

Mission of God's People: Making of Disciples
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FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV): "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the age." Amen.

<u>Ephesians 3:14-15 (NKJV):</u> "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"

<u>Malachi 3:17 (NKJV):</u> "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

Introduction:

When Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples....", that is what is expected of every disciple of Jesus Christ. Disciples of Christ are learners, students and followers of Christ, and they obey His dictates.

Disciples are:

- 1. Not spontaneously created at conversion; they are the product of a process involving other disciples;
- 2. Made through teaching; and
- 3. Disciples making fellow disciples thereby they present the whole counsel of God to those who are being made disciples.

Go and Make Disciples!

It is our responsibility as believers of Christ to go and make disciples. As we "go and make disciples" we can rest assured that Christ is always with us.

Matthew 28:20b (NKJV) speaks into this where it says: "...and lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the age." Amen.

This is the "Emmanuel factor" working with us and for us, as we go and make disciples!

What are you doing in this time between now and when Jesus comes back? Are you making disciples?

God Says: 'You Are Mine'

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The day you became a born-again Christian, God said to you: 'you are mine'.

What do you do with a jewel? You show it off! God is ready to show you off as a glorious diadem and jewel!

One of the ways to display the glorious reality that we carry is by going and making disciples through evangelism, and going about the Father's business.

Be About the Father's Business

As a child of God, you must be about the Father's business. God has called you as a child of God, to serve His own agenda, and enlisted you to give others the experience that you enjoy.

When we refuse to go and make disciples, is it possible that our profession to being followers of Christ is questionable?

Be Like Paul

We, who bear God's name, must be like the Apostle Paul and be about the Father's business stated above, by:

1. Praying for both the existing disciples and the prospective disciples.

Ephesians 3:14-15 (NKJV) says: "For this reason *I bow my knees* to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"

- 2. Becoming a seeking one Seeking out the prospective disciple by preaching the gospel.
 - **1 Corinthians 9:16 (NKJV)** says: "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"

Lastly...

Timidity is not an excuse to not spread the Gospel; God said 'go!' God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

Therefore, be bold and go and make disciples! Always remember the One who is righteous and you will be empowered to make disciples.