

# Things I've Learned about Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

A. There are certain things that are requirements for making disciples.

II. You must have a personal relationship with Jesus.

III. You must know that there are seasons of the soul.

A. Some redouble efforts.

B. Some quit and do nothing.

C. We need to keep doing what we are doing.

IV. There are creative ways to address child-care to make room for discipleship.

V. Studies of temperaments are helpful to frame expectations.

VI. A disciple is a learner.

A. Everyone needs spiritual parental care, soul watching and shepherding. (Psalm 142:4)

B. Discipling has to do with a deeper commitment to more structured training and accountability. (Colossians 1:28-29; 2 Timothy 2:2)

VII. Training takes on several forms.

VIII. No one person does all the training.

IX. Let God do the picking and choosing. We must be available.

X. Do not be in bondage to discipleship. God knows your capacity.

XI. There is no substitute for consecrated caring and genuine sharing.

XII. There are things that are taught, caught and fought in the discipling process.

XIII. We should not major on minors.

XIV. Straightened out lives is better than straightened out drawers.

XV. Weaknesses are reproduced in physical or spiritual children. Children need more than one parent.

XVI. Beware of becoming authoritarian.

XVII. Beware of becoming exclusive.

XVIII. You need to become accountable to someone else.

XIX. Remember to share your failures.

XX. Always love them and never give up on them.

**Application questions:**

1. How can you initiate some disciple making relationships in your life?

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2. Which principle for disciple making did you find most valuable?

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3. What is your plan for growing as a disciple maker? Explain.

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