

Discipleship Training--Discipline

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I. Introduction.

- A. We all need help in the area of discipline.
- B. It is Scriptural to be selective in the people a person trains.
- C. Love the world, help many, train a few.

II. Looking for people to disciple.

- A. Large group meetings are a tremendous fishing pool for reaching out to smaller groups.
- B. Always look for those people you can help and be prayerful about finding the right ones. (John 17)
- C. People can be found in the church or in work.

III. How to be disciplined.

A. Be careful of time-wasters such as...

1. Television.
2. Indecision. If a person does not plan his life, others will plan it for him.
3. Majoring on the minors.
 - a. We do not have the right to do with our time what we please. (I Corinthians 6)
 - b. Our lives are brief. (James 4:14, Psalm 90:12, Psalm 39:4)
 - c. Our problem is not time, but need.
4. Failing to distinguish God-given and self-imposed responsibilities.
5. Failing to realize that a person has time to do exactly what God wants him to do.
 - a. A person must make priorities.
 - b. The best way to do everything a person wants is by making priorities.
 - c. A person should clearly state his goal.
 - d. Know your life objective.
 - e. Do not make decisions based on what happens day to day.

- f. Do your best to use empty time.
- g. Be disciplined about your schedule.
- h. Be hard on yourself.

B. Commit yourself to mastering books of the Bible.

C. Lack of discipline is laziness. (Proverbs 13:4)

Application questions:

1. What areas do you find it difficult in which to exercise discipline? Why?

2. Which pointer do you find most helpful for living a more disciplined life?

3. How will you commit yourself to exercising more discipline this week in a practical and provable way? Explain.
