

# What a Disciple Maker Looks Like

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## I. Introduction.

A. The starting point of finding someone to help is to be a disciple. (Isaiah 37:31; 1 Timothy 1:18)

B. God chooses men. Our selection may not be God's selection. (1 Samuel 16:6-70; 1 Corinthians 1:26-27)

## II. The kinds of people God might choose and why. (Revelation 13:14; Romans 3:9-19; Ephesians 3:2-3)

## III. Misconception: discipleship always succeeds.

## IV. Everyone needs to have a fishing pond.

## V. Stages of a disciple: curious, convinced, committed. (Matthew 16; John 8:31)

## VI. Ground rules for recruiting.

A. Recruit to Jesus, the vision of the ministry and then the ministry.

B. People who are recruited are not doing anyone a favor.

C. Help includes the whole man.

D. People know that the door to back out is always open.

## VII. There is a price to be paid for this ministry. (Psalm 90:12; Luke 22:27; 2 Corinthians 12:15; 13:7, 9; Jeremiah 45:5; Isaiah 43:4; 1 Peter 4:8)

## VIII. We must be wary of becoming over-scrupulous. Stick to principles and not methods. (Proverbs 17:20; Philippians 4:4; Matthew 23:23; Mark 10:13)

## IX. Areas of problems.

### A. Decision making. (1 Kings 18:21; 2 Corinthians 1:17-18)

1. Life is made up of choices.

2. Indecisiveness may reveal immaturity, a lack of facts, a fear of the consequences of people and a lack of faith. (Proverbs 17:14; 2 Timothy 1:7; Colossians 2:8; Ephesians 4:14; Romans 14:23)

3. God wants me to know his will, we should trust it if we know it, we should find it out and then we should act on it.

4. Insights.

- a. Get the facts. (Proverbs 23:23)
- b. Face the facts. (2 Kings 5)
- c. Plan ahead. (Proverbs 16:9; 11:14)
- d. Think through. (Proverbs 22:3; 14:15)
- e. Make a decision. (1 Corinthians 14:8)
- f. Do it now.

B. Financial responsibility.

C. Positive outlook.

D. Perseverance.

E. Church relationships.

F. Believing that disciple making is the only way.

G. Thinking we always have to succeed.

H. Never turning a man loose.

I. Not trusting a man or trusting Christ in a man.

J. Trying to help too many at once.

K. Playing the numbers game.

L. Impatience.

M. Trying to copy others.

N. Being hard-nosed. (Luke 8:22-25)

O. Operating on past experiences instead of faith.

P. Trying to fit all into the same mold.

**Application questions:**

1. Why should we not recruit to ourselves?

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2. What is the cost of discipleship?

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3. What are some ways we become over-scrupulous?

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