

INFLUENCING OTHERS FOR GOD

I. MAKING DISCIPLES

- A. Making disciples is one of the primary objectives of the church. Acts 1:8
- B. Making disciples is for the entire church, and for everyone in the church. It is what God wants you to do, but it is not just up to you.
- C. This command is for all the churches in the world.
- D. God wants us to be going, to be reaching out. Acts 13-21, 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- E. It is not just about evangelism. We are to make disciples. Colossians 4:12
- F. Jesus Christ is leading this work of making disciples. Matthew 16:18
- G. Jesus Christ will help us to the end of the age, so we can complete this work.

II. HOW CAN WE DO OUR PART IN MAKING DISCIPLES?

- A. Be thankful for people. This takes the pressure off you, and helps you to have the right attitude towards them and a good relationship with them. Philippians 1:3
- B. Be praying for people. You can't change people - you need to ask God to do the work in their life. Philippians 1:4, 9-11
- C. Be confident of God's work in a person's life. No matter what happens, believe that God will keep working in their life. Philippians 1:6
- D. Be thinking about the other person with the affection of Christ.
"I have you in my heart." Philippians 1:6-8
- E. Be sharing the gospel, being unafraid of what others might say, and then you will be a good example to them in this area. Philippians 1:12-18, 27
- F. Be living in Christ, and be living for Christ. Having a close relationship with Christ will help you be a powerful example to others. Philippians 1:21, 3:7-10

G. Be living for others. It is not about self, but others. You desire to be with Christ in heaven, but God wants you to be on earth for others. Philippians 1:22-26, 2:3-4

H. You want others to know the Lord, to experience His love, affection and compassion, and to have a close relationship with Him. Philippians 2:1, 3:7-11

I. You want others to be loving God, to be worshiping Him, to be glorifying Him, for this is the most important thing in their life. Philippians 2:9-11

J. You want others to learn to work out their salvation, to read the Word, to pray, to be in fellowship, to be holy, to have faith, hope and love. Philippians 2:12-13

K. You want others to be humble servants of God, to be sacrificing their lives, to be giving up their lives for others, to be putting others first. Philippians 2:5-30

L. Be zealous for God, be pressing on for the upward call of God. This will be a good example to others of your heart and love for God. Philippians 3:12-14

M. Be hoping in the future God has for you, that you will be in heaven with Christ, with the believers and in a new body. Philippians 3:20-21

N. Be thinking rightly, in a godly and positive way, and help others to do the same, for as a man thinks, so he is. Philippians 4:8

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Philippians 1:7-8

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. Why is it so important that the church, and you, have this vision to make disciples?
3. What happens if we are not involved in making disciples?
4. Explain the difference between making disciples and evangelism?
5. In what ways are you making disciples? How do you believe you can improve?
6. Why is thinking about others and praying for others so important in making disciples?
7. Which specific areas do you need to focus on? How are you going to change?