

The Keys to Making Disciples

Text: II Timothy 2:1-7

Introduction: *“We can’t be satisfied with the ABC’s (of church growth) - - - attendance, buildings, and cash....I think churches for too long have allowed themselves to believe that if we’re holding Bible classes and if people are gaining Bible knowledge, than we’re accomplishing our purpose. But that (method) may or may not actually be developing a disciple.”- - Ben Cachiaras*

Paul’s words of advice to his, “son in the faith” are very relevant as we ponder how best to make disciples today.

I. _____ a Disciple of Jesus Christ vss.1&2a

II Timothy 4:9,12; 1:4, 4:6; 4:13,21

A. Accept God’s Grace v.1

How Do We Accept God’s Grace?

1. Admit our Weaknesses

Luke 15:11-30; II Corinthians 12:7-10

2. Ask for God’s Strength

James 4:2,6; Philippians 2:13; 4:13

Justice is getting *what* we deserve. Mercy is getting *less* than we deserve. Grace is getting *far more* than we deserve (Eph.3:12-19).

B. Be a Student of God’s Word

Joshua 1:7&8; Ezra 7:6; Matthew 7:24-27

The Barna Research Group has found that only 10% of American-ans read their Bibles every day, while another 45% pick it up and read it at least once a week.

II. _____ Others to Live Like the Master vss.2b-7

John 13:15; I Corinthians 11:1

A. Mentor Others Like a Teacher v.2

II Corinthians 4:7-12; Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12

B. Fight Like a Soldier vs.3&4

John 15:18,20; I John 1:7; John 3:19-21

Ephesians 6:13; Philippians 2:25; Philemon 2; Romans 8:37

C. Compete Like an Athlete v.5

I Corinthians 9:24-27

“A spare time Christian is a contradiction in terms. A person’s whole life should be one strenuous endeavor to live out our Christ-ianity in every moment and in every sphere of life.”

D. Work Like a Farmer v.6

II Cor.9:6; Proverbs 6:6; 10:4; 12:24; 13:4; I Cor.3:5-9