

**Unrecognizable
Session 9 – It’s Up to You!**

I. Introduction Review

A. 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) – *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*

B. Recent Weeks

1. Understanding the Distinct Life
2. Living the Distinct Life
3. Discipleship – The Key to Makeover
4. The Discipleship Makeover Process
5. The Making of Disciples
6. How Discipleship works - Sower/Seed
7. How Discipleship works continued - How you hear determines what you receive
8. Get Understanding

II. Key Teachings in this series

- A. Disciples are Followers – Choose to Follow Christ
- B. Disciples Continue in the Word of God – Learners
- C. Disciples Imitate – Doers/Active
- D. Disciples are SEEKERS –
- E. Discipleship is about receiving the SEED of the Word of God so a good harvest can be produced in and through your life on earth.

III. It’s Up to You

A. God has already settled a good plan for your life

1. **Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)** – *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*
2. **1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)** – *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him*

B. Participation Required

While God has prepared a good plan/future for us – We must choose to participate/receive

God is not a dictator = God does not force HIS will – He allows us to choose our path.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJV) – *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live*

The Choice is yours – It’s up to you!

1. You can choose to participate in discipleship or not
2. Your harvest is in your hands
3. The sower has done his part
4. The seed will do its part
5. You are the soil – How will you respond to the seed of the Word?
6. Are you willing to do whatever necessary to embrace the kingdom?

Matthew 19:16-22 (KJV) – ¹⁶ *And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*
¹⁷ *And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions

- a. Jesus knew that this man was not serious about following him
- b. Jesus knew that this man’s heart was owned by other things
- c. REMEMBER – The Thorny Soil/The deceitfulness of riches and the Love of other things – choked the Word
- d. Jesus knew that the soil of this young man’s heart was unable to receive the Word as Seed because his heart was ruled by his riches and possessions
- e. He made a choice/He went away sorrowful.

C. Judge God worthy of your time

D. Guard against old enemies

- i. Distraction
- ii. Non-committal – Settle the commitment issue once and for all
- iii. Procrastination – What you are willing to put off repeatedly will never be fully accomplished

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- iv. Offense – Those who have a track record of offense are easily offended – DECIDE “I will not be offended”
- v. Lethargy – lack of energy or enthusiasm = unresponsiveness
Stir up yourself – Paul’s message to Timothy