

**A Vision for Disciplemaking**  
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**One-To-One Ministry**  
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## I. What Are the Characteristics of a Discipler?

A. Puts Christ first in the major areas of life and is taking steps to separate from sin.

Luke 9:23  
Romans 12:1,2

B. Continues in the Word through study, memorization and application of the Word to his life.

John 8:31  
James 1:22-25

C. Demonstrates Christ's love by identifying with and serving other believers.

John 13:34,35  
Galatians 5:13

D. Is identifying with Jesus Christ in his environment and is actively sharing his faith.

Matthew 5:16  
Colossians 4:6

E. Has been growing in these five areas demonstrating commitment and consistency.

F. Rules well his own home, if married.

I Timothy 3:4  
I Peter 3:7

*\*Taken from the Kansas Communities Team Guidelines (2-23-80)*

G. Other scriptures:

II Timothy 2:2  
Phil. 3:10  
Matthew 28:19, 20 9:37, 38

## **II. A Discippler Is Not . . .**

- A. Perfect (Phil. 3:12)
- B. A 'one man' show without accountability
- C. Born a natural discipler
- D. 'Self' motivated
- E. Inflexible (I Cor. 9:22)
- F. Odorless (II Cor. 2:15, 16)
- G. Without grace (Col. 4:6)
- H. Rash or hasty (I Tim. 3:1-7)
- I. Unfocused (II Tim. 2:4; Phil 3:13, 14; Matt. 28:19, 20)
- J. A Bible 'answer man'
- K. Performance oriented

## **III. How Can I Find A Man?**

- A. Be Faithful
  - 1. In Prayer
  - 2. Quiet Time
  - 3. Seek the Lord
- B. Have your hook in the water at all times
- C. Work
  - 1. Men's Groups
  - 2. Church Events
  - 3. Bible Studies
  - 4. Conferences
- D. Avoid preconceived ideas of who God will bring to you.

#### **IV. What Does He Look Like?**

A. Adopted as his objective in life the same objective God set forth in Scripture. Matthew 6:33

B. He is willing to pay any price to have the will of God fulfilled in his life. II Timothy 2:3,4

C. He has a love for the word of God. Jeremiah 15:16a

D. He has a servant heart. Jeremiah 15:16a

E. He puts no confidence in the flesh. Romans 7:18 2 Corinthians 1:9

F. He does not have an independent spirit. Acts 20:4

G. He has a love for people. 1 John 4:10

H. He does not allow himself to become trapped in bitterness. Hebrews 12:15

I. He has learned to discipline his life. 1 Corinthians 9:25a - 27

## Practical Suggestions

### I. Now that I have a man, what do I do?

- A. Start with the basics, don't assume that they know more than they do.
- B. Conduct your bible study in a way that they can see how to do it themselves leading another.
- C. Teach them to teach from the beginning.
- D. Allow the spirit to do the "heavy lifting" of convicting.
- E. Share your life and be real.

### II. Suggested Study Materials

- A. Growing in Christ (NavPress)
- B. Wheel, hand, bridge and lifeline illustrations
- C. Design For Discipleship series (NavPress)
- D. In Pursuit of Holiness, Jerry Bridges
- E. LifeChange Series (NavPress)

### III. How Do I know When It's Over?

- A. It isn't - once a parent always a parent but the relationship changes
- B. Reproduction - Timothy principle and spiritual grandchildren.

### IV. Other Suggested Resources

- A. Fax of the Matter [www.bpnavigators.org](http://www.bpnavigators.org)
- B. My Utmost For His Highest, *Oswald Chambers*
- C. Topical Memory System
- D. Timothy Principle, *Roy Robertson*
- E. Pursuit of Holiness, *Jerry Bridges*
- F. [www.DiscipleshipLibrary.com](http://www.DiscipleshipLibrary.com)
  - 1. Born to Reproduce - *Dawson Trotman*
  - 2. Man to Man - *Jack Griffin*
  - 3. Link in the Chain - *Jack Griffin*
  - 4. Many Aspire, Few Attain - *Walt Henrichsen*
  - 5. Investing Your Life - *LeRoy Eims*
- G. Scripture Memory - *Dawson Trotman*

## **Marks of True Discipleship**

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### **I AM SLIPPING . . .**

- When I begin to act as if genuine joy is dependent on the state of the circumstances surrounding me.
- When I begin to lose the distinct aroma of the fragrance of Christ in my life.
- When I begin to feel or act as if my self-worth and acceptance is dependent on how well I perform.
- When I am losing my grip on the reality of spiritual warfare. Then I begin to treat my brother or my fellow human being as my enemy and seek to do battle with fleshly weapons.
- When I act as if victory or success depends on me and my ability rather than on the adequacy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- When I place undue emphasis on programming and planning to the exclusion of His direction, leading and guidance.
- When more time is spent in the "activities arena" than in the prayer closet.
- When the praises of men and women become more important than the approval of God.
- When relating to and caring for people is less important than programs, planning, meetings, and budgets.
- When I assume responsibility to worry and fret over things and people that God in His sovereignty and power would take charge of if I would allow Him to do so.
- When my rights become more important than God's will and way.

## **Mark 16:20 The Message**

"The disciples went everywhere preaching, the Master working right with them, validating the Message with undisputable evidence."

## **Hebrews 12:1-4 The Message**

Do you see what this means - all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running - and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed - that exhilarating finish in and with God - he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through - all that bloodshed. So don't feel sorry for yourselves.

## **II Corinthians 4:7-10 The Message**

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we're not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized, but we haven't broken. What they did to Jesus, they do to us - trial and torture, mockery and murder; what Jesus did among them, he does in us - he lives! Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us. While we're going through the worst, you're getting in on the best! We're not keeping this quiet, not on your life.

## **II Timothy 4:7-8 The Message**

This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting - God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.

## **II Corinthians 5:14, 15 Wuest**

For the love which Christ [for me] presses on me from all sides, holding me to one end and prohibiting me from considering any other, wrapping itself around me in tenderness, giving me an impelling motive, having brought me to this conclusion, namely, that One died on behalf of all, therefore all died, and that He also died on behalf of all in order that those who are living no longer are living for themselves but for the One who died on their behalf and instead of them, and was raised.

## **Colossians 1:25-29 LB/PB**

25 LB God has sent me to help His church and to tell His secret plan to you Gentiles.

26, 27 LB He has kept this secret for centuries and generations past, but now at last it has pleased Him to tell it to those who love Him and live for Him, and the riches and glory of His plan are for you Gentiles too. And this is the secret: that Christ in your hearts is your only hope of glory.

28 PB So, naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ.

29 PB This is what I am working and struggling at, with all the strength that God puts into me.

# The Process of Making CHRISTI Known



