

# Philosophy of Training

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## I. Introduction.

A. Our burden is to walk in love and humility within the body of Christ. (Philippians 2:3-4)

B. We have priorities in training.

## II. Our relationship with Christ. Paul's insatiable obsession was to know Christ more personally. (Philippians 3)

## III. The well-being of our family. (I Timothy 3:5, 7)

A. The foundation does not walk away in a giant storm.

B. Inconsequential compromises build up and have an effect on us.

C. We have a responsibility to make sure our children increase in wisdom. (Luke 2:52)

## IV. The Great Commission.

A. The field is the world. (Isaiah 6:8)

B. We need to be available to the Holy Spirit to go anywhere in the world.

## V. Vocation.

A. Paul did not use his theological education to make a living—he made tents. (Acts 22:3)

B. A man must make his own living. (II Thessalonians 3:10)

C. A man must make a valid contribution to society. Honest work is God-ordained.

## VI. Conclusion.

A. We need to check our hearts daily.

B. We need to have a long-term perspective of ministry.

## **Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to have priorities in training men?

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2. What does it look like practically to put one's relationship with Christ first?

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3. How are you contributing to the Great Commission? How can you maximize this contribution?

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