



## Ministry Tools & Training "How to Disciple"

### Section 1 - Understanding the Discipler's \_\_\_\_\_

At the start, it is not uncommon for disciplers to struggle to see their ministry in a pastoral light. But the scope of this ministry is extremely pastoral. This is not to imply that every discipler is a pastor nor does this truth lessen the importance of the office of bishop/elder as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. The undeniable reality is that the practical function of the discipler **mirrors** that of a pastor in many ways:

PASTOR/ELDER	DISCIPLER
Rom 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;	The discipler is to exercise a regular prayer ministry for the disciple.
1 Cor. 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?	The discipler points out carnality when necessary.
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Php 1:8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.	The discipler possesses a Christ-like love for the disciple.
Php 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.	The discipler will sacrifice much for the disciple's spiritual growth.
1Thes. 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,	The discipler will sacrifice much for the disciple's spiritual growth.
1 Pet. 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;	The discipler will faithfully feed the disciple the Word of God.

1. Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of MINISTRY

- a. Jesus Christ, the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost
  - i. **Luke 19:10**
  
- b. But an examination of His public ministry reveals that He was met with:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matt. 15:12, John 1:11**
  
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Luke 15:1-2**
  
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matthew 4:1, Mark 8:11**
  
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Luke 6:7, Luke 11:53-54**
  
  - v. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matthew 26:35-40**
  
  - vi. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matthew 26:47-48**
  
  - vii. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matthew 27:25-34**
  
  - viii. \_\_\_\_\_
    1. **Matthew 27:35**
  
- c. The sufferings involved with following the Lord Jesus Christ were \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul beforehand.
  - i. **Act 9:16**
  
- d. The apostle Paul himself would later \_\_\_\_\_ the realities of serving the Lord at a spiritual leadership level.
  - i. **2 Cor. 1:5**
  
- e. The sufferings of Christ clearly abounded in the life of Paul as he served the Lord. 2 Cor. 11:23-28
  
- f. The disciple-making ministries of Christ and Paul confirm the discipler's \_\_\_\_\_ for making disciples. **John 15:18-21; Phil. 3:10**
  
- g. **The Reality:** A discipler should \_\_\_\_\_ to make disciples in an environment that is constantly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. **Rom 8:36**

2. Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

- a. Two things are abounding in 2 Cor. 1:5:
  - i. The sufferings of Christ.
  - ii. The consolation by Christ.
  
- b. Paul's point is that **Christ walks with** the pastor/discipler **and comforts** the pastor/discipler **as the sufferings of Christ abound in the life of the pastor/discipler.** 2 Cor. 1:3-4, 9:8; Phil. 4:18

3. Defining the Discipler's \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The Discipler's \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Embracing reality allows the discipler to both understand and embrace the full scope of their mission in making disciples of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 1:8-11, 4:8-12
  - ii. **KEY:** The discipler's mission is captured in one word: \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. It's laying your life down so that others can have life
  - iii. There is a clear biblical principle which affirms that life comes from death. John 12:24; Phil. 2:17, 30

b. The Discipler's \_\_\_\_\_

- i. Spiritual leaders are very vulnerable to being lifted up with \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 4:6, 8:2; 2 Cor. 4:5, 12:6
  
- ii. Paul's mind-set sets the example for spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 15:10; Gal. 1:15-16; 2 Cor. 3:5; Col 1:23; I Tim. 1:12

c. The Discipler's \_\_\_\_\_

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Cor. 5:16, 10:12-18
  
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Cor. 6:11; 12:15
  
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 6:36; John 8:1-7
  
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Tim. 2:1; 2 Pet. 3:18
  
- v. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Cor. 7:2, 11:9
  
- vi. \_\_\_\_\_ - Ezra 7:6; 2 Tim. 2:15
  
- vii. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thes. 5:14; 1 Tim. 6:11