

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

John 1:35-50 NLT

The First Disciples

³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ “Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).

⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).

John 1:35-50 NLT

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” **44** Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”**46** “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

47 As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”**48** “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

49 Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

50 Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” **51** Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.^[p]”

Discipleship - the condition or situation of being a disciple, a follower, or a student of some philosophy, especially a follower of Christ.

**Discipline - training to act in accordance with rules; drill.
an activity, exercise, or regimen that develops or improves a skill; training.**

The First Disciples Matthew 4:18-20

¹⁸ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Mark 6:7-13 New Living Translation

⁷ And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. ⁸ He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler’s bag, no money. ⁹ He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

¹⁰ “Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town. ¹¹ But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”

¹² So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

Timothy 4:7-8

A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

⁶ If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed.

⁷ Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, [train yourself for the purpose of godliness](#). ⁸ "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. ¹⁰ This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

¹¹ Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.

¹² Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.

Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ¹³ Until I get there, [focus on reading the Scriptures](#) to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

Discipline is the key to spiritual maturity

Revealed Truth (Bible)

+ Disciplined Obedience (Training)

+ The Power of God in us (Holy Spirit)

= Change & Growth & Maturity & Godliness...

Philippians 2:13 “... for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose”

1Timothy 4:7

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Discipline is the secret of Godliness...

When was the last time you did something Godly? Thought Godly?

When was the last time you talked to and heard from God?

Sustained Daly Effort!



*"OKAY, I'M
TRAINING --
WHEN DO
I BECOME
MORE
GODLY?"*

Habit – an acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.

**3 weeks to become comfortable
+3 more weeks to make it part of you “second nature”**

Philippians 2:13 NLT

¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Galatians 5:16-26 NIV

¹⁶ **So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

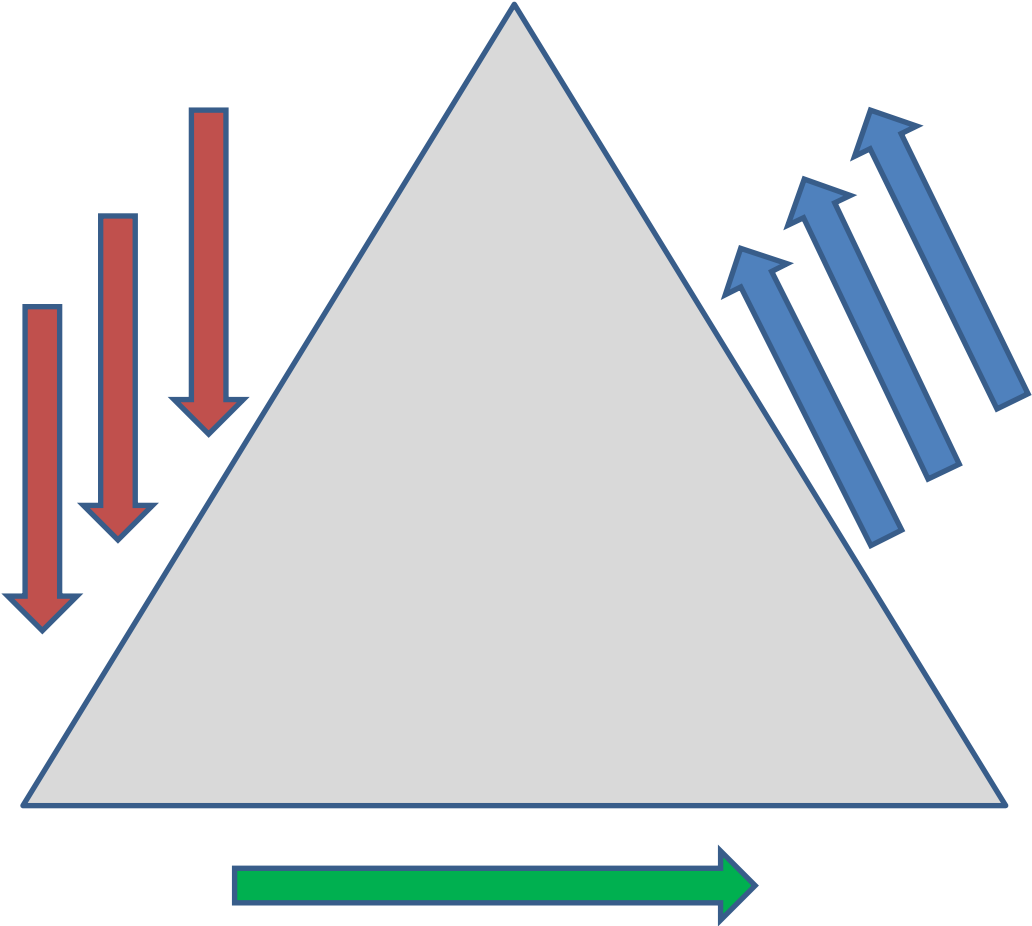
²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.** ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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Summary:

- Discipleship happens in twos – find your two**
- Discipline is the path to Godliness**
- Discipline (training) comes from sustained Daily Effort**
- Habits are God given gifts that can become part of you**
- We don't have a choice, we must be Disciples of God**
- We don't have a choice, we are commanded to Disciple others**
- We are not alone! Holy Spirit will make us fishers of Men**

1. **Reading Strategies:** Read a full Chapter for several days for a full week
2. **Ask; What does it say? Summarize it verbally or in writing**
3. **Ask; What does it mean? Do you understand it**
(use commentary, dictionary, use other versions of the bible)
4. **Ask; How does this apply to me?**
5. **Ask; What can I learn from this example?**
6. **Ask; How do I measure up to this standard?**
7. **Pray; “Lord, help me to learn the lesson of this passage.”**
8. **Pray; Father, I’m found wanting here, help me to measure up.”**
9. **Pray; Lord, I want this to be true in me.”**
10. ****Tell someone what you learned (for your benefit, not theirs, but im sure H.S. will use it) no need to pick the needy friend, tell a mentor, tell a fellow believer**
11. ****Dig deeper: Where else in the Bible is this subject discussed?**
Cross references.