

Genghis Kahn and the Great Commission

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I. Introduction.

A. Genghis Kahn was able to conquer the known world because he knew what it was like to work as a team, trust his men and develop his men's strengths.

B. Military principles.

1. The objective must be accomplished.
2. The last command given supersedes all the others.

II. The objective: the Great Commission.

A. Mark gives the scope of the Great Commission in Mark 16:15.

B. Luke gives the message of the Great Commission in 24:45: repentance and the remission of sins, which demands time in the Word of God. (Matthew 3; John 16; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)

C. John gives us the motivation for the Great Commission in John 20:21 to do the will of the Father. (Luke 19:10; Mark 10:45)

D. The power of the Great Commission is found in Acts 1:8 to be the Holy Spirit.

E. Matthew gives method of the Great Commission in 28:19-20: winning men to Christ and making disciples. Disciples are produced one by one. (2 Peter 3:8-9; 1 Timothy 2:4; Mark 3:13)

III. We need to work as a team.

A. Disciples are not to be produced alone. (Acts 20:4)

B. We need leaders who embody what they teach. (Galatians 6:7)

C. We need men who have bifocal vision who recognize the importance of the individual (Isaiah 60:22; Proverbs 18)

IV. We need to trust our men. (John 13:1)

V. We need to focus on our strengths and develop them. (1 Corinthians 12:11; 12:18; Hebrews 2:4)

VI. We need to know the book. (2 Timothy 3:17)

VII. We should not extend too far. (Matthew 6:33)

VIII. We need to take care not to lose our vision.

A. Do not believe the Devil's lies such as the lie that says that all men do not need Jesus. (Mark 1:45; Ecclesiastes 3:11)

B. Do not believe that you are not fit to share the gospel. (Romans 7:14; Philippians 3:3; John 6:63; 15:5)

C. Do not let the world influence you. (Romans 1:16; 12:1-2; Jeremiah 15:19)

D. Do not fail in administration.

Application questions:

1. What is a Christian's main objective?

2. What do you need to do to carry out the objective given your own circumstances?

3. What does it look like to carry out the Christian objective long-term? Explain.
