

# MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AS A LAYMAN

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.”**

## I. THE GOAL OF DISCIPLEMAKING

In Disciplemaking you must know where you are going and how you are going to get there in order to take someone else there.

### A. Minimum Qualifications of A Scriptural Disciple of Christ

1. A Disciple has experienced a spiritual rebirth.  
Jn. 3:3 Verily, Verily, I say unto thee except a man be born again he **cannot see the Kingdom of God.**
  2. A Disciple has acknowledged Jesus ownership over all the relationships of his life and A Disciple loves the Lord more than his own life.  
Lk.14:26 RSV “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes and even his own life **he cannot be My disciple.**”
  3. A Disciple puts his own selfish desires away and openly identifies himself with Jesus Christ  
Lk.14:27 RSV “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me **cannot be My disciple.**”
  4. A Disciple has turned over to Jesus in his heart all that he owns, all of his hopes, plans, and dreams to Jesus and has decided to keep only the ones that the Lord wants him to keep  
Lk.14:33 KJV “So, likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath **cannot be My disciple.**”
  5. A disciple saturates his life with God’s Word and applies it.  
John 8:31 “Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in Him, ‘If you **continue in My word** you are **truly my disciples.**”  
God never gave the Bible just to increase our knowledge but to change our lives. **Hearing, Reading, Studying, Memorizing, Meditating** (Thinking about what it means and how to obey it)
- I Tim 4:15 **“Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them to that your progress may be evident to all.”**
6. A Disciple loves other Christians with a selfless concern for them that freely accepts them and seeks their highest good.  
John 13:34,35 “A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another; as I have loved you that ye love one another. By this shall all men know that **ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**”
  7. A Disciple is very fruitful spiritually because he lives his life in Christ by walking filled with God’s Spirit.

John 15:8 "By this is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit and so **prove to be my disciples.**

a. Fruit of the Holy Spirit Gal.5:22,23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

b. Fruit of People that we Evangelize John 4:36-38 "He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps'. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

8. A Disciple is involved in the Great Commission of making other disciples, and is baptized, and is in process of learning to obey all that Jesus commanded in His Word.

Mt. 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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."

a. A Disciple is a believer in Christ who has **been baptized.** v.19

b. A Disciple is **involved in the Great Commission** through evangelism and discipling. v.19

c. A Disciple is **learning and applying all that Jesus taught.** v.19

#### Further Emphases Under All That Jesus Taught

**(1) A Disciple is a Person of Prayer Luke 18:1**

(2) A disciple is a **follower** He is **available** to follow Christ and be a fisher of men. Matt.4:19,20

**(3) A disciple is a teachable, learner of Christ who is willing to learn from his discipler. Mt.10:24,25**

(4) A disciple is **growing in faithfulness to do what he commits himself to do.** Lk.16:10

## **II. OUR COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLEMAKING AS A LAYMAN**

### **A. AVAILABILITY IN OUR OWN LIVES**

1. A commitment to be willing to do either vocational or secular work.

### **B. FINDING THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO DISCIPLE**

1. Discipling Others Begins With Prayer

Luke 10:2 The Laborers Prayer

"Lord, you are the Lord of the Harvest. It is Your harvest and You said the laborers are few. Lord I am a laborer. Lead me to the one person you want me to disciple and I will do my best in Your strength to disciple him. God give me a faithful one."

### **C. OUR TOOLS FOR DISCIPLEMAKING**

1. We have the Holy Bible
2. We have Prayer
3. We have Our Own Example

## **III. KEYS TO MAKING DISCIPLES AS A LAYMAN**

**A. LEARN THE VALUE OF YOUR WORK IN GOD'SIGHT**

2nd Thessalonians 3:8,9 "We did not eat anyone's bread without paying but with toil and labor we worked night and day that we might not burden any of you. It was not because we have not that right but to give you an example to imitate."

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**B. LIKEMINDED FELLOWSHIP**

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**C. FOCUS NOW ON PRIORITIES, GOALS AND USE OF TIME**

(Discipleship Tape Library, Tape 1273A)

**D. PRACTICE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND KEEP YOUR LIFE FREE FROM UNSCRIPTURAL DEBT (Tape 1267A)****E. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (Tapes 747A, 8015A)****F. BE ACCOUNTABLE TO OTHERS FOR YOUR WALK AND YOUR MINISTRY.**

(Tape 8021A)

**G. LEARN HOW TO RELATE DISCIPLEMAKING TO THE LOCAL CHURCH (Tape 3860A)****H. LEARN NOW ALL THAT YOU CAN ABOUT DISCIPLEMAKING NOW!**

(Tape 1168A)

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