
The Word on Discipleship

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." - 2 Tim 2:2, ESV

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

- Mt 28:19-20, ESV

PREACH THE GOSPEL & TEACH THEM TO OBEY

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - **Acts 1:8, ESV**

"And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - **Mt 4:19, ESV**

"And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach" - **Mrk 3:14, ESV**

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."
- **Mrk 16:15, ESV**

FOR MATURITY IN CHRIST

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."
- **Col 1:28-29, ESV**

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," - **Eph 4:11-13, ESV**

"For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."
- **1 Thes 2:11-12, ESV** (See also vs 8, Eph 4:13-15, Gal 4:19, Col 1:9-12, 4:12, 1 Ptr 2:2, 2 Ptr 3:18, Heb 5:11-6:3).

CROWNS OF BOASTING

"For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy." - **1 Thes 2:19-20, ESV**
(See also Phil 4:1).

SEEK WISE COUNSEL

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches." - **Gal 6:6, ESV**

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."
- **Prov 13:20, ESV**

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy." - **Prov 27:6, NASB**

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."
- **Prov 11:14, ESV**

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."
- **Prov 27:17, ESV**

FOLLOW GODLY EXAMPLES

"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us." - **Phil 3:17, ESV**

"What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." - **Phil 4:9, ESV**

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."
- **1 Cor 11:1, ESV** (See also 1 Cor 4:15-16).

"It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate."
- **2 Thes 3:9, ESV**

OUR PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." - **Phil 1:6, ESV** (See also 3 Jn 1:4).



Wisdom on Discipleship

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." - Hudson Taylor

"The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose."

- **C.S. Lewis**

"The Christian life is the disciplined life and the discipling life." - **Mark Dever**

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

"Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life.

Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does." "All who are called to salvation are called to discipleship, no exceptions, no excuses!"

- **Bill Hull**

"If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples. Effective discipleship builds the church, not the other way around." - **Mike Breen**

"To be a disciple of Jesus is to make a disciple of Jesus." - **David Platt**

"If you really want to experience God, go and make disciples." - **Francis Chan**

"We reduce discipleship to a canned program, and so many in the church end up sidelined in a spectator mentality that delegates disciple making to pastors and professionals, ministers and missionaries."

- **Francis Chan**

"Discipleship is the art and science of helping people find, follow and fully become like Jesus."

- **Brandon Cox**

"Every disciple needs a 'Paul' who can mentor and challenge him. A 'Barnabas' who can walk alongside and encourage him. And a 'Timothy,' someone that he can pour his life into." (paraphrased)

- **Howard Hendricks**

"The making of a disciple means the creating of a duplicate." - **Juan Carlos Ortiz**

"When a church becomes an end in itself, it ends. When Sunday school, as great as it is, becomes an end in itself, it ends. When small groups ministry becomes an end in itself, it ends. When the worship service becomes an end in itself, it ends. What we need is for discipleship to become the goal, and then the process never ends. The process is fluid. It is moving. It is active. It is a living thing. It must continue to go on. Every disciple must make disciples." - **Robby Gallaty**

"Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus." - **David Platt**

"Success should be measured not by how many disciples are made, but by how many disciples are making other disciples." - **Bill Hull**

"Make disciples" reminds us that disciples are made. Disciples are not spontaneously created at conversion; they are the product of a process involving other believers. This making of disciples is the power of spreading Christianity." - **David Guzik**

"Thriving churches have the Great Commission as the centerpiece of their vision, while dying churches have forgotten the clear command of Christ."

- **Thom S. Rainer**

"The one indispensable requirement for producing godly, mature Christians is godly, mature Christians." - **Kevin DeYoung**

"Ultimately, Jesus calls his disciples to make disciples, who will make disciples. It is through this factor of multiplication that Christianity has grown and spread into every nation of the world." - **Dr. Craig Kraft**

"The Great Commission was given by Jesus to all and every Christian, not only to pastors or missionaries."

- **Cristina Boersma**

"The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples." - **John Wesley**

"Making disciples makes us better disciples."

- **Anonymous**

"...to be a disciple meant that you learn how to make disciples - an ever multiplying movement meant to bless the world." - **Mike Breen**

