

THE HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE DISCIPLES

Connection Sunday

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The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Disciples

1. **SURRENDER** daily.

*"...**Give yourselves to God**, as those who have been brought from death to life, and **surrender your whole being to him** to be used for righteous purposes." (Romans 6:13, GNB)*

A Daily Prayer

"Father, thank you for another day that you've graciously given to me. Before I do anything else today, I want to surrender my heart, soul, mind, and strength to You. Help me today to honor you in all I do or say. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD my Rock and my Redeemer."

2. **EQUIP** thoroughly.

*"All **Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16–17, NIV)*

ACTION STEPS

Attend 2nd Base.
Begin a Reading Plan.

3. **WORSHIP** weekly.

*"You have six days in which to do your work, but remember that the seventh day, the Sabbath, is a day of rest. On that day do not work, but **gather for worship**..." (Leviticus 23:3, GNB)*

*"I will give you thanks in a **large gathering**. I will praise you in a **crowd of worshipers**." (Psalm 35:18, GW)*

ACTION STEP

Prioritize weekly Worship.

4. **STEWARD** faithfully.

TIME

*"Teach us to **number our days**, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12, NIV)*

SERVICE

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10, NIV)

MONEY

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income.” (Proverbs 3:9, GW)

ACTION STEPS

Attend 3rd Base.

Serve / Give.

5. SHARE consistently.

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.” (Colossians 4:5, NLT)

ACTION STEPS

Invite someone to church this week.

Become a HOME RUN HERO!

6. LOVE lavishly.

“I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty...” (Exodus 34:7, NLT)

“For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”” (Galatians 5:14, NLT)

ACTION STEP

Check out the Winter/Spring CARE Groups

7. FELLOWSHIP frequently.

“Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting...but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord’s coming is getting closer.” (Hebrews 10:25, CEV)

ACTION STEP

Small Group Connection Event: Today @1pm in the Ridge