

# Training of Disciples

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 16-19.

B. There is a lot of areas of life in which the Scriptures are silent, but there are biblical principles we can apply to find God's will when he appears silent.

II. The peace of God is supposed to be our empire. (Colossians 3:15, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Corinthians 14:33)

III. Real training is on God's terms, and God has never promised easy training. (Hebrews 12:11)

IV. Paul new the value of hand picking men who could carry out his objectives. (Acts 7)

A. Paul focused on training men.

B. He went after a good man and a good woman for the cause of Jesus when he saw one.

## V. Characteristics of Timothy.

A. A heart for ministry.

B. He was part of a three man team.

C. He demonstrated a personal walk with God that would sustain him in difficult times.

D. He was willing to be a follower.

E. He learned by observation and participation.

F. He demonstrated an inner quality of humility.

G. He demonstrated the heart of a servant.

## Application questions:

1. What kind of people should be trained in the church?

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2. What should training disciples look like?

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3. What do you need to do to develop the characteristics of "a Timothy"? Explain.

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