

Discipleship Training: How to Begin

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I. Introduction.

- A. Follow up only requires an informal relationship.
- B. Pace-setting requires a more formal relationship.
- C. One should be encouraged nine times for every time that he is corrected.

II. What Jesus did.

- A. He taught them about life.
- B. He transmitted character into their life.
- C. He trained them in the skills of ministry through the Bible.

III. How to find a “Timothy.” (II Timothy 2:2)

- A. Invest in faithful men. Jesus spent the maximum time with those He gave the maximum amount of responsibility.
- B. Having a heart for God, this is the most important.
- C. Availability.
- D. Having a desire to learn.
- E. Being a hard-worker.

IV. One should try to do as much with his “Timothy.”

V. Tips on how to select a Timothy.

- A. One should not make a big deal about discipleship relationships before others.
- B. One should pray and ask God for the right person.
- C. Do not choose a Timothy too quickly.
- D. Look for the people who are the most interested.
- E. Choose a person who is in your regular pattern of life.
- F. Get to know a person fairly well before committing to a discipleship relationship.
- G. Ask him to pray about a trial period.

- H. Take him on for a trial period.
- I. Enlist him to a worldwide cause and not just a program.
- J. Set some definite expectations during the first meeting from both parties.
- K. Never lower your standard to affect another person.
- L. Never set a standard you are not willing to meet yourself.
- M. Share mutual expectations—what each should expect from each other.
- N. Have a positive attitude when you are recruiting your Timothy.

VI. What to do when you formally meet.

- A. Bible study.
- B. Help him with a practical need.
- C. Assign a project or some homework.
- D. Review.
- E. Pray.

VII. Things that test a man’s faithfulness. (Luke 16:10-13)

- A. Test a man in non-spiritual matters before spiritual ones.
- B. Test a man in what is not his before you give a person his own ministry.
- C. Test his priorities.

Application questions:

1. Why is a “trial period” important for selecting a “Timothy?”

2. What qualities are important to look for? Why should a man have these qualities prior to engaging him in a discipleship relationship?

3. Why is it important to share expectations at the beginning? Explain.
