

# The Making of Disciples

## Lesson 7e

Witnessing to Others

### On Being and Making Disciples

- Luke 9:23; 14:26-27
- Disciples' Hand

### Witnessing to Others

- The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20
- Christ's last words to His Disciple: Acts 1:8



### To Make Disciples One MUST Be A Disciple

#### Lesson 7a - What Did the Master Teach?

#### Lesson 7b - Am I a Disciple? (See Handout)

#### Lesson 7c - Cost of Discipleship

#### Lesson 7d - Christians Are Here for God's Purpose - to Be Salt & Light

### UNDERSTANDING THIS LESSON

- ★ We live in a SELF-CENTERED, GODLESS culture!
- ★ We grew up in this culture!
- ★ We must LIVE Luke 9:23 LITERALLY.
- ★ Following Christ is a RADICALLY DIFFERENT lifestyle than this culture.
- ★ Listen carefully to the excuses that come to mind when engaging the Word of God in this lesson.

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### Engaging the Culture (John 13:34-35; 15:1-11; Galatians 5:22-23)

- Our commission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. (Matt 28:18-20)
  - Handout: **Definition of a Disciple**
- How will the unsaved world know that we are Christians?
  - ▶ By our apologetics/arguments? Important but no.
    - We must be, at all times, ready to give an answer (ἀπολογία apologia) for what we believe. We are called upon to use reason and logic with the Word of God as our foundation.
      - ★ 1 Peter 3:15; Acts 17:2, 17; 18:4, 19; 19:9; 24:25
  - ▶ By our works. (Matthew 5:16)
    - ★ All Christians do the work of their Master/Lord. (James 2:14-26; Titus 2:14)
    - ★ What is the work of the Master?
      - ▶ Whatever the Master commands. (Luke 6:46; 1 John 2:3-6; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
  - ▶ By our fruit – what they see! (Matt 7:16-20 Gal 5:22-23; Romans 6:22; Eph 5:9; Matt 3:8, 10; 7:16-120; Philip 1:11; John 15:1-5)
    - The Father is glorified if we bear **much** fruit. (John 15:8, 16)

### They Will Know Us by Our Fruit! What fruit?

- Galatians 5:22-23 ----- Fruit of the Spirit
  - 🔥 **LOVE.** Agape love. A willing love (not emotional) that give sacrificially.
    - REAL friends will lay down their lives. John 15:13; 1 John 3:16
    - ANYTHING done without love is NOTHING. (1 Cor 13:1-3)
    - God's description of love. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)
    - REAL friends will meet the needs of his/her friends. 1 John 3:17
    - **COMMAND:** Ephesians 5:2; **John 13:34-35**; 15:17
    - ★ **WARNING:** Matthew 24:11-13; Revelation 2:4-5;
  - 🔥 **JOY.** Happiness based on "spiritual realities."
    - Understanding GRACE will bring us "inexpressible joy" even in the most difficult circumstances. (1 Peter 1:8)
    - Fullness of JOY — John 15:11; 16:33; Romans 15:13; 1 Thess 5:16; 1 John 1:4.
    - **COMMAND:** Philippians 4:4; Romans 12:12
  - 🔥 **PEACE.** Free from worry and anxiety.
    - Promise: Isaiah 26:3-4; Philippians 4:6-9.
    - A gift from Christ. John 14:27.
    - **COMMAND:** John 14:1; Matthew 6:25, 34

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🔥 **LONG-SUFFERING.** (patience with others)

- Accepting calmly all situations and circumstance.
- **COMMAND:** Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 4:2; 2 Timothy 4:2
- ★ **WARNING:** The opposite of long-suffering is **BITTERNESS.**  
- Hebrews 12:15

🔥 **KINDNESS.** Genuine concern and care for others. (Romans 12:10)

- **COMMAND:** 2 Timothy 2:24; Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 3:17;  
Acts 4:44-45; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; James 2:14-16;
- **PROMISE:** Proverbs 11:24-25

🔥 **GOODNESS.** *Doing* good to others.

- **COMMAND:** Galatians 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- ★ **DO GOOD:** (Psalm 34:14 with 1 Peter 3:11; Peter; Psalm 37:3, 27; Ecclesiastes 3:12; Isaiah 1:17; Hebrews 13:16; James 4:17; 1 Peter 2:20)
- ★ DO GOOD to your enemies! (Matthew 5:43-44 with Luke 6:33-35)

🔥 **FAITHFULNESS.** Loyalty and trustworthiness. (Matthew 25:21)

- **COMMAND:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; **Revelation 2:10**
- ★ Faithful to GOD and your word.
- ★ Consider carefully: Matthew 25:21, 23; Luke 12:42-43

🔥 **GENTLENESS.** Meekness (power and authority under control).

- Three characteristics of a meek person:
  - ① Submissive to God. (Colossians 3:12)
  - ② Teachable. (James 1:21)
  - ③ Considerate of others. (Ephesians 4:2)
- NOT WEAKNESS – Illustration: A stallion under the control of its rider.
- **COMMAND:** 1 Timothy 6:11; Colossians 3:12

🔥 **SELF-CONTROL.** The restraint of passions, desires, and appetites.

- **COMMAND:** 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 1 Peter 2:1; 2 Peter 1:5-6; Colossians 3:5-8; 1 Peter 2:22-23; **1 Corinthians 3:2-3.**

- ★ No one has ever made laws **against** these!

• BUT THERE IS MORE FRUIT!

- ✓ The fruit of **holiness.** (Romans 6:22; Hebrews 12:14)
- ✓ The fruit of **righteousness.** (Ephesians 5:9; 1 John 3:6-10; Philippians 1:11; **1 Timothy 6:11**)
- ✓ The fruit of **truth.** (Ephesians 5:9; 4:15, 25)
  - ★ The fruit of truth is to live the truth. (Romans 12:9; James 3:17; 1 Peter 2:1)

## Disciples Are Called to Be Fruitful

- Colossians 1:9-11 - “being fruitful in every good work . . .”
- John 15:1-11, 16
- Matthew 3:8-10
- How to increase our fruitfulness:
  - ① Stay clear of sin and sinful companionship. (Psalm 1:1-3; 1 Cor 15:33; Proverbs 13:20)
  - ② Serious meditation on God’s Word. (Psalm 1:1-3)
  - ③ **DELIBERATELY DOING** 2 Peter 1:5-11 **GIVING ALL DILIGENCE TO ...**
    - + ADD to your faith VIRTUE (excellent living)
    - + ADD to virtue KNOWLEDGE
    - + ADD to knowledge SELF-CONTROL
    - + ADD to self-control PERSEVERANCE
    - + ADD to perseverance GODLINESS
    - + ADD to BROTHERLY KINDNESS
    - + ADD to brotherly kindness AGAPE LOVE.
    - × MULTIPLY ALL THE ABOVE

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= You will neither be BARREN nor UNFRUITFUL!

EXAMINE **YOURSELF!**

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