering to others; then we too can expect to experience **discouragement**.
b. Like Paul, disciple-makers must be committed to **finish** well!

[Philippians 4:13, Do a search on the phrase "fear not." Deuteronomy 31:6 , 31:8, 20:3-4, Joshua 10:25, 1Chronicles 28:20, Hebrews 13:6]

Making "Disciple Makers" in the Real World.



What are the key actions or activities that a Disciple Maker must perform?

1. **Get Going** - "Go Out" vs. "Come In"

   Principle: ***Matthew 28:19-20*** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

   This scripture is often called the "great commission" and is mostly used to stress the importance of evangelism. However the word "teach" appears two times in these scriptures, allowing us to use them in the context of disciple-making as well.

   a. What is the very first principle in Jesus' command? **Go out and teach disciples!**
   b. All too often, what do we expect of disciples? **Come on in and we'll teach you.**

   Example: ***Acts 18:9-10*** *Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: (10) For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.*

   a. What probably is the greatest reason that we do not go out? **We are afraid.**
   b. What encouragement does Jesus give in each of these scriptures? **I am with thee.**

   Application: ***Acts 4:31*** *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

   Before going out to disciple, one must first **pray** that he/she may be **filled** with the Holy Ghost so he/she may **speak** the word of God with boldness.

2. **Get One** – The "One Man" or "One Woman"

Principle: ***Luke 9:23*** *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.*

Example: ***John 1:43-45*** *The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. (44) Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. (45) Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

Application: Scan services, Bible Studies, small groups, etc. for the one that is hungry, dedicated, humble, and willing to pay the price, to select as your next "one man," or "one woman."

a. Jesus **found** Philip and said "…follow me".
b. Philip then **finds** Nathanael and says, "…we have found him…"
c. If Jesus has **found** you and asked you to follow Him; how important is it that you **find** one to let them know you have **found** Him?
d. Suggestion: Look up on the internet and listen to the sermon, "Born to Reproduce" by Dawson Trottman founder of the Navigators.

3. **Get Rolling – Using the "Wheel"**

Principle: ***Luke 2:52*** *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

Example: ***2 Timothy 4:11b*** *Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

The simple but effective illustration shown below has been used by The Navigators™ for more than fifty years. It helps Christians understand what they are called to do as Disciples of Christ. Each part of this illustration represents a crucially important component of a vital Christian life.



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Application: Use this illustration to gain understanding about important spiritual disciplines in your own life. What areas encourage you? What areas challenge you? Write down your thoughts about each aspect of the wheel.

The Volitional Dimension – How I relate to **Myself**.



a. The Hub – **Christ** is the Center (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20)

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b. The Rim – Obedience to **Christ** (Romans 12:1; John 14:21)

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The Vertical Dimension – How I relate to **God**.



c. The Prayer "Spoke" (John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7)

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d. The Word "Spoke" (2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8) [Heb_10:15-16 Gods Words are the raw materials for the Holy Spirit to work with. Rom_10:17])

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The Horizontal Dimension – How I relate to **Others**.



e. The Fellowship "Spoke" (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25)

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f. The Witnessing "Spoke" (Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16)

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4. Get Real

Principle: Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Example: Exodus 4:10 *And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*

The potential for a disciple to be a disciple-maker is great; however, this potential often lays dormant for many reasons. Two of these reasons are fear and failure. Let us consider a few who could have been failures, if they had submitted to their fears.

- Einstein couldn't speak until he was 4 years old and didn't read until he was 7.
- Beethoven's music teacher said of him, "As a composer he's hopeless."
- Thomas Edison's teacher said he was unable to learn.
- Walt Disney was once fired by a newspaper editor because he was thought to be without ideas.
- Peter denied Christ.
- Paul persecuted Christians and attended the stoning of Stephen.
- The disciples of Jesus were without impressive credentials, being called ignorant and unlearned, but their peers found it impossible to ignore them. It was their dedication, courage and faith that made them disciple-makers and ultimately enabled them to "turn the world upside down!"

(Acts 17:6) And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Application: Go to your favorite Bible software and look up all the occurrences of the phrase "fear not," read them, think about them, pray about them, and ask yourself what might be keeping you from being an effective "Disciple Maker." 1Corinthians 1:24-30, be a willing tool.

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