

How Jesus Trains Men

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus had a special ability to shape and mold the people He prepared for ministry.

B. Jesus had a method for shaping men.

II. The most remarkable thing about our Lord is that He worked with men.

A. This is not a denial of the importance of woman in ministry.

B. However, men have a distinct place in leadership—they were the Apostles and leadership was limited to them.

C. God has chosen a role for men, which women cannot exercise because they are different. Their orientation emphasizes function.

D. Jesus' ministry that attracted men.

E. Jesus gave men freedom to leave.

F. In training men, we need to point them to Jesus.

II. Jesus loved His men.

A. He shared His life with them.

B. Jesus so thoroughly understood man that He could telegraph all the little signs from them.

C. Love is a necessity to human survival.

D. You love God by thinking first about how much He loved you.

III. Jesus began to reverse men's values. (Luke 16)

A. Men are marvelous creatures.

B. However, they must be taught to see that along with those marvelous abilities is a pollution of spirit—they must see their wrongful ways.

IV. Jesus trusted his disciples.

A. Too many discipleship programs do not let the disciples do anything until they are finished with the program.

B. The Lord in contrast used ordinary carnal men.

V. Jesus kept disciples somewhat in the background though to protect them.

VI. Jesus limited Himself with regard to them.

A. He did not dump the whole load on them aware of the process of knowledge.

B. We can be too hard on men insisting they can live up all the truth there is.

C. Jesus was patient with them.

VII. Jesus did not keep His disciples from struggle.

VIII. Jesus completed them.

A. We do not disciple men—Jesus does.

B. He is still discipling men.

Application questions:

1. The speaker thinks that Jesus working with men was the most remarkable feature about His method. Do you agree or disagree? Defend your answer biblically.

2. What is the most outstanding characteristic of Jesus method of training men? Why?

3. What do you see as the greatest problem in “discipleship” today? Explain.
