

Personal Responsibility

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I. Introduction.

- A. We need to do a balanced job in training disciples for Jesus.
- B. There are four areas to evaluate one's own progress or one's own ministry.

II. Deep, interpersonal relationships.

- A. We motivate through empathy, communication and motivation.
- B. Empathy is a sense of feeling that we establish with people.
- C. Close relationships should be sought after and evaluated soberly. (Romans 12:3)
- D. Be loving, ask questions and share your life. (Romans 15:7)

III. Fellowship with the community.

- A. We need to see ourselves as the center of concentric circles.
- B. We need to have a group where we are receiving help and giving help to others.
- C. Every believer needs to know who his or her group is. (Acts 16:10, II Corinthians 8:5)

IV. Great truths.

- A. The vast majority of our problems are related to our concept of God.
- B. We simply refuse to believe at times that God is as infinite and wonderful as the Bible claims.
- C. Only by pride comes contention. (Proverbs 13:10)
- D. The stress on Bible study is so that the great truths of the Scripture will be a part of one's fiber. (II Timothy 3:10)
- E. This involves what a person believes and why he believes it.

V. A system of ethics.

- A. This is based upon one's own convictions about the deep truths about the Bible.

B. The great truths of the Bible should be seen in how one lives his life.

Application questions:

1. What is the difference between deep, interpersonal relationships and fellowship with the community?

2. How is our belief about God connected to the problems we face?

3. What is your plan for getting into the Bible more? Explain.
