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Making Disciples: There is Grace

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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.”

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV): “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself [His] own special people, zealous for good works.”

We live in a world that is full of:

1. Deception
2. Distraction
3. Distress

It is in this world that you and I are called to make disciples; not in our own strength, but by the grace of God. We are not advised, but commanded, to ‘go and make disciples’.

Be a Disciple and Duplicate Yourself!

“To make disciples we ourselves need to be a disciple. To be a disciple we need grace.” - Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church Woolwich.

This means that you are a learner, and you have been enrolled into the school of Jesus Christ, from which you never graduate. *This also means that you are a follower of Jesus Christ.*

In order to make disciples, you firstly must *be* a disciple; it is less about what you say, it is more about *who you are*. After this, you are to duplicate yourself, and make more disciples.

There is Grace to Become A Disciple

In the last sentence of our first foundation scripture, Jesus said, “....and lo, ***I am with you always***, [even] to the end of the age.” Amen.

This part of the statement reveals the presence of God’s grace at work in the life of the true disciple.

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV) says: “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live **soberly, righteously, and godly** in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself [His] own special people, zealous for good works.”

There are 3 words that stand out in this scripture:

1. **Sobriety** deals with **SELF**, our personal fears or rebellions - are you the proud or the just? (check with your experience).
2. **Righteousness** deals with **OTHERS**; it is about speaking the truth about man’s condition both in the sacred and secular arena of life, with our words and lifestyle; it is loving to do this.

3. **Godliness** deals with **GOD**, our responsibility and responding to the charge to “GO”.

It also has to do with reverence for God. It is defined as “conforming to the laws and wishes of God; devout; pious”.

“God has elected and selected you, saved you, justified you, caused you to stand firm, increased you and strengthened you by grace, so that you are set apart for Him, to live a godly life.” – **Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church, London.**

Empowered to Make Disciples

1 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV) says: “and when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

When we remember Christ, the grace of God, in spirit and in truth, we will be empowered to “go and make disciples”.

Lastly...

Did you know that God can use your 9-5 job to make disciples and make His name known? He can use your lifestyle, words, and wisdom for His glory!

The great missional statement in Matthew’s gospel works in two two positive ways for the Kingdom. When you respond positively to the command to ‘go’, :

1. There will be an increase in the membership of the Kingdom of God - size.
2. There will be **‘Growth in Life’** in the lives of the current disciples - weight.

Also, in making disciples, let God’s will override your will. Say to yourself: ‘Lord, not my will, but Your will be done.’

Receive the grace to make disciples!