

# ***“Defining Discipleship”***

2 Timothy 2:1-10

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**VIDEO:** Rudy – *“Inspirational Tough-Love”*

**INTRO:** Our text today parallels in principle that clip...

## **Timeless Truth**

**To live as a disciple of Jesus  
Includes embracing a lifestyle of discipleship.**

### **PREVIEW:**

- I. Discipleship’s POWER**
- II. Discipleship’s PROGRESSIVENESS**
- III. Discipleship’s PORTRAIT**
- IV. Discipleship’s PARADIGM**
- V. Discipleship’s PROMISE & PRAGMATICS**

### **CONTEXT:**

- A. 2 Timothy... Paul to Timothy from prison to Ephesus
- B. Paul’s most intimate letter and loving relationship...
- C. This is the truest Christ-like discipleship on display!**

## I. Discipleship's **POWER**

*1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

- A. In-Grace
- B. In-Christ

**T/S:** What's the big deal???

### **VIDEO:**

*“Why is Discipleship Important?”*

## II. Discipleship's **PROGRESSIVENESS**

*2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

- A. Christ makes Christian people
- B. Christian people bring others to Christ
  - a. Finding the Lost
  - b. Growing the Found
- C. See “**4 generations of discipleship**” here

# 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.



## III. Discipleship’s **PORTRAIT**

\*\*\* Word pictures are here to help us...  
\*\*\* Note the “qualifiers” as we go...

- A. Good Soldier
- B. Victorious Athlete
- C. Hard-working Farmer

## A. “GOOD Soldier”

*3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in civilian pursuits (the affairs of everyday life), so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.*

1. **Shares** (koinonia)
2. **Suffers** (shares in suffering)
3. **Set-apart** (not entangled in civilian affairs)

## VIDEO

Francis Chan: *“Warfare in Discipleship”*

4. **Subordinate** (to the one who enlisted him)
5. **Strategic & Single-minded** (his aim is...)
  - \*\*\* **“civilian pursuits”** = ANY & ALL
  - **Distractions**
  - **Hindrances**
  - **Encumbrances**
  - **Items/Idols** we tend to try to balance!

*If it doesn't aid in THE mission...  
it's either a mess... or it's a mistake.* - JDP

## B. “VICTORIOUS Athlete”

*5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.*

1. **Seeks to win!**
2. **Crowned victorious**
3. **Competes** (is ON the field)
4. **Comprehends & Commits** (to the rules)

\*\*\* read **2 Timothy 3:16-17** \*\*\*

5. **Completes** (implied condition of victory)

**VIDEO:** *“We Are Marshall”*

## C. “HARD-WORKING Farmer”

*6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.*

1. **Working** vs. lazy, excuse-making or fleecing
2. **HARD-working** - an inspirational example

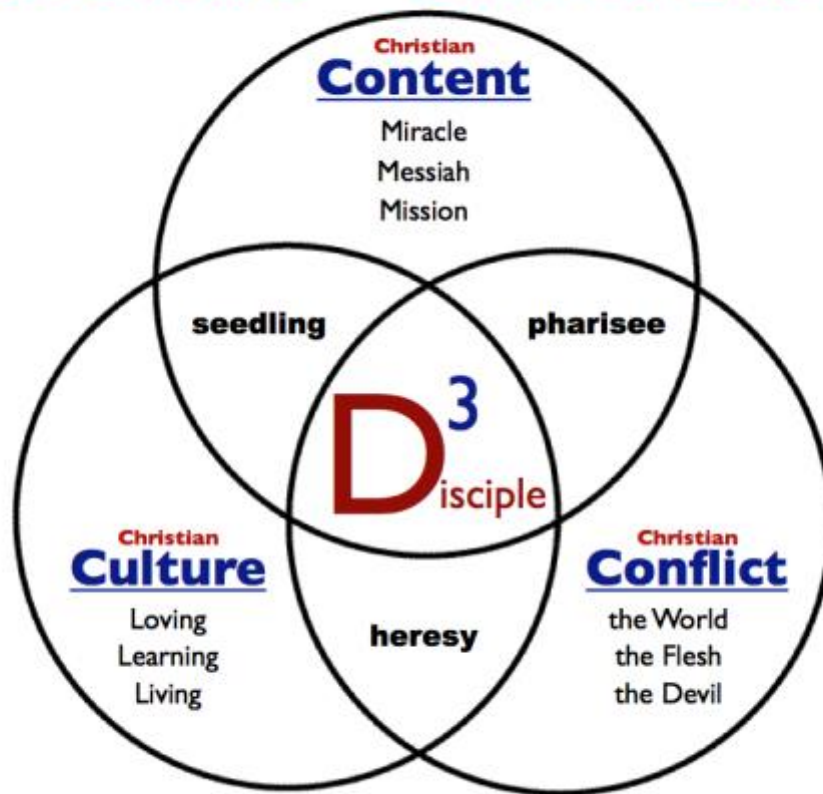
**VIDEO:**

Facing the Giants: *“Doing our BEST!”*

3. **Well-deserving** ("ought to" per God's Word)
4. **Preferential-treatment** ("1st share crops")
5. **Brings in a harvest!**

T/S:

**DISCIPLESHIP      CONTEXTUALIZATION**



## IV. Discipleship's **PARADIGM**

*Contemplation... Christ... Clarity*

## A. Contemplation

*7 Consider what I say,*

## VIDEO:

*“Discipleship Mathematics & Mechanics”*

## B. Christ

*for the Lord will give you*

## C. Clarity

*understanding in everything.*

1. Constant contemplation
2. Continuous consideration
3. Cleaving to Christ
4. Perpetual pressing-in
5. Daily discernment

## V. Discipleship's **PROMISE** & PRAGMATICS

*for the Lord will give you understanding  
in everything.*

(see Acts 1:8... 2 Peter 1:3... Philippians 4:13)

## **vv.8-10 Answer Discipleship's HOW?**

- A. Remember the PRINCE of Peace (v.8)**
- B. Remember the POWER of the Word (v.9)**
- C. Remember the PURPOSE of your life (v.10)**

### **A. Remember the PRINCE of Peace**

*8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,*

#### **1. Triumphant CHRIST**

- *"Remember Jesus Christ"*

\* **Creator**

\* **Lord**

\* **Savior (risen!)**

\* **Christ**

\* **King**

\* **LOVER of YOUR soul!**

\* **"God WITH us"**

#### **2. Trustworthy GOSPEL (Galatians 1:6-9)**

## **VIDEO**

David Platt: *"The Problem in Discipleship"*



## Jesus on Discipleship

1. Love - by your love... they will know...
2. BE born again – John 3:3
3. Obey – Matthew 28:19
4. Die – unless you pick up your cross daily...
5. Follow - ...you cannot be My disciple.
6. Witness – Acts 1:8
7. Genuine – Matthew 7:21-23
8. Wise – Matthew 7... builds homes on the Rock!
9. Unified – John 17 prayer for koinonia
10. Fruitful – “...bear much fruit...”
11. Shrewd & Innocent/Holy – Matthew 10:16
12. Different/Contrasting – Beatitudes & ALL the Bible!

**T/S:**

**VIDEO** - John Stott: *“God’s Word”*

### **B. Remember the POWER of God’s Word**

*9 for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.*

\*\*\* "the Sword of the Spirit" \*\*\*

- Genesis 1:1 & 3:15 & John 1:1 & 3:16/36

## C. Remember the PURPOSE of your life

*You have been saved to serve!*

*10 For this reason*

*I endure all things*

*for the sake of those who are chosen (the elect),*

*so that*

*they also*

*may obtain*

*the salvation*

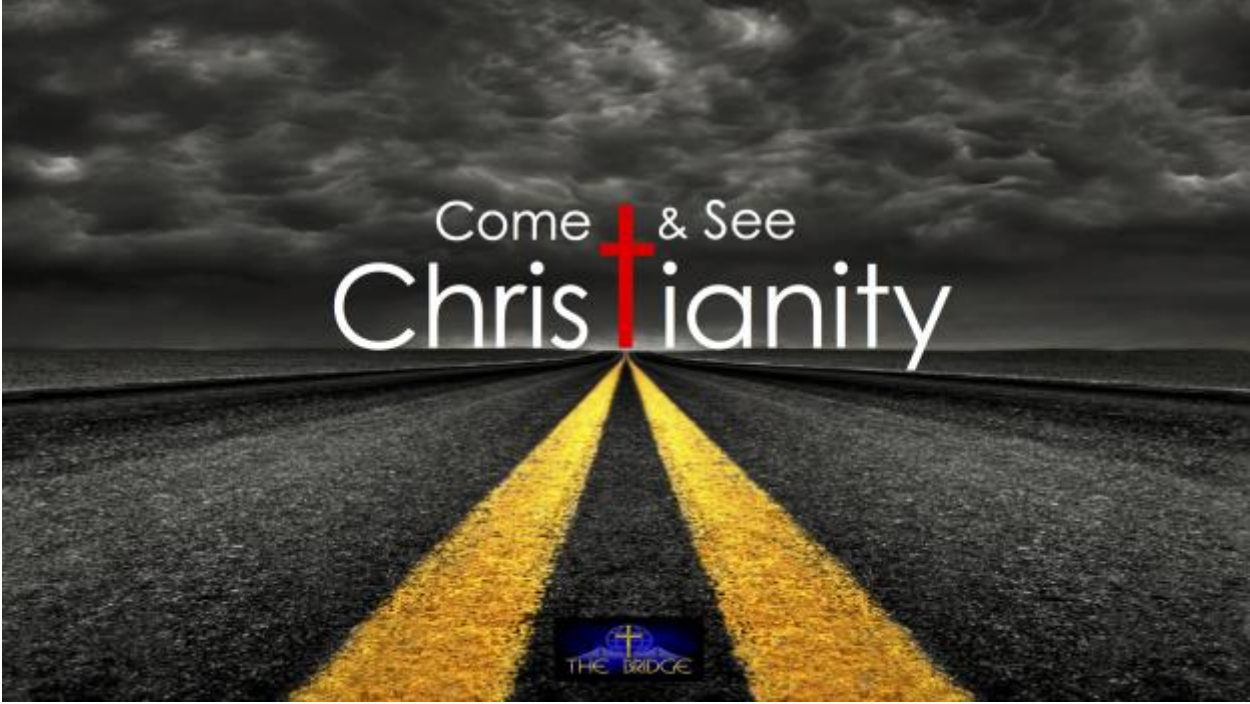
*which is in Christ Jesus*

*and with it*

*eternal glory.*

***"Be very careful that you do not put a Jesus skin... over a me-motive." - JDP***

***"Discipleship is Plan-A...  
and there is NO Plan B." - JDP***



# 123 ABC Discipleship

## 10 MICRO STEPS

1. **LOST**
2. **Gospel**
3. **LOVER**
4. **Reality**
5. **LEARNER**
6. **Others**
7. **LEADER**
8. **Willing**
9. **LIFER**
10. **BE-ing!**



# 123 ABC Discipleship

## 10 MACRO STAGES

1. **PRAY**
2. **Obey**
3. **Study**
4. **Discern**
5. **Engage**
6. **Explain**
7. **Equip**
8. **Empower**
9. **Exemplify**
10. **Repeat**







**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 disciplined-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
12. Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

**Let's Pray**