

# **Discipling Laymen, Acts 1:8**

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## I. Introduction.

A. There are reasons not to disciple the opposite sex. We are not the exception to the rule in falling into temptation.

## II. We are to make disciples because...

A. Jesus Christ commanded it. (Matthew 28:19-20)

B. Making disciples is part of filling God's overall objective, which is to seek and save the lost. Multiplying disciples is the fastest way of accomplishing the objective. (Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)

C. Discipleship is the best investment of your life. (Psalm 71:18; Revelation 14:13; Isaiah 58:12)

D. Discipleship works.

## III. What discipleship is.

A. Disciples are learners and followers.

B. They are openly identified with Jesus Christ.

C. They are self-feeding.

D. They have counted the cost and walk with God.

E. They take on the spirit of a teacher. (Acts 4)

## IV. Results of discipleship.

A. Qualified laborers who know the objective, who are skilled to accomplish it and who are committed to seeing the objective accomplished.

B. Laborers who evangelize and who are skilled. (Ephesians 4:13)

## V. Discipleship is a matter of choice. We must be willing to forsake all things. (John 14)

## VI. Marks of discipleship.

A. Continuing in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

B. Effective prayer life. (John 15:7)

C. Love for the brethren. (John 13)

D. A fruitful life, which is the fruit of a holy life and the fruit of discipleship. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23)

E. Being under Christ's authority. (Luke 6:40)

VII. Basic philosophies of ministry.

A. You join my team.

B. I will join your team and help you to do what God wants you to do. This was Paul's philosophy.

VIII. Discipleship ministry should not keep us from other forms of ministry.

IX. How to make disciples.

A. Be a disciple. We produce in kind. (Genesis 1:11)

B. Have reproducible methods.

C. Cover basics.

1. Impartation of facts. (Ecclesiastes 10:10)

2. Impartation of skills.

3. Impartation of character (this is caught more than taught).

D. Select wisely.

1. Watch out for the guy that is always around you.

2. Recognize that the kind of heart relationship required is one that only God can put together. (1 Timothy 1:18)

X. In helping people do not forget the family.

XI. Develop a network of like-minded people around the country.

XII. Question and Answer.

**Application questions:**

1. What is discipleship?

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2. Why is discipleship important?

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3. What is your plan for getting involved as a disciple maker?

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