

“REACHING OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST”, FOR YEARS TO COME

II Timothy 2:1-10

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Reviewing the first two objectives in the discipleship process:

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B. Adding the final objective, the **command** to equip the faithful, in “reaching our world for Christ” for **years to come** (four generations): **(II Tim. 2:2)**

1. What “faithfulness” is and why it is first: *(I Cor. 4:2)*

Faithful – “A faithful individual is a born again believer, who has surrendered himself to the Lordship of Christ as a disciple, and who can be depended upon to follow through with tasks discharged to him, in a realistic time frame with excellence.” *A Barnes (I Cor. 4:2; III John 5)*

2. What makes “equipping” work for years to come: *(Mt. 28:20) (See chart on back)*

3. What being “faithful” will always generate – “fruitful” disciples: *(Jn. 15:4-5, 8,16) (See chart on back)*

What “fruit” is all about: Fruit is designed for the enjoyment of those around me. Fruit glorifies the Father because it makes Jesus a reality to everyone around me. Fruit is my passion to tell God’s love story, to anyone who has yet to experience it. More fruit is to sacrificially serve with others (local church) to be even more productive in telling God’s love story. Much fruit is abandoning my life to individually build into others, so that God’s love story will be shared for years to come. *(Compare Jn. 21:19,22; with Mk. 1:17)*

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL FOUR GENERATIONAL EQUIPPERS:

A. Five foundational essentials for each “equipper”: *vv. 1-7*

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B. Faithfulness, the single admonishment for any potential student (disciple): *v. 2*

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Ministry is not delegated in order to make men faithful, but to those who are already faithful. “Putting confidence in an unreliable man is like chewing gum with a sore tooth, or trying to run on a broken foot.” *(Pro. 25:19 LBT)*

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C. Three admonishments for any “equipper”: *vv. 8-10*

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III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

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