

"GO MAKE DISCIPLES"

Context: Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"

cf. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44ff; Acts 1:6-8 "All nations ..."

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- Responsibility of the teacher:
 - -To the message.
 - -Know the urgency of the message. Romans 9:1; 10:1ff
- Responsibility of the taught:
 - -To the message.
 - -To know the urgency of the message. "What must I do?" Acts 2; 9; 16

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Definition: "Disciple"

- matheteuo to be a disciple or follower of another's doctrine (Matthew 27:57); to make a disciple (Matthew 28:19;Acts 14:21); to instruct (Matthew 13:52) with the purpose of making a disciple.
- matheteuo means not only to learn, but to become attached to one's teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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The Goal Of Discipleship.

 Stated by Jesus himself: to be like the teacher. Luke 6:40; cf. Romans 8:29;
 Galatians 4:19

IDENTIFYING MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

What Is A Disciple?

- One who abides in the words of Jesus. John 8:31; Matthew 7:21ff; James 1:21-25
- One who loves the brethren. John 13:34-35
- One who bears much fruit. John 15:5, 8;
 cf. Matthew 5:13-16

Commitment

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THE COSTS OF **DISCIPLESHIP**

What Is A Disciple?

- Jesus must come first. Luke 14:26
 - Before family. Matthew 10:34-37
 - Before self. Luke 9:23-25
- Must be willing to suffer. Luke 14:27; 2 Timothy
- Renounce all that we have to follow Jesus. Luke 14:33; cf. John 6

Sacrifice

THE REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Future blessings. Romans 5:9; cf. Romans 6:23; 11:22
- Present blessings.
 - -Forgiveness. Acts 2:38
 - -Prayer.John 9:31; I Peter 3:12
 - -Peace. Phil. 4:4ff; I Peter 5:6
 - -Family. Galatians 3:26ff; Romans 8:16-17

Trust

THE BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Go make disciples." TEACH

God calls the lost through teaching. John 6:44-45; Romans 10:8-13, 14-17; Note: Acts 16:9-10

Make Disciples by Gospel Preaching. Acts 2:14, 22, 36, 40

Preaching saves believers.

I Corinthians 1:21; Romans 10:14-17

THE BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP

<u>'Go make disciples</u>." **TEACH**

- Choice of masters (disciple). Acts 11:26, 21 ("Lord"), 23.
- Choice of conduct. cf. I Peter 4:1-5.
- Repentance Must Occur. Acts 11:18.
- Radical change in life because:
 - Die to sin. Galatians 2:20.

Choice. cf. Romans 6:16-18

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TEACH - Disciples are not made by the gospels of men:

- 1. Social gospel: Converted to recreation and social activities.
- 2. Ecumenical gospel: Unity in moral and doctrinal diversity is sin (Galatians 1:8-9; 2 John 9-11).
- 3. Denominational gospels: Faith only, universalism, etc.
- 4. Latter-day gospels: LDS, JW's, Adventists, Premillennial, etc.

THE BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Go make disciples." BAPTIZE

Water baptism is essential:

- For a relationship with God. Matthew 28:19; (Galatians 3:27)
- For salvation. Mark 16:16 (1 Peter 3:21)
- For remission of sins. Acts 2:38
- For cleansing. Acts 22:16; Ephesians 5:26
- For new life in Christ, Romans 6:3-4

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THE BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Go make disciples." TEACHING THEM ...

- Bible teaching and learning is to a new Christian what milk is to a new baby.
 I Peter 2:2; cf. Acts 2:41, 46; 5:12, 42
- God measures spiritual strength and maturity by our interest in, our commitment to, and our growth in learning and living God's word.
 Hebrews 5:11-12.

ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

- One who seeks to be like Christ.
- One who abides in His word.
- One who loves the brethren.
- One who bears much fruit.
- One who puts Jesus first, no matter the cost.
- One who enjoys the blessings and shares in the responsibilities of being in Christ.

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