Make Disciples

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Discipleship is Following Jesus

AND helping others Follow Jesus.

The Final Words of Jesus.

Matthew 28 (NLT)

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, **GO** and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all the nations, **BAPTIZE** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ **TEACH** these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- Discipleship isn't an **option** it's a <u>command</u>.
- Discipleship isn't a **program** it's a <u>relationship</u>.
- Discipleship isn't for someone it's for everyone.

You can't follow Jesus <u>ALONE</u> because part of becoming like Jesus is being in <u>COMMUNITY</u>.

Q: Who are you discipling?

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10 Ways to BE a Disciple.

1. Be GRACEFUL.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

¹ Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Jesus Christ.

No man I know needs any more <u>SHAME</u> than he already feels. What he needs is a message of <u>HOPE</u>.

2. Be <u>FAITHFUL</u>.

2 Timothy 2 (NASB)

² The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Jesus never commanded us to be <u>FRUITFUL</u> but he did command us to be <u>FAITHFUL</u>.

3. Be WILLING.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

¹⁰ So, I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

Following Jesus isn't EASY but it's WORTH IT.

4. Be DILIGENT.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

¹⁵ Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

You'll never be an all-in disciple of Jesus by accident - it takes a lot of <u>HARD</u> <u>WORK</u>.

5. Be <u>CAREFUL</u>.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

¹⁶ Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. ¹⁷ This kind of talk spreads like cancer.

You can do all the <u>RIGHT</u> things and ruin it all by saying the <u>WRONG</u> thing.

6. Be PURE.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

²¹ If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. ²² Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

Paul says to RUN <u>AWAY</u> from anything that's lustful, RUN <u>TOWARDS</u> anything that's righteous, and to RUN <u>WITH</u> those who are going the same way!

7. Be PATIENT.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

²³ Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. ²⁴ A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

Making disciples isn't a SPRINT - it's a MARATHON.

8. Be **GENTLE**.

2 Timothy 2 (NLT)

²⁵ Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth.

Do what you <u>CAN</u> and let God do what you <u>CAN'T</u>.

9. Be **TEACHABLE**.

2 Timothy 3 (NLT)

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

You can't <u>TEACH</u> others if you're not willing to <u>LEARN</u>.

10. Be <u>READY</u>.

2 Timothy 4 (NLT)

² Preach the word of God. Be prepared whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ⁵ You should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

Discipleship isn't a PROGRAM it's a RELATIONSHIP.

Q: Are you READY?