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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **“Go make disciples”**

Matthew 28:18

This last recorded command of our Lord is still ringing in our ears from across the centuries. Christians have responded with a variety of interpretations. In our generation discipleship is getting a fresh look and is becoming more defined. My own definition of “discipleship” has been constantly refined and will no doubt continue to be. So, this study is by no means an attempt to cover the subject, but to explore it. Neither is this study an attempt to promote one man’s view of “discipleship.” Because the commitment involved is total, deception or synthetic approaches can be disastrous. Any application of the following principles should be done only after serious prayer. Christian discipleship can only function under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CLASS**

### **1. CONSISTENT GROUP ATTENDANCE:**

The over all success of this study depends upon how well you learn each week's lesson.

### **2. NOTE TAKING:**

Everyone will be required to bring a Bible and a pencil for the purpose of taking notes so that you can go over what has been taught.

### **3. SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:**

Each week you will be required to memorize a key scripture. Failure not to do so may result in your expulsion from the group.

### **4. CLASS PARTICIPATION:**

Everyone will be required to participate in group discussions and projects. Only questions or statements pertaining to subject matter are permitted.

### **5. WILLINGNESS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE:**

This includes allowing others to speak the truth to you in love for the purpose of growing up in Christ.

# MAKING DISCIPLES

I. **Proverbs 29:19** - *“For a servant, mere words are not enough--discipline is needed. For the words may be understood, but they are not heeded.”* (NLT)

A. Discipline = *“to instruct, to cultivate and or to train.”*

1. **1 Timothy 4:7** - train yourself to be godly. (NIV) - exercise yourself (NKJ)

- **Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit.** (TLB)
- Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! (The Message)

2. **The Greek word that is translated discipline, exercise, or train is the word “gumnazo.”**

- a. It’s the word that we can our english word “gymnasium.”
- b. It means to exercise vigorously.**

3. God wants to put us into a Gym to train us to be Godly.

**B. The church in America has mainly produced believers and not disciples.**

1. We've had good teaching but very little training.

**a. Training is discipleship.**

b. It is where people are trained to walk in what they know.

**c. Teaching imparts the desire to right. Training or discipleship imparts the ability to do right.**

C. **Philippians 2:12-13** - Continue to work out --- the Lord has worked in you both the will (desire) and the do (potential) to become and do all that He wants you to.

**1. Physical growth and Spiritual growth are similar in many ways.**

a. Physical growth is the process of discovering what was given to you at birth and then learning how to use it.

**b. In the same way Spiritual growth is also discovering what was given to you at birth and learning how to use it.**

c. In Physical growth you need someone to parent you. n spiritual growth you need disciplers

**2. Desire is given, potential has to be developed.**

a. Examples of diving and preaching.

**b. You have been given the desire and the potential to live victoriously and effectively for Christ.**

D. Matthew 28:18-20 - In order to disciple others you must first become a disciple and then seek to disciple others.

**1. John 14:6 - Jesus came and revealed the true way of life.**

a. For us to obey this command we must first be discipled in His ways and then seek to disciple others in His ways.

**b. Discipleship is a matter of one who is living in the way of the Lord showing someone else how to live in the way of the Lord.**

2. Philippians 4:9 - *“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”*

**a. We not only learn what people know, we receive what people are.**

b. Real discipleship involves not just hearing but also seeing.

**3. A disciple is one who is under the discipline of another for instruction to produce maturity.**

4. All disciples belong to the Lord but they are shaped by stewards of His ministry:

**a. 1 Corinthians 4:17 - *“For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ.”***

E. John 8:31-32 - Believing leads to discipleship, discipleship leads to maturity, maturity makes one capable of freedom.

**1. To grant undue freedom to the immature is to destroy.**

2. Galatians 4:1-2 - A small child is not free to play in the street.

**3. Acts 20:32 - Building comes before the Giving**

4. Ephesians 3:30 - To the degree you let the power work in you is the degree you release the power to work for you.

**5. Psalms 23:4 - Embracing the rod automatically releases the staff.**

II. A person becomes disciple when he makes Jesus the Lord of his life.

Acts 2:36 - Romans 14:9-10

**A. IS JESUS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE?** - Luke 6:46-47 - *“And why do you call Me, Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and acts upon them I will show him what he is like.”*

- 1. If Jesus is the Lord of your life than He wants to rule over and discipline every area of your life.**
2. Our life consists of many areas and it is our responsibility to bring these areas under his rule and discipline
3. Ex 25-27, 2 Chron 3-4, Ezek.40-42 - **The Lord is particular about where he lives.**
4. I Corinthians 6:19-20 - Thankfully the Lord consented to purchase us in our run down condition and then begin the process of remodeling.

**B. In the ensuing studies we are going to deal with eleven specific areas of your life, which will help you determine to what degree Jesus is the Lord of your life.**

1. A Disciple and His Service - In this study I will answer these questions.
  - a. What is a Servant?**
  - b. What is my motivation for service.
  - c. What is the outcome of my service.**
2. **A Disciple and His Doctrine** - In this study I will address three issues.
  - a. Our Mandate to Study.
  - b. Our Motive to Study.**
  - c. Our Method of Study.
3. **A Disciple and His Prayer Life** - In this study we will study three things.
  - a. The Purpose of Prayer.
  - b. The Privilege of Prayer.**
  - c. The Power and Peace of Prayer.
4. **A Disciple and His Desires** - In this study you will learn three things.
  - a. What you desire is determined by what you sow.
  - b. What you sow will determine what you receive.**
  - c. What you receive will determine what you become.

5. **A Disciple and His Hearing - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. Teachableness opens a disciples ear to hear.
  - b. Hearing will anoint a disciples tongue to teach.**
  - c. Teaching will empower a disciples heart to obey.
  
6. **A Disciple and His Speech - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. How to speak an appropriate word.
  - b. How to speak a powerful word.**
  - c. How to speak a timely word.
  
7. **A Disciple and His Relationships - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. How to build right relationships.
  - b. How to build accountable relationships.**
  - c. How to build powerful relationships.
  
8. **A Disciple and His Submission - In this study you will see the three directions of submission.**
  - a. Submission is an upward.
  - b. Submission is outward.**
  - c. Submission is inward.
  
9. **A Disciple and His Purity - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. Purpose produces purity.
  - b. Purity produces power.**
  - c. Power produces productivity.
  
10. **A Disciple and His Anger - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. Anger is permitted.
  - b. Anger is promoted.**
  - c. Anger is powerful.
  
11. **A Disciple and His Fruitfulness - In this study you will learn three things.**
  - a. The must of fruitfulness.
  - b. The means to fruitfulness**
  - c. The method of fruitfulness

## A DISCIPLE AND HIS SERVICE

- I. Have you noticed how much easier it is to describe the benefits of salvation than to describe the responsibilities that go with it.
  - **It's more exciting to emphasize blessings than to encourage obedience, to testify to miracles than to insist on selflessness.**
  - The mature Christian life requires a balance between blessing and obedience and between being served and serving.
  - **In this study I will answer these questions. What is a servant? What is my motivation for service? What is the outcome of my service.**

### A. What is a servant ?

- **No one can help everybody, but everybody can help someone.**
- Service can never become slavery to one who loves.
- **Forget yourself for others, and others will not forget you.**
- God measures our service, not by our ability, but by our willingness.
- **Greatness lies not in trying to be somebody but in trying to help somebody.**
- When you dig another out of his troubles, you find a place to bury your own.
- **We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.**
- We are pardoned from sin, but we are not excused from service.
- **Greatness is not measured by how many servants you have but by how many people you serve.**

### 1. Serving is the joy of giving yourself to that which will bless another.

- a. ***Galatians 5:13*, "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." NIV**
- b. Paul in ***Philippians 2:4-8*** speaks about Jesus who laid aside His rights and privileges as God's equal and became a servant.
- c. **Jesus is a pattern for us. Paul exhorts us to have His mind, His attitudes, His motives and His actions within us**

### 2. Jesus set the example by serving His Father's interest. Mark 10:45

#### a. **Most Christians have interpreted this to mean that Jesus came to serve us. John 8:29**

- 1) He served the Father. His whole life oriented around the Father's pleasure.
- 2) **He didn't serve His disciples. He taught them to serve Him.**
- 3) *"you go get the donkey, you go pay the tax, you go get the upper room ready."*

#### b. **He was training them to serve Him while He served the Father.**

### 3. Serving is orienting yourself around another individual's good; it is giving yourself to that which will bless another. Romans 15:1-2 - 1 Corinthians 10:24 & 33

## **B. What is my motive for serving?**

1. Motives and attitudes, which are very similar, could be defined as follows: Motives are why I act the way I do. Attitudes are why I react the way I do.
  - a. **Motives are those things which motivate me to action (or non-action)**
  - b. "Motive" is derived from the same word as "motor," and like motors, motives make us go.
2. **Worship is our motivation to serve. Matthew 4:8-10 - Its interesting the way Jesus replied, He gave a two-fold answer.**
  - a. Worship is designed to motivate us to serve - most of us come into worship trying to find God in order to get something from Him, but if that isn't changed into to wanting to do something for Him then we really haven't entered into real worship. Psalm 37:4
  - b. **If worship is in your lives, your service will flow naturally from it, in fact you can't divorce your service from your worship.**
  - c. Jesus knew whatever we worship we will serve. You can see what people worship by what they serve.
  - d. **You can tell when you are in His presence, because you won't want anything, instead you will want to give or do something**
    - 1) The mount of Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1-8
    - 2) **The day of Pentacost - Acts 2:37**
    - 3) Paul on the road to Damascus - Acts 9:6
    - 4) **The 24 elders and their crowns - Rev. 4:4-11**

C. What is the outcome of my Service? You will serve what you worship and you will change into the image of that which you serve

1. **Serving will change you because serving will deal a death blow to your pride. Psalm 138:6 & James 4:6**
2. Serving will decentralize self.
  - a. **A proud man won't serve unless it serves his purpose**
  - b. A humble man will serve because it will serve the purpose of God.
3. **1 Peter 5:5-6 - Serving is a way to humble yourself in order to receive the Grace that will eventually cause you to be exalted. Lets look in the Bible at some proud men and see the process the Lord used to change them:**
  - a. Jacob - Joseph - Moses - David
  - b. **Genesis 46:3 - is the way God teaches his people to be great.**

## A Disciple and His Doctrine

- I. Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines "doctrine" this way: Whatever is taught. A principle or position. Whatever is laid down as true by an instructor or master.
  - **The Greek word for doctrine is "didache" which denotes "teaching" either that which is taught or the act of teaching. Scripturally one should lead to the other.**
  - 1 Timothy 4:6 - *"In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following."* NASB
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."* NASB

### A. Our Mandate to Study

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 - *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*KJV
  - a. Study = "Spoudazo" = to make effort, be diligent, to labor or to exert oneself.
  - b. **Workman = "ergates" = a toiler or a laborer.**
  - c. Rightly Dividing = "orthotomeo" = to cut, dissect or measure correctly, it denotes great skill.
    - 1) **Orthodromy, the skill of sailing a straight course.**
    - 2) Orthoepist, one is well skilled in pronunciation.
    - 3) **Orthographer, one who spells words with great skill.**
2. 1 Timothy 4:13-16 - *"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."* NASB

### B. Our Motive to Study.

1. It will bring the favor of God
  - a. **It will keep us from sinning against God - Psalm 119:11**
  - b. It will help us to take every thought captive - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
  - c. **It will bring fruitfulness and prosperity - Psalm 1:3 & Joshua 1:8**

d. It will guard my life from temptation and deliver me from evil - Proverbs 2:10-12

**2. It will bring the faith of God.**

a. Romans 10:8 “*Word of Faith*” Verse 17 “*Faith Cometh by Hearing*”

**b. 2 Greek words for “Word Of God” Logos & Rhema**

1) Logos = Expression of Thought - Logos produces knowledge  
John 1:1 - Matthew 25:25

2) **Rhema = That which is spoken personally - Rhema’s produce faith.**  
Matthew 4:4 - John 6:68 - Ephesians 6:17

c. It’s when the written word in our mind becomes a living word in our heart.

1) **Logos will make you smarter - Rhema will make you better**

2) Logos will build an audience - Rhema will build an army

3) **Logos will make you educated - Rhema will make you effective**

d. It’s what I call hearing in faith

e. **John 10:3 - Only Sheep hear His voice not lambs.**

C. Our Method of Study.

**1. Verse by Verse**

2. Books of The Bible

**THE EPISTLE OF JAMES** - Theme: The Proofs of Faith

**Proof 1 - ENDURANCE OF TEMPTATION (1).**

Proof 2 - IMPARTIAL BENEVOLENCE (2).

**Proof 3 - CONTROL OF THE TONGUE (3).**

Proof 4 - GODLINESS IN ALL THINGS (4:1-5:6).

**Final encouragements,5:7-20.**

3. Topical

**4. Exegesis**

a. Isaiah 35:7-10

**b. Jeremiah 48:11-12**

## A Disciple and His Prayer Life

I. Prayer is the chief agency and activity whereby men align themselves with God's purpose.

### A. The Purpose of Prayer

1. Prayer does not consist in battering the walls of heaven for personal benefits or the success of our plans.

**a Rather it is the committing of ourselves for the carrying out of His purposes.**

1) It is a telephone call to headquarters for orders.

**2) It is not bending God's will to ours, but our will to God's.**

b. In prayer, we tap vast reservoirs of spiritual power whereby God can find fuller entrance into the hearts of men.

**2. We are not told that Jesus ever taught His disciples how to preach, but He taught them how to pray. He wanted them to have power with God; then He knew they would have power with man.**

a. Prayer is the God-ward reach of a man's soul.

**b. Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His willingness.**

### B. The Privilege of Prayer.

**1. He Knocks & We Pray - Revelations 3:20 - "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.*"**

a. I know of no other passage in the whole Bible which throws greater light upon prayer than this one does.

**b. It is the key which opens the door into the holy and blessed realm of His presence. To pray is to let Jesus come into your hearts.**

2. This verse teaches us, that it is not your prayer which moves the Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who moves you to pray.

**a. He knocks, whereby He makes known His desire to come in to you.**

b. Your prayers are always a result of Jesus knocking at your hearts' door.

**1) To pray, is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into your needs.**

2) It is to give Jesus permission to use His powers in the alleviation of your distress.

- 3) **To pray, is to let Jesus glorify His name in the midst of your needs.**
- 4) To pray, is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to your needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them.

**c. He who gave you the privilege of prayer knows you very well.**

- 1) He knows your frame; your weaknesses; your flaws; He remembers that you are but dust.
- 2) **He has designed prayer in such a way, that the weakest person can make use of it.**
- 3) For to pray is simply to open the door to Jesus and that requires no strength. It is only a question of your will.

**C. The Peace And Power Of Prayer.**

1. From birth, we have been learning the rules of self-reliance as we strain and struggle to achieve self-sufficiency.
2. **Through prayer God gives us His peace and Power, and that is one reason even self-sufficient people fall on their knees and pour out their hearts to God.**
  - a. He doesn't still the storms in our lives, He stills the storms in our hearts.
  - b. It's not escape from trouble, but escape from the anxiety that surrounds trouble.**
3. People are drawn to prayer because they know that God's power flows primarily to people who pray.
  - a. **The scriptures overflow with passages teaching our almighty, omnipotent God is ready, willing and able to answer the prayers of His followers.**
    - 1) God's power can change circumstances and relationships.
    - 2) **It can help us face life's daily struggles.**
    - 3) It can heal psychological and physical problems, remove marriage obstructions, and meet financial needs.
    - 4) **In fact, it can handle any kind of difficulty, dilemma or discouragement.**
  - b. This power may come in the form of:
    - 1) **Wisdom.**
    - 2) Courage greater than you could ever muster.
    - 3) **Confidence or perseverance.**
    - 4) A changed attitude.
    - 5) **A changed circumstance or even an outright miracle.**
- c. However it comes, God's prevailing power is released in the lives of people who pray.

## A Disciple and His Desires

**I What is it that you desire from God? What would you like to see happen in your relationship with God, in your ministry, in your marriage, in your family, in your employment, and in your finances?**

A. What you desire is determined by what you sow.

**1. Most of us have no problem knowing what we want. Our main struggle is in how do I achieve the things that I want.**

2. We know that there is a lot things in the scriptures that are legally ours; like the abundant life, the victorious life, and the joy filled life.

**a. The problem comes in trying to take what is legally ours and making it actually ours.**

b. The question is: How do I move from legal declaration to Living Demonstration

**3. Galatians 6:7 - Is the Answer. “Don’t be under any illusion: you can not make a fool of God! A man’s harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows.” JBP**

a. The laws of sowing and reaping are just as applicable to the Christian life as they are to agriculture. The laws are:

**1) Seeds determine the fruit - you can’t sow one thing and reap another.**

2) There is always a waiting period between when we sow and when we reap.

**3) You always reap more that what you sow.**

4) Yesterdays sowing is irreversible, today’s and tomorrow’s are not.

**b. The Lord has established a law in the universe that won’t allow you to receive something different than what you give.**

B. What you receive is determined by what you sowed.

**1. When you look back over your life, was what you wanted ever undermined by how you were or what you did?**

a. You need to understand that what you want is always seeded by what you are and what you do.

- b. The behavior we choose, the actions we take and the words that we speak will be the seeds that will begin to produce crops for the next several years.

**2. Your behavior and actions is the seed bag of your life.**

- a. What you sow will ultimately determine the harvest that you get.

**b. You can't want one thing and sow another.**

C. What you receive determines what you become.

**1. Sowing and reaping refers to all of your behavior.**

*"You shall be treated as you have treated others. Your deeds will recoil upon your own head."* Obadiah 1:15 (All behavior is a boomerang)

***"However you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law"*** Matt 7:12

2. All of your behavior will return:

- a. **Deception will return - 2 Timothy 3:13.**
- b. Judgement will return - Matthew 7:1-3.
- c. **Unforgiveness will return - Matthew 6:9.**
- d. Mercy will return - Matthew 5:7.
- e. **Blessing will return - Luke 6:31-38.**

3. When people come to me and there are in trouble in the finances, family, employment, marriage, etc.

- a. **If I can get them to see that they have what they have because they sowed for it.**
- b. If bad seed got you into a bad place, then good seeds will get you into a good place.
  - (1) **New seeds = New crops**
  - (2) If you want a better harvest then sow better seeds.

**4. There are 3 reasons why people find it hard to sow good seed.**

- a. Lack of seed - 2 Corinthians 9:10
- b. **Lack of instant results - Galatians 6:9**
- c. Lack of favorable conditions - Ecclesiastes 11:4

## A Disciple And His Hearing

- I. Christian meditation, very simply, is the ability to hear God's voice and obey his word. The end result of all hearing is obedience. We do not hear to know but to do.

**“True meditation is not a psychological trick but a theological grace.” Thomas Merton**

A. Teachableness and obedience opens a disciples ear to hear.

**1. Teachableness must lead to obedience. God's purpose is not theory but practice.**

- a. John 10:4 - *“His sheep follow him because they know his voice.”* NIV
- b. **The old priest Eli knew how to listen to God and helped the young boy Samuel to listen. Elijah spent many a day and night in the wilderness learning to discern the still small voice. Isaiah saw the Lord “high and lifted up” and heard His voice.**
- c.. God spoke to these not because they had special abilities, but because they were willing to listen and obey. Psalm 119:18 - Luke 24:25 - Acts 16:14 - John 7:17.
- d. Isaiah 50:4-5 - *“Every morning he makes me eager to hear what he is going to teach me. The LORD has given me understanding, and I have not rebelled or turned away from him.”* TEV

2. Just as obedience opens or awakens an ear to hear, rebellion closes or dulls our ability to hear.

- a. Ezekiel 12:2 - *“Son of man, you're living with a bunch of rebellious people. They have eyes but don't see a thing, they have ears but don't hear a thing. They're rebels all.”* The Message
- b. John 8:43-44 - *“Why can't you understand what I am saying? It is because you are prevented from doing so! For you are the children of your father the devil and you love to do the evil things he does.”* TLB

**B. Hearing will anoint a disciples tongue to teach - Isaiah 50:4**

1. The anointing causes the written word to become a living word, it causes the word of fact to become a word of faith.

**2. 2 Greek words for “Word Of God” Logos & Rhema**

- a. Logos = Expression of Thought - Logos produces knowledge

- 1) John 1:1
  - 2) Matthew 25:25 (My words will not pass)
- b. Rhema = That which is spoken personally - Rhema's produce faith.
- 1) Matthew 4:4 (man does not live)
  - 2) John 6:68 (words of life)
  - 3) Ephesians 6:17 - **this is not referring to the whole bible, but to the Individual scriptures that God has quickened to our hearts in a time of need.**
3. Just as there two Greek words in the NT for the “word of God,” there are two Hebrew words in the OT for the “word of God.” Like “logos” the Hebrew word “imrah imparts the knowledge of God. Like “rhema” the Hebrew word “dabar” imparts the faith of God.
- a. **In the Isaiah 50:4, the word that will sustain those who are weary is a “dabar.”**
  - b. When you obey the Logos, you release the Rhema. When you obey the general word, you begin to hear the personal word.

### C. Teaching will empower others to obey.

1. Philippians 4:9 - *“Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions.”* TEV
  - a. **People that you teach will learn what you know and will receive what you are**
  - b. You can know intellectually about submission, but if you are personally rebellious, then people will walk out of your teaching knowing they should submit but feeling more rebellious than ever before.
  - c. **It is for this reason that James 3:1 encourages people not to become teachers.**
2. Words impart both the knowledge to know and the power to do.
  - a. Proverbs 18:21 - *“Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or power — you choose.* The Message
  - b. James 3:5 - *“A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything — or destroy it!”*
  - b. **Words of knowledge without evidence of action are like clouds without rain and like a ferocious roar from a lion with no teeth.**