Lesson # 16 **THE MAKING OF A DISCIPLE**

**I. Discipleship equals RELATIONSHIPS**

*John 13:34-35 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (NIV)*

 A. **RELATIONSHIPS** equals TIME.

 1 When you begin to disciple someone, you will have to put up with some inconveniences.

 a. With Jesus, class was never **OUT**. Jesus frequently trained His men while eating, walking, and resting.

2. We need to experience personal training relationships as a **natural** and **consistent** part of our daily life.

**II. How to be a Paul or Paulette (disciple maker)**

A. Be an **example**.

*Phil 3:17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. NIV)*

 ***<****2 Tim 1:13>,* ***<****1 Cor 4:15-17>, < Phil 4:9>*

2. Be sure you are doing what you are teaching. Do not be like the Pharisees.

*Matt 15:8 "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. (NIV)*

*Matt 23:15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. (NKJ)*

B. Christians of all ages can be an example

*1 Tim 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (NIV)*

 C. Be **HOT HEARTED** NOT **HOT HEADED** about training your Timothy/Timothette

 D. Make **Quality** your spiritual objective. By faith, determine to build enduring character qualities into the lives of those who you train.

*1 Cor 3:13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. (NIV)*

 C. Jesus wants to continue to win and train men through you. Depend on His mighty power. Relate to them

*Col 1:28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. (NIV)*

*1 Cor 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. (KJV)*

 D Love your Timothy/Timothette like a parent loves a child**.**

**(BE CAREFUL NOT TO TREAT THEM LIKE ONE)**

**II. Trust God to lead you to the proper Timothy**

A. This could be a person you have **led to Christ**, someone who has come into the Christian life through the **WITNESS** of another or through Church.

B. Spend **quality** time with each trainee as you build strong character qualities, study habits and witnessing skills into their lives.

C. Offer your **time** and your **spiritual** friendship to a newer believer. Invite him/her to be your Timothy/Timothette

D. A Timothy/Timothette is a person you will **PRAY** for and **ENCOURAGE**.

*2 Tim 1 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, (NAS)*

E. Make **SPECIFIC** plans to spend time together.

*I Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. (KJV)*

 F. Seek to work with same **sex.**

*1Thes 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. (KJV)*

**IV. Be F.A.T.**

 A. Be **FAITHFUL.**

*Matt 25:23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (NIV)*

1. You are an **instrument** of God, a disciple of Christ obeying His commands

 2. Always be on time and keep your word.

 B. Be **AVAILABLE** to respond to the needs or questions of your Timothy.

 1. Answer the questions of your Timothy/Timothette

 a. **Search** the Scriptures

 b. Ask your Paul or Paulette

 c. Ask the **Pastor**

C. Be **TEACHABLE,** always learning more about our faith and Christian walk. Desiring to teach others.

*Ps 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. (NIV) <Ps 25:4-5>, <Ps 27:11>, <Ps 86:11>, <Ps 90:12>, <Ps 119:66>*

D. **Continue** being a Timothy/Timothette

1. Seek the best instructions from your Paul by asking well-thought-out questions.

*Prov 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. (KJV)*

C. Expect God to change your **character**, and seek to use your life for His purposes.

V. Have a disciple’s attitude.

 A. Be sensitive

*Col 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (NIV)*

 1. We are all more **fragile** than we seem on the surface.

 B. Always be encouraging to them.

*1Thes 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. (NIV)*

 1. Encourage him / her to:

a. Be a self-starter

b. Grow consistently

c. Witness naturally and effectively

d. Actively train another

 C. Train them to let them go.

1. When your TIMOTHY/TIMOTHETT becomes sufficiently mature, LET him/her go and you can begin discipling another.

2. Evangelism is not complete until the Evangelized becomes the Evangelizer. Discipleship is not complete until the discipled become the discipler.

*2 Tim 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (NIV)*

 D. Do not be discouraged.

1. A successful “Paul” is one who loves and trains each disciple leaving the **results** to God.

*Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (KJV)*

 2. Expect different experiences with your Timothy's

E. Mentally prepare yourself for an **EFFECTIVE** personal Discipleship **MINISTRY**.

*2 Tim 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (KJV)*

*2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (KJV)*

A. AVAILABILITY + USABILITY = **effective** ministry

1. You must intend to be a man or woman of God. Let you though be. Lord USE ME **ANYWAY,** ANYTIME**,** ANYWHERE**.**

Assignment: