

## Biblical Basis For Discipleship

Matthew 28:19, 20

### II Timothy 2:2

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

In 25 years, an epic evangelist reaching 1000 people a day would reach 9,125,000 people.

Someone faithfully discipling 1 person a year, who also reproduces that with 1 other person a year would reach 33,554,423 people over 25 years.

# Our mandate to make disciples comes from Jesus. Matthew 28:19, 20

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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## Do not try to make a sinner sin less. Let Jesus make a sinner sinless.

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Larry Taunton — interviewed atheistic college students: Without fail, our former church-attending students expressed [positive] feelings for those Christians who unashamedly embraced biblical teaching. Michael, a political science major at Dartmouth, told us, "I really can't consider a Christian a good, moral person if he isn't trying to convert me... Christianity is something that if you really believed it, it would change your life and you would want to change [the lives] of others. I haven't seen too much of that."

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The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.





# Our mission in making disciples is to be like Jesus. Mark 12:28-31

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"AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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Rules without relationships leads to rebellion. (Legalism) Relationships without rules leads to ruin. (Hedonism)

### Philippians 4:9

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

# Our means for making disciples is through relationships. Thessalonians 2

#### I Thessalonians 2:5-9

For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness—nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives because you had become very dear to us. For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden in any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God."

Therefore, we are called to be a follower of Jesus so we can call others to be followers of Jesus who can also call others to follow Jesus...