

“THE WORLD CHANGING POWER OF SPIRITUAL MENTORING”

HOW TO RAISE A DISCIPLE PART 1

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Matthew 28:19-20
2 Timothy 1:5-7, 2:2

- I. **Introduction:** One of the single most powerful ways that world changers change the world is through spiritual mentoring. Something Jesus referred to as discipleship. (A process of intentionally building _____ for the purpose of passing on the gifts, knowledge, and habits of the mentor).
- A. Though people of all persuasions testify of the power of mentoring no one has ever shown the power and possibilities of mentoring like _____ did.
“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mat. 4:19)
- B. It is not surprising that Jesus put the command to make disciples at the center of His instructions to those He raised up to change the world. (Mat. 28:19)

Jesus didn't just call us to make a difference; He called us to make a _____.

The greatest difference we can make in the world is to make a world of difference to one person. To make a difference is to change something now, to make a disciple is to have the potential to change the world forever.

World changers see this assignment as the main assignment behind the assignment in _____ arena of their lives: home, church, school, work...

Things mentors do

1. They help me see potential I can't see.
 2. They help me turn the challenges of my life into opportunities, losses into lessons, messes into messages, scary times into times to grow in courage, times of self-doubt into bridges to self-confidence, times where I feel most alone into times I feel most loved, places of failure into great places to start a new beginning, places where I feel no hope to places I can learn to hope again.
 3. They are used by God to impart spiritual gifts, grace, and gumption that I can stir up in time of need. *“Stir up the gift that is in you by the laying on of my hands.” (2 Tim. 1:6)*
- C. Mentoring others for Christ is not only so powerful it is also so _____ for every Christian to do.
1. Disciple making is not inventing something; it is simply _____ what has been passed to you. *“Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.” (Mat. 10:8)*
 2. You have a _____ chest inside of you that if you'd be willing to build a bridge, open up the gift, and give some of it to others, would change their life and countless other lives forever.
 - *“The value of a person's life for all eternity will be measured by how much of it they chose to give away.” –Andy Stanley*
 - *“But we have this treasure in earthen (imperfect) vessels that the excellence of the power may be from God and not from us.” (2 Cor. 4:7)*

Don't die with the treasure still buried inside of you!

What is heartbreaking in the church is that even though discipleship is so simple it is also so _____. ***“For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers.” (I Cor. 4:15)***

3. It is important to realize that we're not good mentors because we're perfect but because we are _____. The word disciple means “learner” as long as you are learning you have treasure to pass along.

Raising a child to be a disciple is not about being a _____ parent raising perfect kids. It's about being a broken parent in a broken world with broken kids discovering and sharing the amazing grace of God, who teaches us through all of our brokenness how to rely and grow through Him!

4. The amazing result of sharing your treasure with someone else is discovering how much more treasure comes _____ in to your life.

“When two people really connect, something is poured out of one into the other that has the power to heal the soul of its deepest wounds and restore it to health. The one who receives, experiences the joy of being healed. The one who gives, knows the even greater joy of being used to heal.” –Dr. Larry Crabb

II. The first step to raising a disciple is _____ one yourself

- A. The first and most important way we teach others is not by what we say but what they _____.

- *“We teach what we know, but we reproduce who we are.”-Dr. Howard Hendricks*
- ***“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is completely trained will be like his teacher.” (Lk. 6:40)***

1. 89% of all we learn we learn visually. (Stanford Research)
2. The seeds we sow in ourselves will determine the harvest of our life we see in _____. Parents who want to raise disciples must first know that their choices are seeds that get planted in their children.

When you allow God to do a great work in you, it will automatically flow out to affect the ones around you. When death (to self) works in you, life comes to those around you. Just like Adam disobeyed and we fell, but Jesus obeyed and now we are made righteous.

- B. The first and greatest choice of a disciple-maker is the choice to move from just being a believer to being a _____; from being a fan of Jesus to being a _____ follower. We do that by a total commitment to “deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus.” (Mat. 16:24)

1. Believers give up their guilt; disciples also give up their options.
2. Believers accept Jesus as their Savior, Healer... Disciples accept Jesus also as their _____.

(Answers: I. relationships, Jesus, disciple, every, possible, passing on, treasure, rare, growing, perfect, back II. being, see, others, disciple, sold out, LORD)