

# **Essentials for Disciple Makers**

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I. A quiet time is an essential part of our Christian walk.

A. In order to have consistent quiet times we must be disciplined.

1. Do not confuse discipline with legalism.

a) Legalism makes us feel like our behavior keeps us out of God's grace or makes us merit His favor.

2. Look at the sports world for examples of discipline.

3. We cannot earn God's favor through actions, rather we act in order to be the person that God has called us to be.

B. Set aside daily time for devotions and stick to it.

1. Get on a reading schedule and take notes.

2. Pray over the scriptures and listen for God's voice while reading.

C. Pass your habits on to others.

1. People will follow your example whether it is good or bad.

a) You must be disciplined to pass on good habits.

b) Do not be discouraged at failure, rather press on.

D. God will not zap you if you do not have a quiet time.

1. Continue to beware of legalism as you develop good habits.

2. Take care not to become licentious as well, taking God's grace for granted.

3. A desire for God should drive you, nothing else.

II. How to have a quiet time.

A. One must know the principle of an action before they can have a lasting conviction to perform it.

1. The principle behind a quiet time is knowing that God desires fellowship with you. (I Corinthians 1:9)

a) Without realizing this the method (what we often stress when teaching on quiet times) will fall apart when the going gets tough.

b) Fellowship and accountability are important, but only an internal conviction can lead to a sustained discipline of having quiet times.

## B. Read the Word.

1. The most effective way to have fellowship with God is to read His word.

## C. Memorize the Word.

1. Sometimes we do not have a Bible, so must always have God's word stored in our heart.

- a) Often when we need the word the most we will not have a Bible handy.

- b) Memorization gives the Holy Spirit a vocabulary to speak to us with.

2. Knowing key verses can help you keep the Bible in context.

3. Memorizing little can make you familiar with much (the surrounding chapters for example).

4. Everyone can memorize information if it is important enough to them.

- a) Failure to memorize is caused by nothing other than a lack of heart.

## III. Evangelism.

1. Consistently being in the word and memorizing it makes us ready to evangelize.

2. True evangelism does not stop at conversion.

- a) Once someone is converted it opens a whole new network of people to pray for and share the Gospel with.