

**A Vision for Disciplemaking**  
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**Multiplying Your Ministry**  
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## Multiplying Your Ministry One By One

*God Using One Man - - One Woman*

**II Timothy 2:2** - *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

*God uses a man. He uses a certain kind of man.*

**II Timothy 2:1** - *"You, Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."*

*- - My Son - -*

*God had a son - - **John 3:16***

*Paul's son was Timothy.*

*Paul prayed for his son. **II Timothy 1:3** "remember you in my prayers" I pray for my son*

*- be strong in the grace -*

### I. And the Things That Thou Hast Heard of Me

#### A. What were some of the things Timothy heard?

##### 1. Pray

**Phil. 1:9-11** "And this I pray that your love may abound..."

**Eph. 3:14-20** "For this cause ...I bow my knees..."

##### 2. Preach

**Acts 17:2,3** Timothy had joined him in the previous chapter at Derbe.

##### 3. Work - *Tools ring out in his trade*

**Acts 20:34** "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands..."

##### 4. Tell of hard times - *beaten – shipwreck - hungry - threatened*

##### 5. Teach - *correct doctrine*

#### B. Timothy was a learner

**II Tim. 3:14** "But continue thou - - -"

**Rom. 6:17** "But God be thanked, that ye - - -"

**John 7:17** "If any man will - - -"

*Wise King Solomon wanted to learn.*

**I Kings 3:9** "Give therefore thy servant - - -"

**I Kings 4:29** "And God gave Solomon wisdom - - -"

*David - Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord - - -"*

*Paul - Phil. 3:10 "That I may know Him - - -"*

Wisdom comes from God -- applied knowledge, apply what one learns.

As an adult -- major lessons come with pain.

Sometimes we think we want something and really don't.

**Prov. 9: 8, 9** "Reprove not a scorner - - -"

**Prov. 9:10-12**

1. Getting married
2. Buying a house
3. Selling a house

**Rom. 11:33** "O, the depth of the riches - - -"

**Prov. 2:1,4,5** "My son, if thou wilt receive my Words, and hide my commandments with thee - - -" v. 4 "If Thou seekest - - -"

## **II. Among Many Witnesses - *Live one's life in the open -transparent-- above board.***

A. Navigators aren't alone. *You aren't alone. Body of Christ - many members.*

**Matt. 28:19, 20** We don't do everything.

**Rom. 14:7** "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself."

**Rom. 14:12** "So, then, everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."

**II Cor. 8:21** "Providing for honest things - - -"

**Isa. 66:1, 2** ". . .but to this man will I look - - - "

**II Chron. 16:9** "the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole - - -"

**I Pet. 3:12** "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous."

B. Any of us can accomplish the things that really pay off. Not just to conform or just please - rather be a testimony in your own life and body -- do what you do because you are you.

### **III. The Same Commit Thou**

Give - give out - give up - commit yourself - serve - turn over to -

Sometimes we run our little ministry - class, group, drawing to ourselves. Join us.

*Daws was an example of serving his men - putting himself second.*

**Mark 10:45** *SERVE* - "For even the Son of man - - - "

There is a cost to discipleship and one of them is serving.

**Luke 22:27** "I am among you as he that serveth."

**John 13:14** "If I your Lord and Master have washed your feet, you ought - - - "

Illustrations Jesus used were domestic: study, we learn skills; serving, we learn character.

### **IV. To Faithful Men**

Timothy had to learn faithfulness from Paul before he could teach faithfulness.

**Luke 16:10** "He that is faithful - - - "

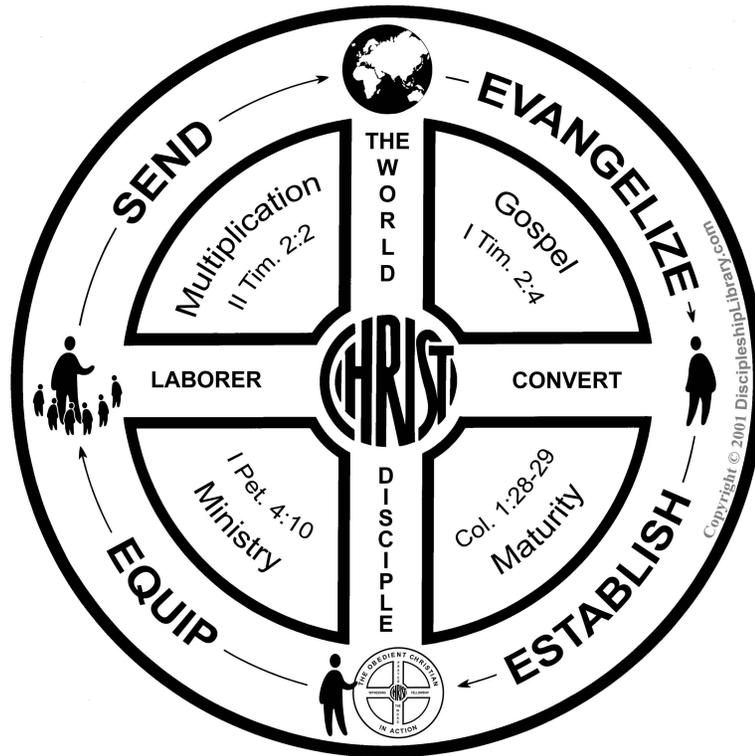
Faithfulness is determined in small jobs as well as large ones.

While you are learning faithfulness - *make it a habit* - never let an exception occur.

### **V. Who Shall Be Able to Teach Others Also**

A. They must have open hearts.

B. We must have message.



C. We must be qualified.

**III John 4** - John was speaking of spiritual children - God never intended we leave a spiritual babe to fend for himself.

**II Tim. 2:2, 3** "You therefore must endure hardness - - -"

1. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Pacesetter opens the door - sets the example - qualifies one as a teacher. I would have a hard time selling hair grower.

2. Not entangled - We have to work in this world, can't avoid it. Just not part of it.

**Phil. 3:13** "This one thing - - - forgetting what lies behind"

3. **Luke 21:34** "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

That he may please Him who has chosen him to be a soldier, all for the glory of God.

**II Tim 2:5** "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

4. Work hard - **II Tim. 2:6** "The hard working farmer - - -"

If you can make a good living, working 40 hours for the boss, great. However, this leaves another 40 hours to do something with -- use for God.

5. **II Tim. 2:7** "consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

Obedience -- gives further light.

**I Sam. 3:21** "And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of the Lord."

6. **II Tim 2:9** "Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds.

7. **II Tim. 2:10** - "... endure all things for the elect's sake - - - "

Paul had a lot of self-control and he wanted Timothy to practice the same.

Restraint:

**I Pet. 4:1** - "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: For he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased From sin;"

**II Pet. 1:6** - "And to knowledge temperance (self-control); and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;"

**Rom. 5:3** - " - - - tribulation worketh patience."

**I Cor. 14:32** "And the spirit of the prophets - - - "

"No such thing as I just got carried away"

What do we teach? Primarily we teach what we are.

**II Cor. 3:2-3** - "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

**II Cor. 3:5** - "Not that we are sufficient - - - "

**II Cor. 3:6** - "Who also hath made us able ministers - - - "