



*“Let us not glide through this world  
and then slip quietly into heaven,  
without having blown the trumpet loud  
and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.  
Let us see to it that the devil will hold a  
thanksgiving service in hell when he  
gets the news of our departure  
from the field of battle.”*

— C.T. Studd



# Discipling Warriors

*(from birth till burial...)*

## **PREFACE:**

How well do you understand what we are doing here?

If I hope to help you... and if you hope to help others...  
young and old, near and far, like us and not like us...  
then we need to begin by engaging how best to explain  
biblical & missional explaining... or better stated,  
how to equip equippers to equip effectively.

In short, if WE hope to help ANY and ALL people  
to understand God's plan & purposes for humanity,  
then we need to understand how to disciple warriors.

To that end, while we have developed other teaching &  
equipping tools that define effective CONTENT for biblical &  
missional discipleship, our aim here is to explain the  
universal CONTEXT of Christ-like equipping & discipleship.

## INTRODUCTION:

The Bible... God's Word... is clear. The family of God, (theologically defined as the real, eternal Church), is also the army of God. Our ranks are made up of multi-generational, globally-diversified, cross-carrying, born-again, 'Discipled Warriors' who are to BE standard-bearing, missional-militia who get prayed-for, raised-up, & sent-out!

This Holy Spirit empowered & supernaturally unified family of 'truthing & loving' warriors lives by God's grace & for God's glory, all while sharing His Gospel & exponentially-multiplying His Christ-like, biblical disciples... In short, discipled warriors seek to find and grow (a.k.a. "make") discipled warriors who will find and grow discipled warriors, who will find and grow discipled warriors...  
from birth till burial!

With that said, as with all instructional exercises, it is mission critical that we, at the onset, define our definitive terms, which are in this case, both "discipled" and "warriors."

## DISCIPLED:

- A. Generically: (mechanical)
  - a. Someone impacted, shaped, trained, and/or equipped to be like another person or standard...
  - b. Generic discipleship has no inner, moral compass.
  - c. In one sense, everyone has been discipled...
  - d. In another sense, everyone is also discipling.
  - e. Note: not all discipling is *intentional* discipleship.
- B. Biblically: (miracle)
  - a. Biblical discipling was prioritized by Christ.
  - b. Biblical discipling was modeled by Christ.
  - c. Biblical discipling was commanded by Christ.
  - d. Biblical discipling was commissioned by Christ.
  - e. Biblical discipling was empowered by Christ.

C. Missionally: (ministerial)

- a. Biblical discipling is at the heart of our worship.
- b. Biblical discipling is at the heart of our walk.
- c. Biblical discipling is at the heart of our work.
- d. Biblical discipling is at the heart of our witness.
- e. Biblical discipling is at the heart of our warfare.

# Discipleship:

(VERB)

**The intentional endeavors of**  
*“miraculous, Christ-like, works-in-progress”*  
**(a.k.a. Disciples) engaged in**  
*“finding the lost AND growing the found”*  
**into family-members who are in-turn**  
**committed to *making disciples*,**  
**who make disciples, who make disciples...**  
*by God’s grace & for His glory.*



## WARRIORS:

A. Generically:

- a. Warriors are active, intentional, combatants in a war effort... NOTE the plurality in the definition.
- b. Warriors are normally trained & equipped for war, battles, and intense fighting in any context.
- c. Warriors are to be contrasted with the “uniforms,” bystanders, pacifists, and genuine victims of war.

B. Biblically:

- a. Discipled warriors are found on both sides of the fight of faith... good and evil.
- b. Christian, discipled warriors do not fight against flesh & blood... nor do we use worldly weaponry.
- c. The living God's discipled warriors are to BE:
  - i. Truthing & Loving warriors
  - ii. Faithful & Fearless warriors
  - iii. Shrewd & Innocent warriors
  - iv. Bold & Courageous warriors

C. Missionally:

- a. Discipled warriors know, love & serve their King.
- b. Discipled warriors are the King's and kingdom's devoted ambassadors .
- c. Discipled warriors are miraculously-equipped and missionally-empowered soldiers who have been set apart, Spirit-filled & sent out by Christ.

## OVERVIEW:

What would you do if tomorrow morning you found yourself on the surface of another planet... and you were told two breath-taking and life-transforming truths?

- 1). You have already received EVERYTHING you need to survive and thrive here.
- 2). It is your personal privilege AND responsibility to find and grow the next generation of darkness-penetrating, wilderness-taming, culture-creating missionaries.

Where would you begin?  
What would you do?

In a parallel sense, one's principled response to the challenge described above would also be wise to apply to the privilege and responsibility every Christian has; namely, to BE and build disciplined warriors. In short, from the broadest, practical perspective, down to the smallest biblical and missional detail, a very simple yet comprehensive, three step process should be trusted and applied.




**1**  
**DEFINE  
REALITY**

All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.  
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**God's Word** (a.k.a. the **Bible**) is our ultimate **authority!**

THE BRIDGE



**2**  
**DESCRIBE  
RESTORATION**

Let's make this personal...  
because unless & until you personally understand God's application of amazing grace and His saving gospel...

You will remain in the eternally damning bondage of your **personal rebellion** and poisoned religion.  
"You **MUST** be born again."  
- **John 3:3**

THE BRIDGE



From this overarching, always-applicable, 3-D (Define, Describe, & Develop) plan, we can refine and refocus our energy and efforts in all that we endeavor to do. In the case of making disciplined-warriors, to include our concentration on CONTEXT and PERSPECTIVE, we have developed a seven (7) step ***"Chain of Command"*** that will effectively help Christian disciplers to connect the proverbial "dots" between ***biblical "concepts" and missional "constructs."***

***Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!***

**- Psalm 119:1**

# Discipling Warriors

## “Chain of Command”

### OVERVIEW:

1. Our 1 Goal
2. Our 2 Greats
3. Our 3 Gears
4. Our 4 Generations
5. Our 5 Guidelines
6. Our 6 Guardians
7. Our 7 Guardrails



The Disciplined Warrior's #1 objective is to glorify God!



# The Biblical “Glory of God”

## **Psalm 24:8**

Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

Psalm 102:15; 145:5; 19:1; 115:1

Isaiah 6:3; Isaiah 42:8

## **1 Chronicles 29:11**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

# God’s Glory In Christ Jesus

## **John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:3

John 17:4-5

Romans 3:23

1 Timothy 1:17

Revelation 4:11

# Glorify God in Praise & Worship

## **Isaiah 43:7**

Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

1 Chronicles 16:23-25 & 28-29; Psalm 86:12; Matthew 5:16

## **1 Corinthians 6:20 & 10:31**

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body... So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

# Experiencing God's glory

## **Romans 8:18**

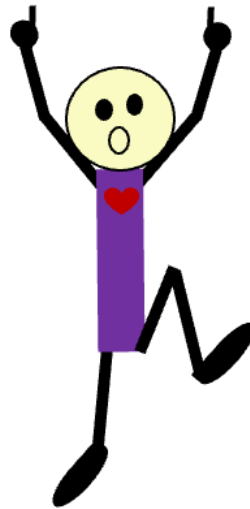
For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

## **2 Corinthians 3:18**

We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.



# Greats



Disciplined Warriors champion the Great Commandments  
and the Great Commission!

## The Great Commandments

**Mark 12:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> ...“Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

## The Great Commission

### Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “**ALL** authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go make disciples of **ALL** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey **ALL** /everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you **ALL**-ways, even to the very end of the age.”

### Acts 1:8

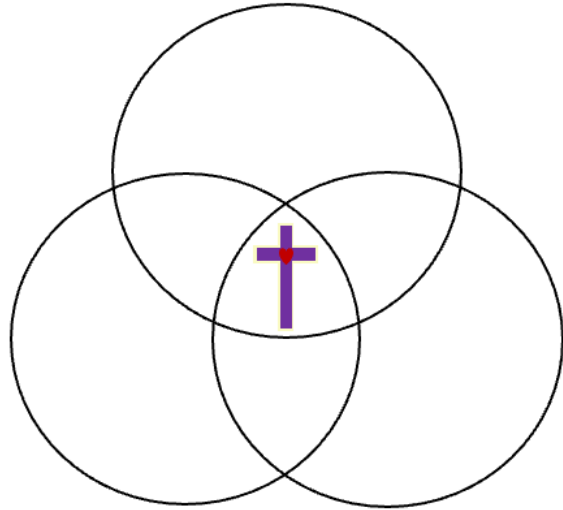
But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, so that **you will be My witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### John 20:21

As the Father has sent Me,  
so now **I send you!**

# 3

# Gears



Disciplined Warriors are holistic and multi-dimensional  
in their faithful obedience.

(Here are just a handful of examples.)

God's Word, God's will, God's ways

Head, Heart Hands

Truth, Love, Warfare

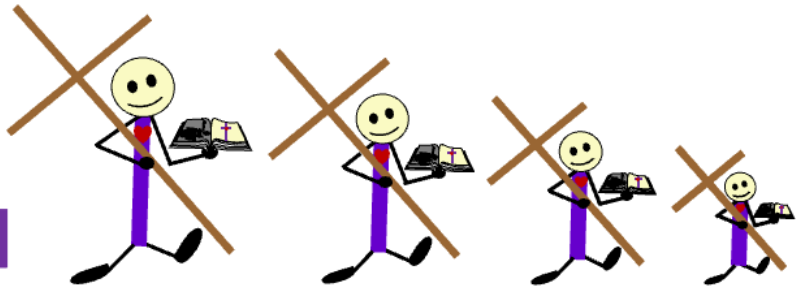
Inform, Inspect, Inspire

Past, Present, Future

Love Up, Love In, Love Out

Locally, Regionally, Globally

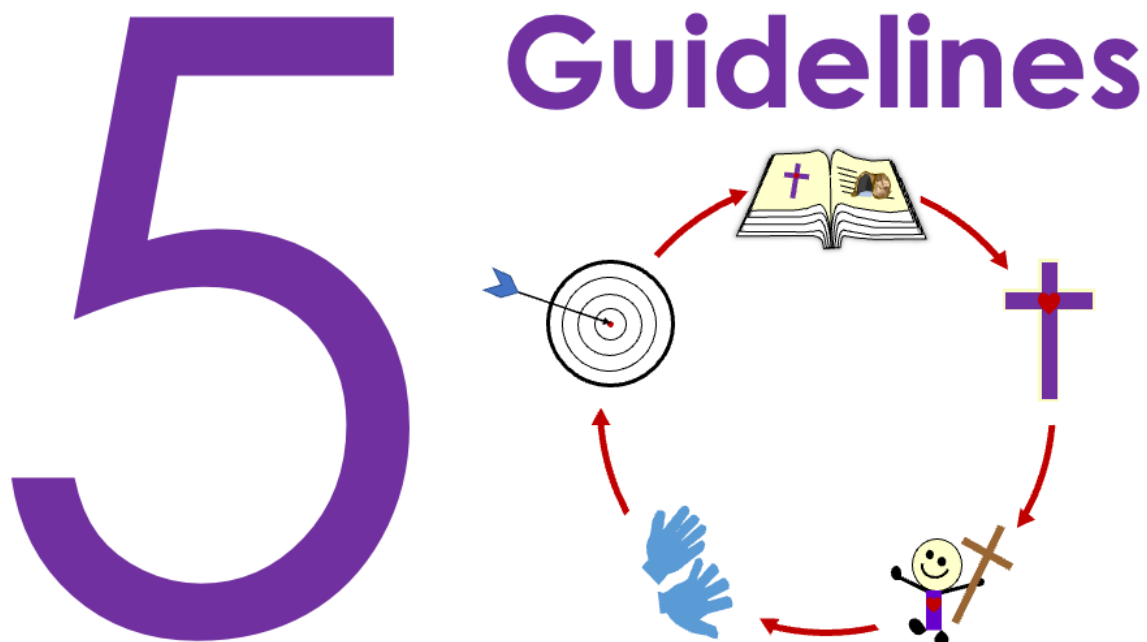
# 4 Generations



Discipled warriors are committed to making disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.

## 2 Timothy 2:2

And what **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses, commit to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others also**.



## Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no  
prophetic vision  
the people perish  
(cast off restraint), but  
blessed is he who  
keeps the law.

# Discipling Warriors' 5 GUIDELINES:

## 1. Our Blueprint: (God's Word, Will & Way)

We need to be 100% committed and 100% surrendered to the 100% authoritative, absolute "truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) of God, as revealed in God's Word, will, and ways... We are to righteously affirm, obey, and exemplify 2nd Timothy 3:16-17.

## 2. Our Belief: (God's Grace & Gospel)

We need God's grace! Even more, by God's grace... we need to realize how much we desperately need God's saving gospel and sanctifying grace (Ephesians 2:1-10)... every step of the way, each and every day.

## 3. Our Becoming: (God's Witnesses)

We, like all true, born again, biblical-believers are miraculous, Christ-like, works in progress. By God's grace and for His glory, we do our best to worship God & multiply... as we pray, obey, love, & repeat (Acts 1:8).

## 4. Our Blessing: (God's Service)

We want to serve God, in part, by meeting the biblical needs of others, serving them holistically & missionally, (Galatians 6:2) contextualizing & customizing truth in love... locally, regionally, & globally.

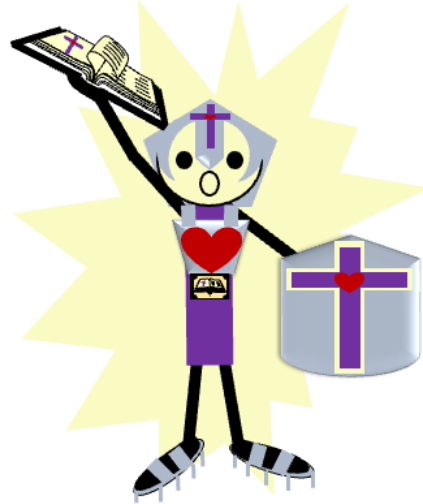
## 5. Our Bullseye: (God's Glory)

We aim to bless & glorify God by championing Christ, His Great Commandments, and His Great Commission... all in the context of winning spiritual warfare. In short, as radically intentional, biblical, and missional ambassadors, we are committed to bringing God glory by finding and growing more glorifiers (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).



# 6

# Guardians



Disciplined Warriors trust, put on & live in God's guardian gear.

## [Ephesians 6:10-18a](#)

**10** Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the **strength** of his **might**. **11** Put on the whole **armor of God**, that you may be able **to stand** against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the **cosmic powers** over this present **darkness**, against the **spiritual forces** of **evil** in the **heavenly places**. **13** Therefore take up the **whole armor** of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the **evil day**, and having done all, to **stand firm**. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, **15** and, as **shoes** for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel **of peace**. **16** In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all **the flaming darts** of the **evil one**; **17** and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is **the word of God**, **18** praying at all times

# 7 Guardrails



Disciplined Warriors are progressively-guided by God's Spirit... living & ministering between 7 biblical & missional guardrails.

[Matthew 7:14](#)

“For the gate is small  
and the way is  
narrow that leads to  
life, and there are  
few who find it.

# The Disciplined Warriors'

## 7 PROGRESSIVE GUARD-RAILS

### 1. Decide & Determine

#### A. Decide:

- a. What do you want?
- b. What are you doing?
- c. What is your bullseye?

#### B. Determine:

- a. How will you hit the bullseye?
  - i. Define Reality
  - ii. Describe Restoration
  - iii. Deploy Reproducers
- b. How committed are you to the vision & mission?
  - i. Proverbs 29:18
  - ii. Deuteronomy 4:9 (NLT)
  - iii. Hebrews 10:37-39ff
- c. How will you measure effectiveness?
  - i. *Love God, Love People, Serve the World*
  - ii. Find the Lost, Grow the Found
  - iii. 2 Timothy 2:1-7 & John 15:8

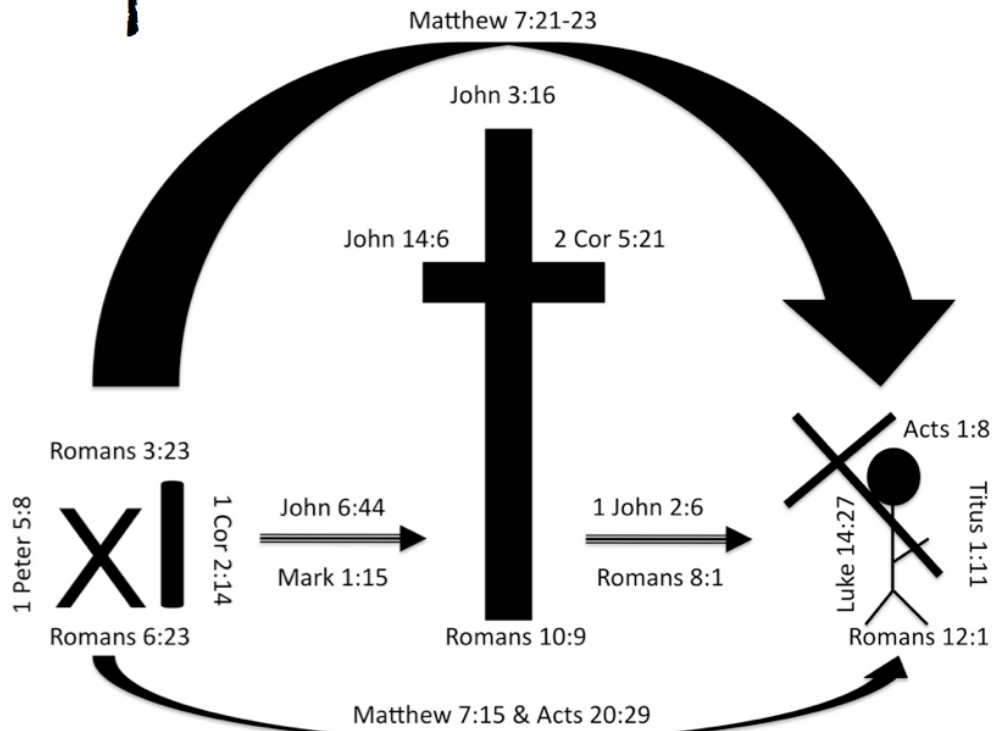
## 2. Discovery & Discussion

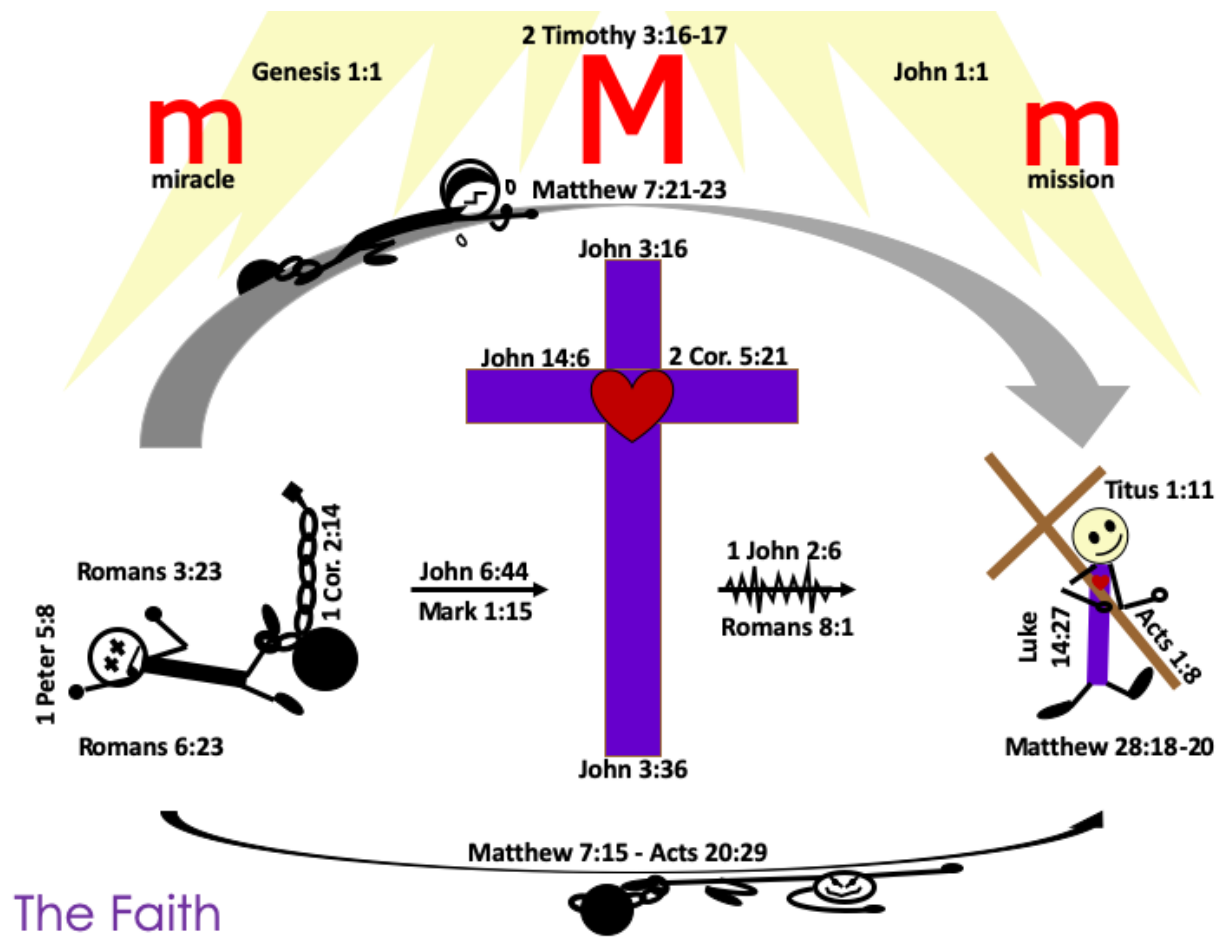
### A. Discovery:

- a. There is absolute truth (John 14:6)
- b. There is absolute love (1 John 4:8)
- c. Everyone needs God's truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)

*Speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all things into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ. – Amplified Bible*

# Gospel: Truth-in-Love





## B. Discussion:

### a. Pray & Obey

- i. Pray without ceasing!
- ii. Faithfully obey/follow Christ.
- iii. Pray & BE... John 17:20-23

### b. Listen & Learn

- i. Land as a listening learner!
- ii. Loving leads to listening...
- iii. Learn first... teach second.

c. Engage & Explain

- i. Go and Show
- ii. Truth **IN** Love
- iii. Relating in Reality

d. Contextualize & Customize

- i. Study cultures & heart languages
- ii. Meet people where they are...
- iii. See from behind their eyes...
- iv. Accept “commo” responsibility...
- v. Customize without compromise!

e. Refine & Repeat

- i. Evaluate your effectiveness...
- ii. Make continuous improvements!
- iii. Repeat the refining process.

### 3. Divinity & Dictionary

A. Divinity:

- a. Introduce God
- b. Inspect other gods
- c. Inspire God-glorifying

B. Dictionary:

- a. Introduce God’s Word, will, & ways
- b. Inspect God’s Word, will, & ways
- c. Inspire God’s Word, will, & ways
  - i. **All SCRIPTURE**
  - ii. **All AUTHORITY**
  - iii. **All NATIONS**
  - iv. **All COMMANDS**
  - v. **All TIMES**

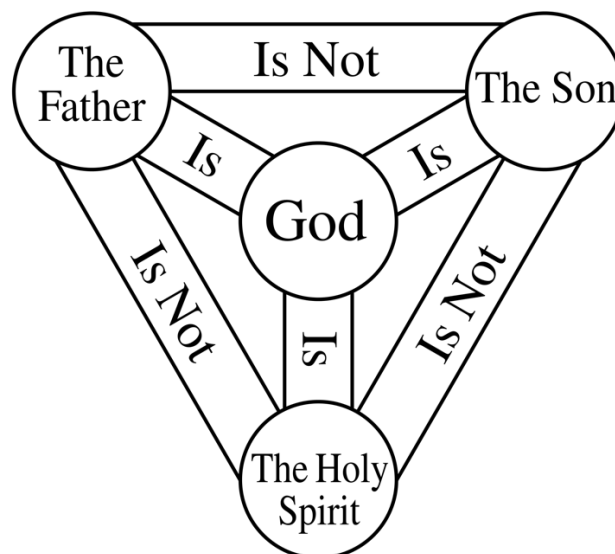
## 4. Definition & Description



### A. Definition:

a. God

i. Trinity



- ii. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- iii. Creator, Christ, Comforter

b. God The Word

- i. John 1:1
- ii. John 1:12
- iii. John 1:14

c. The Word of God

- i. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ii. Psalm 119:105 & 165
- iii. Titus 2:1 & 15

B. **Description:**

a. God's will

- i. John 4:34
- ii. John 6:40
- iii. Matthew 7:21-23

b. God's way(s)

- i. Proverbs 3:5-6
- ii. Matthew 4:19
- iii. **John 20:21**

*“As the Father has sent Me,  
so now I send you.”*

c. God's worship

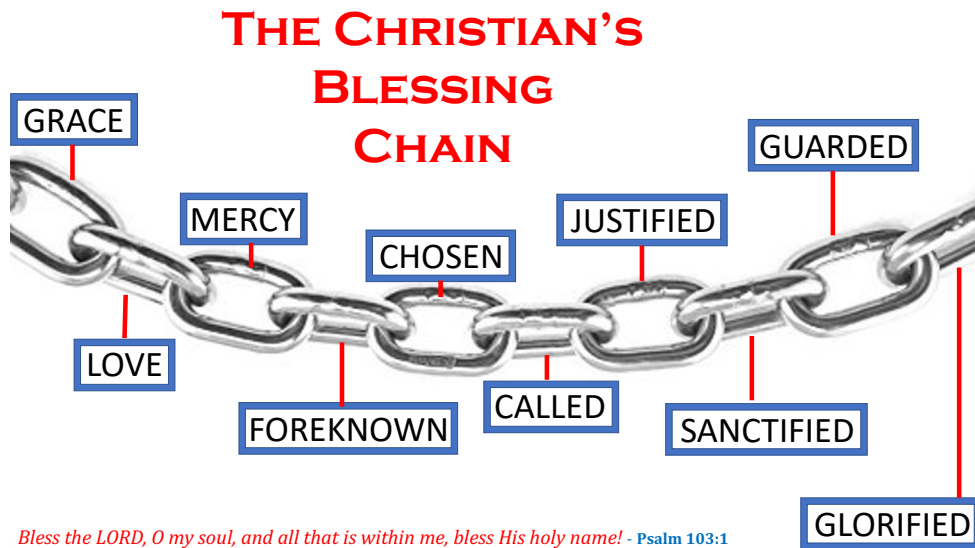
- i. Romans 12:1
- ii. Psalm 103:1ff
- iii. John 14:15



# 5. Doctrine & Destruction

## A. Doctrine:

- a. Harmonizing biblical truth in love
- b. Explaining “worldview” realities
- c. Show “The FLOW”

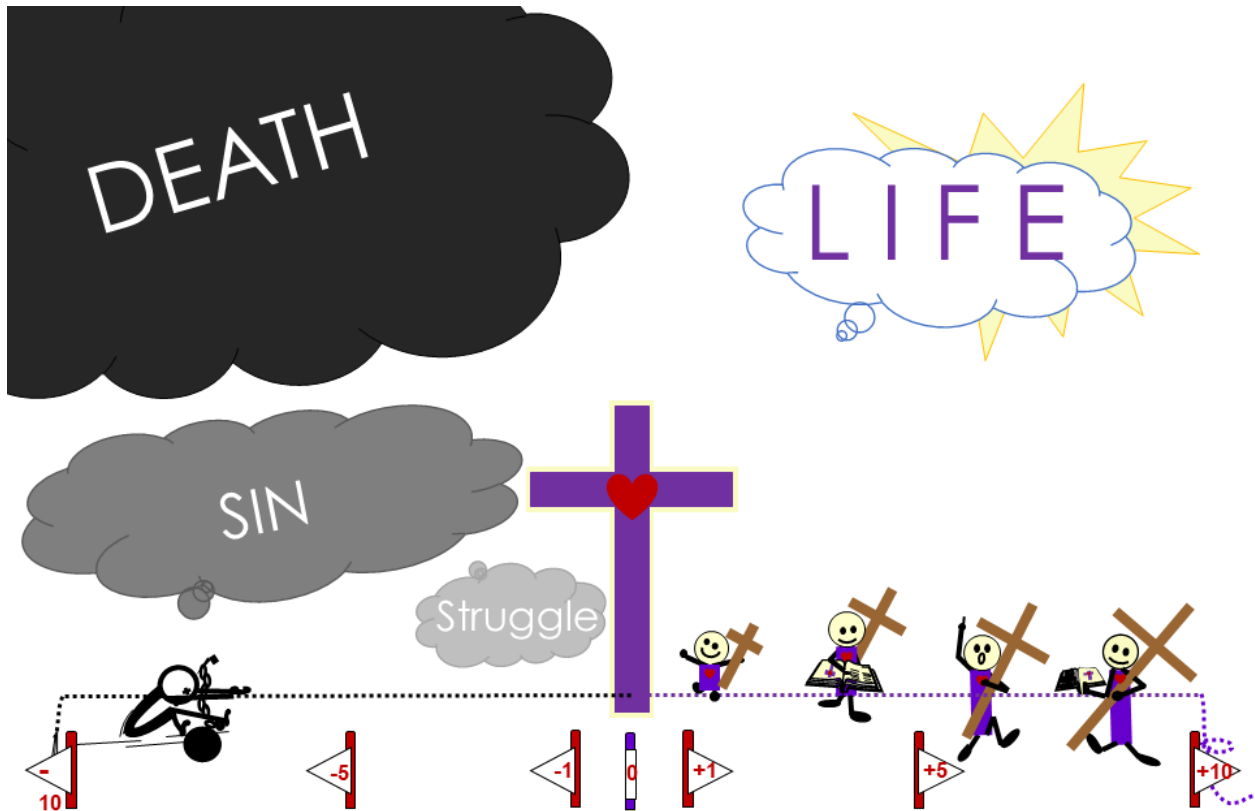


PREVIEW:

- 1 Design
- 3 Divisions
- 5 Disciples
- 7 Details
- 12 Disciplines
- 24 Distinctives

## B. Destruction:

- a. Satan
- b. Sin
- c. Self
- d. Struggles (see "The Fight" -10 to +10)
- e. Stumbles



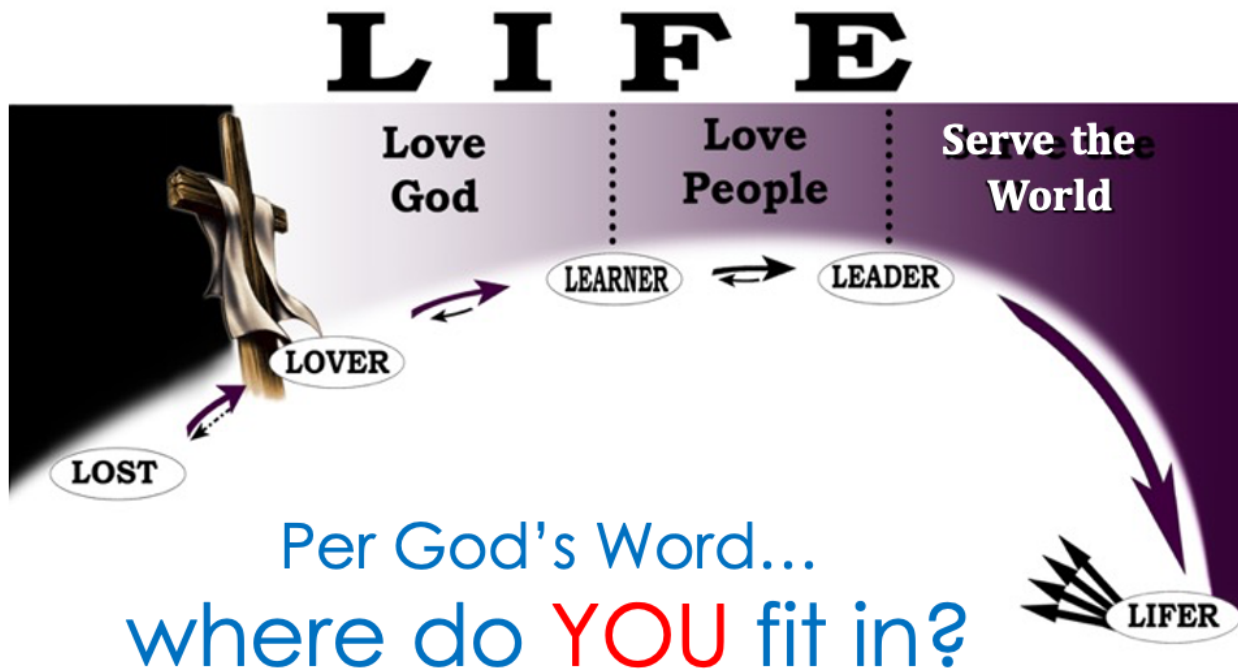
*Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell, I want to run a rescue mission within a yard of Hell.*

**- C.T. Studd**

# 6. Development & Discipline

## A. Development:

a. Christian faith & fruit are both meant to grow.



~ Lost

~ Lover

~ Learner

~ Leader

~ Lifer

## The LOST

All who are wrongly & rebelliously related to the God of the Bible; the spiritually **blind** & **stubborn**; they are neither surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, nor filled with His Spirit. While such souls are **often “religious”** they **remain** unrepentant, unbelieving, unfruitful & disobedient. The **“lost”** are **spiritually-dead** sinners.

## The LOVER

All born-again, Holy Spirit-filled, repentant & faithful **“infant-followers”** of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lovers are miraculously changed (while often missionally immature), in-filled but not fully informed; **eternally saved** but not yet missionally shaped. Lovers are saved sinners (aka - **biblical disciples**) now ready-for and in need of maturing discipleship

## The LEARNER

A born again, growing, fruit-producing, biblical follower of the Lord Jesus Christ; a **spiritual adolescent** (complete with their typical ups & downs). Discovery & development, amidst a dark & distracting world, are daily dynamics in the “learner’s” life, as they are actively & **intentionally disciplined** in how to live & love in the light of their new Christian identity.

## The LEADER

A stable, born again, **spiritual-adult**; a disciple whose DNA & discipleship (both inward & outward) are producing a **pattern** of missional, Christ-like, servant-oriented, multiplying-fruit, in the context of faithfully following the Lord Jesus Christ. Leaders are **fishers of men**; spiritual pillars, koinonia-championing chaperones; &/or **spiritual “parents”** in the family of God.

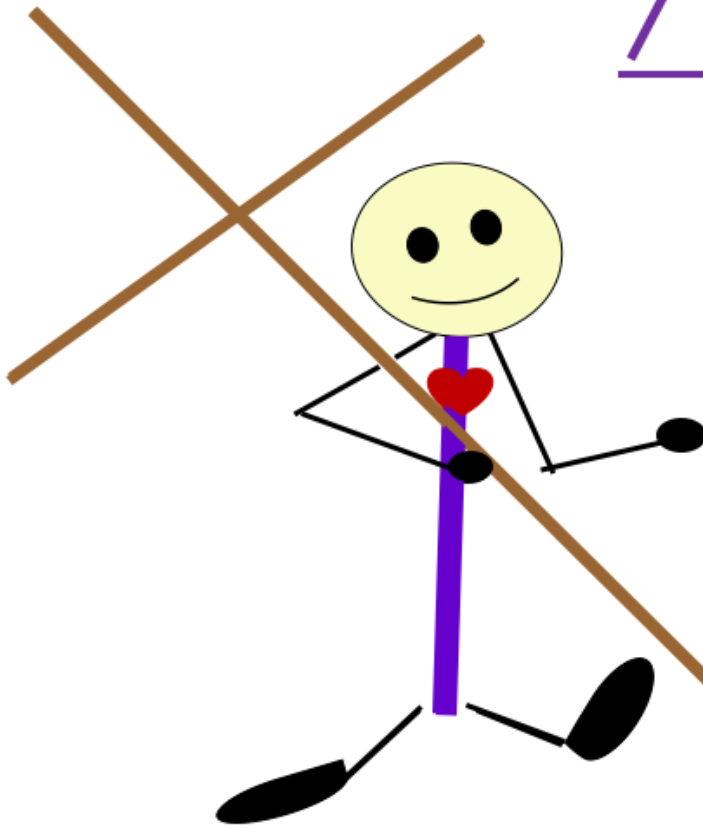
## The LIFER

An **imperfect** but passionate, **all-in**, biblically-mature, fully devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lifers are missionally & exponentially, fruit-producing, **servant-leaders**. Lifers are a God-given gift to the Church. Lifers are **spiritual under-shepherds** with God-given authority & responsibilities; they are equippers who make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.

*Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith.*

**- Hebrews 13:7**

b. The 7 Fundamentals



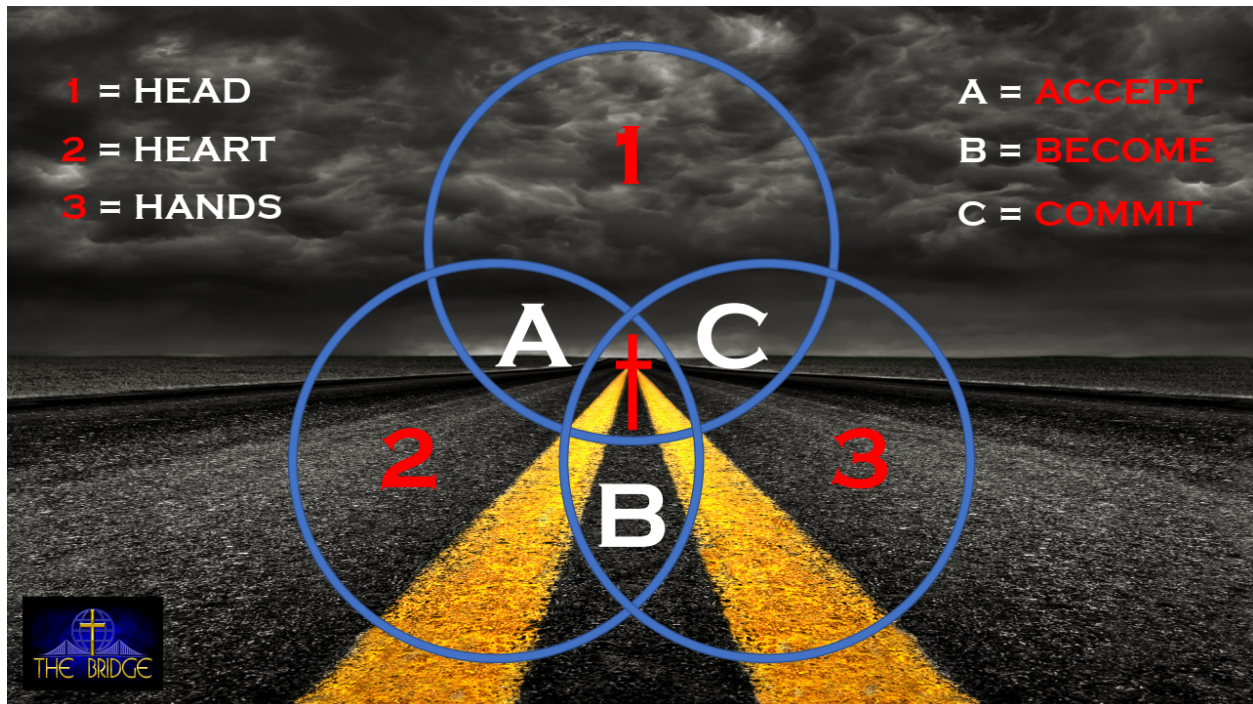
## 7 Details:

Foundations  
Framework  
Facts  
Fight  
Faith  
Family  
Forever

*Pay close attention to your life  
and your teaching; persevere in  
these things, for by doing this  
you will save both yourself  
and your hearers.*

**- 1 Timothy 4:16**

c. Explain 123ABC Discipleship.



B. Discipline:

- a. Definition...
- b. Description...
- c. J.E.S.U.S.'S. P. S.W.O.R.D.

*And you became imitators of us  
and of the Lord when you  
welcomed the message with the  
joy of the Holy Spirit, in spite of  
your great suffering.*

**- 1 Thessalonians 1:6**



# 12 Disciplines:

Journaling	Prayer
Eat-nothing	Service
Scripture	Worship
Understudy	Outreach
Stewardship	Relationships
Solitude	Development



## 7. Devotion & Discipleship

### A. Devotion:

- a. Devotion is a Head, Heart, & Hands equation...
- b. "No matter what!" ...more than a cliché ([1 John 3:18](#))

*My little children, let us not love  
in word or tongue, but in  
action and in truth.*

c. See John 3:36; 20:21; Matthew 24:13; Hebrews 12:1-4

# Practical Principles for Discipling Warriors

1

*Discipling warriors begins with deciding to disciple warriors!*

2

*Wishy-washy wimps don't disciple WARRIORS!*

3

*Discipling warriors epitomizes God's truth, love, vision & mission!*

4

*Discipling warriors is done best when prayerfully contextualized & customized!*

5

*Discipling warriors win from within... the Bible's triune God!*

6

*Discipling warriors is commanded in and throughout God's Word!*

7

*Discipling warriors means... DISCIPLING WARRIORS!*

8

*Discipling warriors fulfills God's will... GOD's way!*

9

*Discipling warriors requires theological precision & accuracy!*

10

*Discipling warriors defeats the devil and WINS spiritual warfare!*

11

*Discipling warriors blesses God... and bears much fruit!*

12

*Discipling warriors equips the Head, Heart, & Hands of God's ambassadors!*

13

*Discipling warriors supernaturally feeds & fuels unstoppable passion!*

14

*Discipling warriors who disciple warriors who disciple warriors  
is the greatest expression of victorious Christ-likeness!*

# The Discipled Warrior's Narrow Way

1. Discipled Warriors bear the fruit of God's grace, love, & mercy.
2. Discipled Warriors always start with God's TRUTH in LOVE.
3. Discipled Warriors intentionally SHARE Christ & The Gospel.
4. Discipled Warriors KNOW The One true, living & triune God.
5. Discipled Warriors CHAMPION ALL of God's Word, will, & ways.
6. Discipled Warriors are HOLISTICALLY HEALTHY ambassadors.
7. Discipled Warriors SERVE the world (locally, regionally & globally).
8. Discipled Warriors live as prophetic, VISIONARY missionaries.
9. Discipled Warriors courageously CONFRONT any and ALL sin.
10. Discipled Warriors FIGHT the faith's good fight...
11. Discipled Warriors INSPIRE others to greater Christ-likeness.
12. Discipled Warriors are miraculous Christ-like, works-in-progress
13. Discipled Warriors grow in God-honoring discipline(s).
14. Discipled Warriors joyfully MODEL the BRIDGE MANIFESTO.
15. Discipled Warriors FAITHFULLY abide in and OBEY Christ.
16. Discipled Warriors confess & repent when necessary.
17. Discipled Warriors contextualize & customize discipleship.
18. Discipled Warriors live & love in the full armor of God.
19. Discipled Warriors seek to BE a blessing to Almighty God.
20. Discipled Warriors say thank you LORD – no matter what!

## B. Discipleship:

- a. Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- b. The full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- c. Explain "The Framework" in detail... (**John 15:8**)



**One FAITH. One FAMILY. One FOCUS.**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally).” – Acts 1:8*

One Question: **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**

One Offer: **COME AND SEE.**

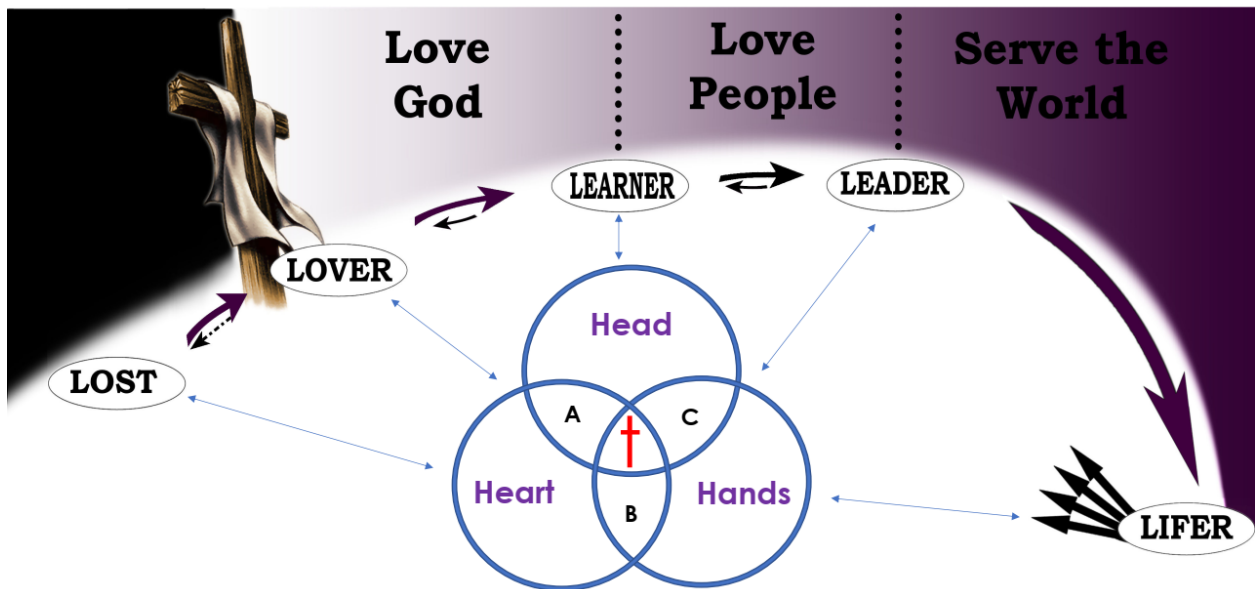
One Promise: **TRUTH IN LOVE!**

**Our Truth-in-Love Distinctives: We are...**

- 1.** Responding to grace & repenting of sin...
- 2.** Trusting the Bible & obeying God’s Word...
- 3.** Growing in-Christ & living Spirit-led...
- 4.** Praying for guidance & following by faith...
- 5.** Dying to self & carrying our cross...
- 6.** BE-ing the Church & loving one another...(truly loving one another)
- 7.** Equipping the saints & exemplifying supernatural unity...
- 8.** Ministering as ambassadors & discerning matters shrewdly...
- 9.** Worshipping God vertically & experiencing Him horizontally...
- 10.** Proclaiming the Gospel (*no matter what*) & fishing for men...
- 11.** Making disciples-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
- 12.** Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

*By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.*

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*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

**- Acts 1:8**

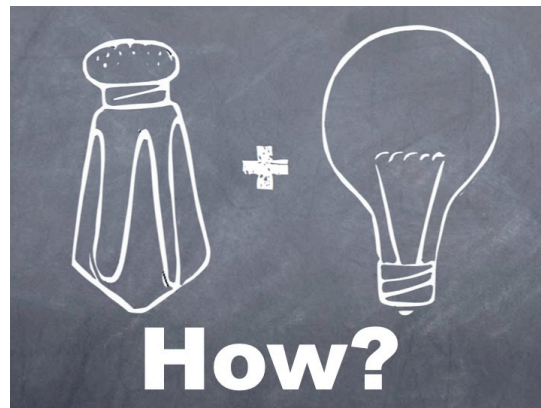
*“We must divorce Chocolate and Disobedience, and marry Faith and Heroism.”*

— C.T. Studd

In the end, discipling warriors, young & old, comes down to:

- ~ Grace & Mercy
  - ~ Truth in Love
    - ~ Repenting & Believing
      - ~ Praying & Obeying
    - ~ Contextualizing & Customizing
  - ~ Application & Apprenticeship
- ~ Refinement & Repetition

To BE continued...      Next, see our A.I.T.



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