

# BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP

The call to be disciples who make disciples that make  
disciples

*“You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2 NLT

# 7 PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Entrust the Gospel in spite of adversity.

*“So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:3-6 NLT

# 7 PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Entrust the Gospel in spite of adversity.
- Entrust the Gospel with integrity.

*“As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 NLT

# 7 PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Entrust the Gospel in spite of adversity.
- Entrust the Gospel with integrity.
- Entrust the Gospel in love.

*“And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 NLT



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- Entrust the Gospel in love.
- Entrust the Gospel firmly.

*“Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn’t think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NLT

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- Entrust the Gospel with thanksgiving.

*“And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God’s churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:14 NLT

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*“After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Yes, you are our pride and joy.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 NLT

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- Entrust the Gospel with joy.

# QUALITIES OF A DISCIPLEMAKER

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!*

*Try me and know my thoughts!*

*And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Psalm 139: 23-24

*Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test  
yourselves.*

*2 Corinthians 13:5a*



What are the qualities or traits of a  
Disciplemaker?

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- A heart for God
  - We are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. (Matt 22:37)
  - God desires our love over our sacrifice. (Hos 6:6)
- Love for those you disciple
  - We are to love our neighbors, in this case those we disciple. (Matt 22:39)
  - Jesus cared deeply for his disciples and desired that they experience the love of God as well. (John 17)
  - Those you disciple are not a project but a relationship to be cultivated.
- Live a Godly lifestyle
  - We are to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord. (Col 1:10)
  - Our lives must be consistent with the faith we profess to have.

- **Friendship** with your disciples
  - This is not “forced friendship”, but it is more than acquaintances.
  - The concept here is about developed **trust** which leads to vulnerability.
- **Pray** for those you disciple
  - Keeps us grounded in relying on Holy Spirit to do what only God can do.
  - Pray for spiritual **wisdom** and **understanding**. (Eph 1:17, Col 1:9)
- Be **patient**
  - Our culture of instant gratification is the primary enemy of discipleship.
  - Spiritual growth takes time. Only God produces the growth. (1 Cor 3:6)
- **Desire** to learn
  - You should be disciplined as well.