

Great Commission

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I. Introduction.

A. Genghis Kahn was able to conquer the known world because he knew what it was like to impart vision, work as a team, trust his men, develop his men's strengths, get everybody involved and discipline.

B. Military principles.

1. The objective must be accomplished.
2. The last command given supersedes all the others.

II. The objective: the Great Commission.

A. Mark gives the scope of the Great Commission in Mark 16:15.

B. Luke gives the message of the Great Commission in 24:45: repentance (a change of mind and bearing fruit) and the remission of sins, which demands time in the Word of God. (Luke 13; Matthew 3:8; John 16; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)

C. John gives us the motivation for the Great Commission in John 20:21 to do the will of the Father. (Luke 19:10; Mark 10:45)

D. The power of the Great Commission is found in Acts 1:8 to be the Holy Spirit.

E. Matthew gives method of the Great Commission in 28:19-20: winning men to Christ and making disciples. Disciples are produced one by one. (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; Mark 3:13-15)

III. We need good leaders. (1 Corinthians 11:1; Psalm 12:1)

IV. We need to work as a team. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

V. We need to trust our men. (John 13:1, 34-35)

VI. We need to focus on our strengths and develop them. (1 Corinthians 12:11; Hebrews 2:4; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 12:18)

VII. We need to know the book. (2 Timothy 3:17)

VIII. We should not extend too far. (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 3:13)

IX. We need to take care not to lose our vision.

A. Do not believe the Devil's lies such as the lie that says that all men do not need Jesus or want Jesus. (Mark 1:45; Ecclesiastes 3:11)

B. Do not believe that you are not fit to share the gospel. (Romans 7:14; Philippians 3:3; John 6:63; 15:5; Isaiah 64:6)

C. Believing there is no power in the gospel. (Romans 1:16; 8:9)

D. Do not let the world influence you. (Romans 12:1-2; Jeremiah 15:19)

Application questions:

1. What is a Christian's main objective?

2. What do you need to do to carry out the objective given your own circumstances?

3. What does it look like to carry out the Christian objective long-term? Explain.
