

The Potential Impact of Personal Disciplemaking. . .

Suppose that it takes two years of spiritual help to get a person to the point that they can reproduce. During this two year period, you continue to evangelize and follow-up others but in the midst of these activities you never lose sight of discipling this one person. After two years, he is now able to do with another what you have done with him

After 2 years:

There will be 2 disciples

After 4 years:

There will be 4 disciples

After 6 years:

There will be 8 disciples

After 8 years:

There will be 16 disciples

After 10 years:

There will be 32 disciples

After 16 years:

There will be 256 disciples

After 20 years:

There will be 1,024 disciples

After 30 years:

There will be 32,768 disciples

Now, instead of making disciples through one-on-one training and spiritual reproduction, suppose you had focused on evangelism and that you were able to lead one person to Christ every DAY for 30 years. However, by doing this you didn't have time to help any of them grow to the point that they could reproduce spiritually. After 30 years, you would have lead 10,950 people to Christ—only about one-third the number that you would have reached by spiritual reproduction.