

Giving Your Life to Making Disciples, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. We will all die—what will you say to God when you appear before the judgment seat?
- B. Text: II Timothy 3.
- C. Jesus finished the work of redemption and of training twelve men. (John 17:4, 19:30)
- D. We can be workers together with God.
- E. Jesus loved the world, helped thousands, and trained twelve.

II. Doctrine.

- A. The bottom line of human experience is the character of God.
- B. The bottom line of character is how we perceive God's character.
- C. One cannot live right and believe wrong. One must believe right in order to be right.
- D. We should share doctrine with those who know less.
- E. We can only spend our life or invest it.

III. Lifestyle.

- A. We must be open, vulnerable and transparent.
- B. We hear, see, study and handle the Word of Life to affect others. (I John 1:1)
- C. The essence of love is vulnerability.
- D. Teaching, praying and modeling is what is involved in changing the world a life at a time.

IV. Purpose.

- A. We may not know where we are going exactly, but we should have a direction.
- B. Most Christians are just going in circles.
- C. Have some goals for investing your life in people.

V. Faith.

- A. Everything we experience as negative is a test of faith.
- B. Ask God to give you promises for your faith, such as the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- C. Claim promises for others. (II Chronicles 6:17)

VI. Longsuffering and patience.

- A. One cannot have patience without doctrine because it has to do with our view of God.
- B. There are more verses that say wait than go.

VII. Love.

- A. Read I Corinthians 13:4-8 and replace “love” with your name. This is a convicting activity.
- B. Love changes people.

VIII. Failure.

- A. Our society is so geared towards success that many Christians do not have a biblical view of failure. (Philippians 4:12, II Corinthians 13:4)
- B. We also are weak in Christ.

Application questions:

1. Why is doctrine important?

2. What challenges do you face in becoming more vulnerable? How can you better face these challenges?

3. What promises can you claim for others? Find some Scripture to affirm these promises and write those verses below.
