


Training Up Men Under You

“A Christian who isn’t discipling someone is a contradiction.”

John MacArthur,
Marks of a Healthy Church



Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Important Definitions

The normal Greek word translated “teach” in the New Testament is διδάσκω (didaskō)


However, here “teach” is translated from the Greek word μαθητεύσατε (mathēteusatē).

The word always translated “disciple” in the New Testament is μαθητής (mathētēs).

The Great Commission is a mandate to “make disciples” (from every ethnicity) and this continues within the body after baptism.

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The New Testament presents the normal work of ministry within a local church setting being that of discipleship.

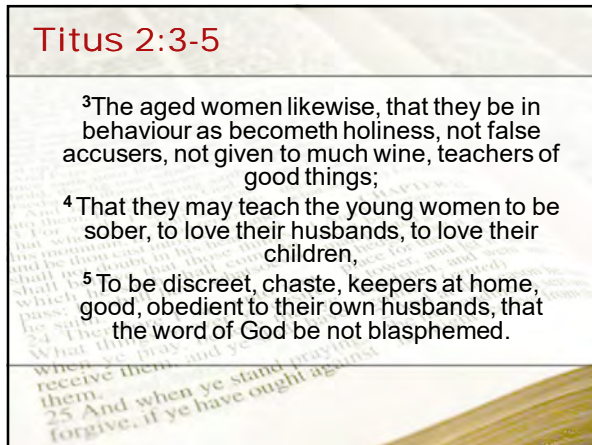


Titus 2:3-5

³The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

⁴That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

⁵To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.





Discipleship and Training Up Men Under You

2 Timothy 2:2

²And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

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- Paul's instruction to Timothy are directed to an elder in a church setting (Ephesus)
- Timothy was to identify "faithful men"
- These men were to have the ability "to teach others also."




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- Churches in the New Testament had plurality in church leadership
 - Acts 14:23, 15:2-6, 20:17; Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 5:17, Titus 1:5-7, James 5:14
- God is the one Who calls and equips men into the ministry
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
- God instills into men a desire to hold the office of elder
 - 1 Timothy 3:1




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- Several things must occur for you to train men under you
 - Realize the church is not your church
 - Equip the church for your departure from the beginning of your role as a leader
 - Seek out those men that God has gifted
 - Inform those men that there is a role for a God-gifted and God-called man in the church
 - Be willing to share the pulpit




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- Several things must occur for you to train men under you (continued)
 - Realize that sharing the pulpit isn't skirting your responsibility as a church leader, but actually fulfilling it (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - The church must be taught this
 - Be available to young men prior to preaching
 - Offer honest feedback to young men that fill the pulpit after preaching
 - Preach your young men in conferences
 - Use your young men when you are absent



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- Several things must occur for you to train men under you (continued)
 - Realize that young men make mistakes
 - We all made them—and still do
 - Be patient
 - Be a model of Biblical exposition to a young man
 - Be a teacher of exposition to a young man



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Is the lack of available Biblical elders today due to our lack of fulfilling the clear instruction Paul gave Timothy?

