

## ***How to Make Disciples***

### **Acts 16:1-15**

#### Main Point:

With loving winsomeness, endeavor to make disciples for Christ as you trust in the Spirit's guidance and power.

1. To make disciples for Christ, you need to be lovingly winsome.

2. To make disciples for Christ, you need the Holy Spirit to lead you to the people of His choosing.

3. To make disciples for Christ, you need the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of sinners.

4. With loving winsomeness, endeavor to make disciples for Christ as you trust in the Spirit's guidance and power.

**1 Corinthians 9:19-22** <sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; <sup>20</sup> and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; <sup>21</sup> to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law; <sup>22</sup> to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 10:32-11:1** <sup>32</sup> Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved. <sup>1</sup> Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ. (NKJV)

**John Piper** "In freedom, for love's sake, you try to overcome unnecessary, alienating differences that cut you off from unbelievers."

**John Piper** "As soon as you say ... 'I have become all things to all men' (v. 23), you are on the brink of idolatry and compromise and worldliness and sin. You are walking the razor's edge between fruitless separatism and unprincipled expediency. If you fall one way, you are of no use because you have no connection with the world; if you fall the other way, you are of no use because you are just like the world."

**Dennis Johnson**, "God's plan overrode Paul's agenda."

**Derek Thomas**, "Lydia's will was loosened from its bondage; her mind was clarified to grasp the coherence and logic of the gospel; her affections were drawn after Jesus Christ so that she took hold of him as he was offered to her in the preaching of the apostle."

**Dennis Johnson** "When we hear God's gracious 'Welcome home', we respond by opening our homes to others ..."

**1 Corinthians 3:5-6** <sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. (NKJV)