

## **Spiritual Disease and Discipline**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. God summons each event back in its own time. (Ecclesiastes 3:15)
- B. Genghis Kahn was able to conquer the known world because he knew what it was like to impart vision, develop his men's strengths and get everybody involved.

### 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 (a change of mind and bearing fruit) and the remission of sins, which demands time in the Word of God. (Hebrews 9:26; John 14:27)
- C. John gives us the motivation for the Great Commission in John 20:21 to do the will of the Father. (1 John 4:7; Luke 19:10)
- D. The power of the Great Commission is found in Acts 1:8 to be the Holy Spirit.
- E. Matthew gives the method of the Great Commission in 28:19-20: winning men to Christ and making disciples. Disciples are produced one by one. (Mark 3:13-15)

### III. We need good leaders. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

### IV. We need Bible vision.

### V. We need to work as a team. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

### VI. We need to trust our men. (John 13:34-35)

### VII. We need to focus on our strengths and develop them. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

### VIII. Genghis Kahn failed because...

- A. He went too far.
- B. He lost his vision.
- C. His men were influenced by those around them. (Jeremiah 15:19)
- D. He failed in administration.

**Application questions:**

1. What is a Christian's main objective?

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

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

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