

## **Becoming a Disciplemaker – Part 5**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Distinguishing between the Devil's guidance and God's path: determine what the Word of God say about it and seek godly counsel.

B. Distinguish between people who are looking for temporary counsel and those who are serious about becoming disciples.

C. Do not give your boyfriend hints about becoming a better spiritual leader. Do not spend time alone praying.

### II. Making disciples.

A. One must be a disciple to make one. (Isaiah 37:31)

B. Only God really chooses men. (1 Timothy 1:18)

C. God's selection may not be the one we would chose. (1 Samuel 16:6-7; 1 Corinthians 1)

### III. Stages of making a disciple.

A. Curiosity.

B. Going.

C. Commitment.

### IV. Things to look for in the man you will invest in.

A. Availability. (Isaiah 6:8; Ruth 1:16-17; Judges 3:31)

B. A heart for God. (2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 53:2)

C. A love for people.

D. Faithfulness. (Luke 16; Daniel 6:3-4; Proverbs 25:19)

### V. Ground rules.

A. Recruit the man to Jesus and the vision for the ministry and not your ministry or yourself.

B. Be sure the man understands that being available to get help is not doing you or God a favor.

(Psalm 142:4)

C. Help includes the whole man.

D. Leave the door open so that he can leave at any time.

E. Every believer is in God's training program. (1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 3:2)

#### VI. The price.

A. Time.

B. Recognition.

C. Hurt. (2 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Corinthians 3; 13:9)

D. Vulnerability.

#### VII. Basic aspects in disciple making.

A. Motivating.

1. Personal conviction. (Acts 5:29; 20:24)

2. Perspective. (Colossians 1:9-10)

3. Needs: real, felt and unconscious. (Acts 12; 8; Mark 2; Proverbs 20:5))

4. Goals.

B. Teaching.

C. Training.

1. This can happen by example.

2. Training can become out of balance. (Acts 23:1-5; 1 Peter 4:8; Proverbs 17:20)

3. Philosophies.

a. Training on the leaders terms for the leader's team.

b. Training to help people develop God given gifts to find their place in the body of Christ.. (Acts 16:9)

4. We need to keep in mind those who hate and those who love us and rebuke when necessary. (Proverbs 28:23; Ezekiel 3:20)

- a. Don't rebuke someone until you have that person's heart.
- b. If you love a man, you will rebuke him.
- c. Find out why he is not being obedient: rebellion or short-sightedness.
- d. Rebuke on the basis of impression and not accusation.
- e. Always rebuke from the Word of God.

D. Building.

VIII. The marks of a mature spiritual man. (Daniel 3)

IX. Problems.

Application questions

1. What expectations should a person bring to disciple making?

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2. What kind of person should we look for to invest in?

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3. What are some different philosophies on training men? Which do you think is best and why?

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