

Becoming a Disciplemaker – Part 4

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I. Introduction.

- A. The mark of a faithful man is that he has passed on what he has been given. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- B. Do not think you must be perfect before you share. (Colossians 1:28-29)
- C. There is no way of freeing yourself from the emotional burdens of working with other people. (Psalm 55:22)
- D. It is not the nature of what a person is doing but its origin that determines spiritual content.
- E. God controls men's actions from the standpoint of the overall strategy of God revealed in prophecy. (Luke 7:30; Romans 8:28; Proverbs 19:3)
- F. God is flexible with methods but not principles. (1 Corinthians 9:23)
- G. Boys should not disciple girls.
- H. Testimony.

II. Qualifications of a disciple continued.

- A. A disciple bears fruit: good works, giving and godlike character. (John 4:36; Proverbs 11:30; Galatians 5:22-23)
 - 1. Persistence. (2 Timothy 2)
 - 2. Faith. (2 Corinthians 1:10)
- B. A disciple must forsake people. To "hate" your parents means that Jesus comes first. (Luke 14:26)
- C. A disciple must positively identify with Christ. (Luke 14:27; Galatians 5:11; John 16:33)
- D. A disciple must forsake his possessions. (Luke 14:33; Mark 4:19)
- E. Do not be discouraged if you are not perfect. God can and wants to use you. (Joel 2:25)

III. Why make disciples.

- A. It was Jesus' own method. (Mark 3:14-15)

- B. It was the Apostle Paul's method. (Acts 20:5)
- C. It is the fastest way to get the job done. (Psalm 71:9, 18; 92:14)
- D. We are stewards to invest our time where it counts.

IV. Misconceptions about disciple making ministry.

- A. It is the only way to do it. We need to win people and not just multiply them. (John 21:15-17; Ephesians 4:11-12)
- B. You have to be a finished product to help others.
- C. You must be a minister to do it.
- D. You must see immediate measurable results.
- E. It will always succeed. (2 Kings 5)

Application questions

1. What areas do you need to grow in to be a qualified disciple maker?

2. What are signs of maturity you would want to see in a disciple maker before that person starts investing in others?

3. Which misconception about disciple making do you struggle with the most?
