

Lifestyle Discipleship Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Joseph saw that God has a purpose in difficult times. (Ruth, Genesis 50:19-20)
- B. A person's response is what makes the difference in a life, not what happens to him.
- C. Text: Acts 17:17.

II. Paul had a ministry in the synagogue and the market place.

- A. We are to have a ministry in the church and in the world.
- B. God does not guarantee a life of blessing for those who commit themselves to Him. God wants people in every strata of life.

III. Wherever a person goes, he should plug into a group of believers. (Acts 9:20; 13:5; 14, 13:42, 42; 14:1; 15:21; 13:27, 17:1-2, 17; 18:4, 7-8, 19, 26, 8)

- A. God desires that there would be unity in the church.
- B. Every person has a responsibility in the church to vocalize his biblical opinion. The Eleventh Commandment is not "Do not rock the boat."
- C. There is order to dealing with an offense, but it is always your move. (Matthew 11)
- D. There must be openness and honesty in the church in order for it to be effective.

IV. Witnessing.

- A. Ask a church leader to go along with you when you witness.
- B. Learn to ask questions in order to engage people and earn an opportunity to witness. Start with general questions and move to specific religious questions.

Application questions:

- 1. What are some reasons that it is important to plug into Christian fellowship?

- 2. How can a negative attitude hinder one's witness?

3. Why are questions helpful tools for witnessing? What kind of questions can one ask to open another up for a gospel presentation? Explain.
