

"Discipleship — Practicing Relationships that Transform"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Discipleship - is the responsibility and privilege of every believer to lead other to Christ, helping them to know Christ better and trust Him more in practical aspects of life in the context of intentional, regular, and intimate relationships.

Building up others in the faith occurs when we point the people around us to the Word of God, help them to see life in the light of that Word and encourage them to act in obedience to the Word.

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, **when each** part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

ἐνέργεια, from which the word "Energy" is derived. It's about action, about labor, about work, and about the opportunity to cooperate with God in His work of building up the Church of Christ.

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Serve One Another

1 Peter 4:10-11

1 Pet. 4:7-9 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Pet. 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I. Discipleship is Service

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Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,²⁸ **even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"

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Eph. 5:18-21 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**,¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ **submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ**.

Galatians 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**.¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 5:16 **Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another**, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 Thess 5:15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, **but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone**.

1 Thess 4:18 Therefore **encourage one another** with these words.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Rom. 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship**.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Discipleship is a ministry, a sacrificial investment of our time, our attention,
and our efforts to affirm souls in their trust in Christ.*

II. Discipleship is a Ministry of Grace

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III. Discipleship is the Ministry of God's Word

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Eph 4:14-15 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.¹⁵ **Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ**,

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good **for building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Matthew 12:36-37 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

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IV. Discipleship is a Ministry of the Power of God

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Gal 4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

Col 1:28-29 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

V. Discipleship is Service to the Glory of God

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2 Cor 4:5-7 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore **encourage one another and build one another up**, just as you are doing.