

# **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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