

Principles Of Biblical Discipleship

Real-Life Discipleship explains what should happen in the life of every Christian and in every small group so that the church becomes an army of believers dedicated to seeing the world saved. With the overriding goal to train disciples who know how to make more disciples, this book offers proven tools and strategies from Real Life Ministries, one of America's fastest-growing churches. Discover what the Bible says about true and effective discipleship with these strategies and practices.

"Following the Master" presents a comprehensive biblical theology of discipleship. Michael Wilkins compares other forms of master-disciple relationships in existence in the ancient Judaism and Greco-Roman world, traces Jesus' steps as he called and developed disciples, and then tracks the early church from its earliest days throughout the Mediterranean world as it followed Jesus' command to make disciples.

Examine the principles followed by Arthur Flake that helped churches regather after the 1919 Spanish Flu pandemic and grow their ongoing Bible study groups.

The Missed Mission of the Great Commission is discipleship, or as Jesus puts it: "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Thousands upon thousands of people have come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ over the last four decades. Yet during the same period of time, the influence of Christianity on the American society has greatly diminished. There have been many converts but far fewer have become disciples whose lives testify the presence of Jesus. As Pastor Eberly shares about his years of ministry, he calls the church back to a New Testament paradigm of discipleship. He focuses on biblical principles, rather than programs because one size does not fit all. His book also points to practical ways in which these principles can be applied in whatever situation.

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, Multiply will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at www.multiplymovement.com, where New York Times bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of Multiply. One plus one plus one. Every copy of Multiply is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

The Living Victoriously booklet is a 7-week study from BCF. Based completely on Scriptures, it is a practical look at everyday problems - their purpose in our lives, how we can overcome them, and walk daily in victory in the midst of trials, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Living Victoriously teaches the basics of: • The hope we can have as we go through difficult times • How and why God allows trials in our life • Practical biblical principles for change • How to practice those principles in our daily walk with Christ Living Victoriously is in a workbook format, and focuses on practical application in your daily life, providing passages for you to look up, and spaces for you to answer questions. It can be used as a personal devotional, as a one-on-one study, or in a small-group setting. Jesus did not tell His disciples that their problems would go away if they followed Him. In fact, He prepared them for battle, telling them what they would face, and taught them how to walk through those trials in victory, being Himself the ultimate demonstration of victorious living. Jesus also taught the disciples these things so that they could, in turn, teach others. This short course is about Christians living victoriously in the daily battles and struggles of life. It is also about how to come alongside and help others through those challenging times. This course will cover the following topics: • Understanding tests, temptations, and problems biblically • The biblical view of "self" • Biblical hope • Biblical change: dealing with problems God's way • Biblical practice: our daily walk with Christ • Biblical discipleship: coming alongside others Believers need to see how to have victory in the midst of problems with relationships, temptations to fear and worry, depression, life-dominating habit patterns and so on. Living victoriously in the midst of life's challenges is only possible with the resources that the Lord has provided to us as believers in the empowering of the Holy Spirit. This course will help you learn what those resources are, and provides the basic biblical principles for victory, and then how to apply them in overcoming the daily problems of life. Finally, this training will help you know how to encourage others to do the same.

"Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." — 1 Tim. 4:7, J. B. Phillips Translation As J. Oswald Sanders points out, true discipleship is more than intellectual assent to a belief in Christ; it involves the whole person and lifestyle. True disciples pursue their Master. They know that God is watching over their faith, but they also take Scripture's command seriously: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you." They take pains, by His power, to look more and more like Jesus. This book will help you to be such a disciple. It examines Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow Him, helping you become the kind of Christian Jesus wants you to be—not one devised by man or even other Christians. You'll learn: The profile of an ideal disciple Conditions for discipleship The tests that disciples endure How disciples pray and grow The posture and practices of a disciple And more For anyone who wants to be not just a believer in Christ, but an imitator of Him, this book is a treasured resource. Includes questions for reflection, ideal for both individual and group study.

What is spirituality? For some, it means nothing more than vague self-improvement pulled from the latest best-selling self-help book. For others, it refers to some generic religious practice. Shedding life-giving light on what often remains ill-defined and unclear, this book sets forth a vision of biblical spirituality—"a renewed sense of the momentousness of being alive in God's world as God's people are led by God's Spirit through God's Word unto godly, Christlike character." With careful exegetical work and theological reflection, the contributors—pastors and scholars such as Christopher W. Morgan, Paul R. House, Nathan A. Finn, and Gregg R. Allison—address spirituality from the perspective of the Bible, exploring topics such as the Trinity, divine sovereignty and

human responsibility, the “already” and “not yet,” and the church. This book also addresses practical questions about spirituality related to the workplace, disciplines of the body, and more.

The Kingdom Life provides an integrated approach to spiritual formation. This rich compilation from an extraordinary team of thinkers offers sound theology and key practices to strengthen you and those you disciple in light of Christ's lordship and life in the kingdom. -- back.

Culture affects how we make disciples. In this insightful roadmap, Charles Davis, former director of TEAM, provides a framework for missional discipling across diverse cultural contexts. With on-the-ground stories from a lifetime of mission experience, Davis navigates cultural tensions to help Christian workers minister more effectively at home or overseas.

Many people believe that discipleship is important, but they need help. In fact, the vast majority of Christians report that they have never been personally discipled by a more mature follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that they have a difficult time knowing how to disciple others? If making disciples of Jesus is the greatest cause on earth, how should we equip people to do it? This handbook is a practical guide for how to embrace the discipleship lifestyle – being a disciple of Jesus and how to make other disciples of Jesus. With contributions from pastors and teachers like Francis Chan, Jeff Vanderstelt, Bill Hull, Jim Putman, KP Yohannan, and Robert Coleman, the authors present seven elements that are necessary for disciple making to occur: Jesus—the original disciple maker and centerpiece of discipleship. Holy Spirit—fuels the disciple-making process. Intentionality—making disciples utilizing a strategy and a roadmap. Relationships—creating a loving, genuine connection with others who trust and follow Jesus. Bible—using the Word of God as the manual for making disciples. Journey—forging a traceable growth story from a new birth to spiritual parenthood. Multiply—reproducing the discipleship process so that the disciple becomes a disciple maker. Whether you are a parent who wants to disciple your children, a small group leader who wants to disciple those in your group, or a church leader who wants to disciple future leaders, the seven key elements in this handbook form a framework for understanding discipleship that can be applied in countless situations. In addition, there are questions provided in each section to help you think through how to apply the material to your disciple making efforts.

We live in a fearful, anxiety-driven age where the problems and challenges of the world, which come to us daily by news feed, far outstrip our abilities to respond. This sense of desperation leads to discord and violence: from bitter, cutting remarks to the atrocities of war; from pervasive racism to knee-jerk micro-aggressions. And it contributes to our current, peace-bankrupt social discourse, leading to patterns of dismissing, dividing from, condemning, or hating people. Conversation partners are no longer wrong or misinformed, they are evil: dehumanized and made objects of ridicule. But what if the root of these problems is not found out there, in my dumb, evil friend, family member or colleague at work, but in here--in my mind, heart, thought-life, and emotions, in my own desire to win at all costs. In Deep Peace, Todd Hunter analyzes the anxiety and desperation of our current moment and leads readers to receive the peace of Jesus and experience the deep wholeness that comes from the peace of God. He articulates a biblical framework for peace and provides practices to help Christians value and seek peace, becoming people of peace in ordinary life. Hunter reveals the heart issues from which these problems arise and introduces spiritual practices for becoming different sorts of people and different kinds of communities.

Best-selling author Patrick Morley challenges men to embrace a new perspective based on applying biblical principles to one's vocation and lifestyle in the midst of a world committed to materialistic and relativistic thinking. Formerly titled The Rest of Your Life.

A Biblical Theology of Christian Discipleship is a spiritual resource that examines the biblical and theological doctrines to do ministry amid challenges and oppositions. The role of the church is to persuade individuals to establish a philosophy of authentic discipleship. This book challenges the church to walk humbly before God as genuine disciples. The primary focus is to carefully follow Christ's mandate of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, "Go and make disciples." More importantly, the book describes how the church can effectively use different methods and principles to better prepare believers for Christ.

Discipleship is in a state of crisis today! Many Christians are not growing in Christ and are stuck in the process of reaching spiritual maturity. Sadly, what discipleship meant in the time of Christ is vastly different than what it means today. Moreover, the importance Christ and the apostles gave to discipleship is also stunningly different than the importance many Christians and churches today give it. Unlike the disciples who had much of Scripture memorized, a whopping 81% of Christians today don't read their Bible regularly. Unlike Christ's disciples who were "Fishers of Men," 61% of believers today haven't shared their faith in the past six months. And sadly, unlike Christ and the apostles who made discipleship the central focus of their ministries, 81% of pastors today have no regular discipleship programs in their churches. Discipleship is being neglected today, and the consequences are crippling. This book hopes to change that! Chapter 1 focuses on the state of discipleship in the lives of Christians and churches today and exposes the sad truth that it's in crisis mode. Chapter 2 reveals 14 key factors contributing to the lack of discipleship today and how they're affecting our lives. Chapter 3 defines biblical discipleship based upon central phrases Christ used in His ministry. Chapter 4 unfolds 14 essential components of the discipleship-making process that must be understood and practiced in order to attain spiritual maturity. Chapter 5 provides practical help on how to grow in each of the essential components of discipleship. It contains encouraging news and functional steps on how to grow in Christ. It also includes self-assessment tests to measure our level of spiritual maturity in each essential component of discipleship and gives hands-on, useful ideas on taking steps toward spiritual maturity.

The Biblical Principles of Discipleship Zondervan Publishing Company Spiritual Discipleship Principles of Following Christ for Every Believer Moody Publishers

Down-to-Earth Discipling offers both laypeople and ministry leaders simple, practical steps to one-on-one evangelism and discipleship.

In the beginning, they were called disciples, and the early believers knew what the word meant. Disciples were those who trusted the Lord, knew His voice, followed Him wherever He led them, and were obedient to everything He told them to do. Then a Roman government official in Antioch invented a new name. He called the disciples in this church, Christianoi. Christian and the identity of disciples slowly began to disappear. Today, only one, the term, Christian, is widely used in churches round the world. But even this name has been interpreted in as many ways as there are church denominations. In his book, Dr. Brian has examined each of the six names for disciples that the scriptures use: sinner, saint, child of God, Christian, disciple, bond slave. He treats each of the six names, not merely as useful information but as teachings that can profoundly influence the lives of those who long to be the Lord's disciples. In his final chapters, Dr. Brian takes a careful look at what the cross means for disciples. He presents a number of

valuable biblical principles that both inform and challenge those who long to follow the Lord as His disciples in the twenty-first century.

Greg Ogden recovers Jesus' method of accomplishing life change by investing in just a few people at a time. In this revised and updated edition Ogden sets forth his vision for transforming both the individual disciple and discipleship itself, showing how discipleship can become a self-replicating process with ongoing impact from generation to generation.

DON T read this book if you want to remain comfortable! Eric challenges us to consider what Biblical discipleship looks like based on what Jesus did. Eric writes this book with the integrity of a man who is not merely theorizing about the way things ought to be, rather he is describing what is actually happening as he builds Biblical disciples in the context of the inner city. This book is soundly Biblical, challenging and practical. This book is about building disciples not programs. Roger Hershey, Campus Crusade For Christ It is a joy to highly commend to all Discipleship Defined, for it is exactly the prescription that is needed for the Church to regain much of our lost effectiveness. "Discipleship Defined has carefully described, yet without programming it into a rigid system, how to go about this challenging task. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President Emeritus Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Eric Russ gives us some very straight forward thinking about discipleship, a topic widely misunderstood and undervalued. Moving away from piety-driven discipleship, Russ points us toward a holistic, Christ-centered way of following Jesus. Jonathan Dodson, Lead Pastor Austin City Life, Austin, TX. Eric has a healthy obsession about strong discipleship, and it shows in a gracious way in this guidebook for muscular commitment. Can you be obsessed and still have a gracious spirit? Eric does, and so does this book! Knute Larson, Senior Pastor The Chapel, Akron, OH (1983-2009) Eric Russ is lead pastor of Mack Avenue Community Church in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to Sara and has four children. For more information visit www.discipleshipdefined.com or www.mackave.com.

Victorious Disciples is a study of Biblical principles. By imparting spiritual knowledge and encouragement, this book is designed to help Christian women and men move from knowing the Word of God, to living the Word of God. If you are a new Christian but feel lost, this book is for you. If you have been in Christ for some time, but life is taking a toll on you, this book is for you. If you are a believer, but have no joy and feel defeated, this book is for you. If your church desires to develop a strong discipleship/mentoring ministry, this book is for you. Victorious Disciples provides the following guidelines for your Christian walk: * How to study the Bible * How to have an effective prayer life * How to experience victory in spiritual warfare * How to have strong faith * How to live a Spirit-filled life * How to become a disciple leader **IF EVERY ONE DISCIPLES ONE, THEN EVERYONE WILL BE DISCIPLED!** Christian discipleship is a fundamental biblical trust demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus Christ and within the early church. Knowing the importance of discipleship, Jesus walked closely with his disciples to influence their lives so they could, in turn, influence the world-an impact felt around the world for many generations. Christendom today puts less emphasis on the importance of Christian discipleship, and the result is a generation of believers who are not deeply rooted in the basic principles of Christianity. Proper Christian discipleship can not only equip believers with tools for effective ministry but also establish in them the basic biblical truths that they can pass on to future generations. The Five Pillars of Discipleship stresses the importance of five basic principles in Christian growth: Word of God, prayer, evangelism, fellowship, and praise and worship. Christians who constantly practice these things will be spiritually strong and also sound in Christian doctrines. Uplifting and encouraging, this guide calls on pastors and ministers of the gospel to return to the fundamental truth of biblical discipleship for the benefit of all believers and their ministry.

Your Life in Christ, the first topical Bible study in the revised Design for Discipleship (DFD) series by The Navigators, shows what it means to accept God's love for you. Its 4 sessions will help you to keep Christ at the center of your life and learn to live in the power of the Spirit. If using in a group, personal study is needed between meetings.

The purpose of this manual is to teach you how to examine yourself biblically so you can live in a manner that pleases the Lord and help others to do the same. The material in this manual also has been used in Bible studies for youth and adults, classes for Christian students (junior high, high school, college, and seminary level), courses of study designed to prepare missionaries for their ministry, evangelism training, discipleship training in prison ministries, Sunday school classes, home group studies, personal devotional studies, and Scripture memorization programs. In addition, it has proved valuable as a resource for pastors, counselors, health care professionals, personnel managers, educators, social workers and other professionals who are responsible to deal with personal and interpersonal problems. As you progress through this manual, you will discover many other uses for this material in your life and personal ministry. Please do not be intimidated by the volume of Scripture references contained in this manual. A new believer in Jesus Christ can find great comfort and help from looking up only one verse out of many that are listed on a particular subject. On the other hand, the Bible scholar or seminary student may desire to research many of the Scripture references from the original languages of the Bible. No matter how proficient you are in using Scripture, this manual encourages you to rely on the Word of God to discover God's sufficiency for every aspect of your life.

A closer, Scripture-based look at the intertwining relationship between worship and evangelism as the foundation for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

"Every believer in Jesus Christ deserves the opportunity of personal nurture and development." says LeRoy Eims. But all too often the opportunity isn't there. We neglect the young Christian in our whirl of programs, church services, and fellowship groups. And we neglect to raise up workers and leaders who can disciple young believers into mature and fruitful Christians. In simple, practical, and biblical terms, LeRoy Eims revives the lost art of disciple making. He explains: - How the early church disciplined new Christians - How to meet the basic needs of a growing Christian - How to spot and train potential workers - How to develop mature, godly leaders "True growth takes time and tears and love and patience," Eims states. There is no instant maturity. This book examines the growth process in the life of a Christian and considers what nurture and guidance it takes to develop spiritually qualified workers in the church.

New Look for Landmark Teaching on Living the Spirit-Empowered Life In our instant-gratification culture, we consume a fleeting, shallow diet of media, relationships, entertainment, and spirituality. Our souls go hungry, longing for a fuller, more satisfying life. Bestselling author and beloved pastor Jack Hayford shows, in what has become a modern-day

classic, how we can feed our deepest places with the sustaining Bread of Life. With warmth and wisdom, he reveals how we can link our souls to timeless practices and principles set forth in Scripture. He invites you to rediscover the power and blessing of these spiritual disciplines--of true Spirit-fullness. Even more, he shows how these spiritual disciplines are relevant for today and how we can practice them in our quick-paced, surface-level culture. When we take time to fast and pray, worship daily, feed on God's Word, and more, we fully enter the rich adventure of becoming an effective disciple of Christ--ensuring that our souls will never go hungry.

A STRICTLY BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE MINISTRIES has developed the WORD FOCUS FELLOWSHIP GROUP, as a Christian alternative to the world's recovery system, which addresses addiction by teaching individuals how to manage sin (addiction) through behavioral modification. Jesus Christ did not give His life on Calvary so a Christian could learn to manage sin but so that they could be set free from the penalty, power and eventually the presence of sin. God's plan for addressing addiction is far superior to man's plan because it not only restores a believer physically, socially and psychologically but it addresses the root cause of addiction, spiritual death. God's plan, salvation spiritually changes a person's nature and provides the potential for their soul to be restored (mind, will, and emotions) as well and addresses all of life's issues. A "WORD FOCUSED" FELLOWSHIP GROUP (Level 1) is a highly interactive, open-ended discipleship group based on 5 Biblical principles. To advance from one principle to the next the group process requires an individual to learn a memory verse and complete a designated exercise that must be shared within the group. It is a discipleship series that takes the "Body of Christ" back to biblical basics founded on the doctrines of salvation: repentance, rebirth, justification, and adoption, positional and progressive holiness (sanctification). Emphasis is placed on a believer understanding and accepting their "new identity" in Christ enabling them to "Walk in the Spirit." It is designed with a biblically strategic format with a five-fold in purpose. A STRICTLY BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE MINISTRIES has developed a Facilitator Guide for use in conjunction with the "WORD FOCUSED" FELLOWSHIP GROUP. The Facilitator Guide is designed to assist counselors, lay counselors and mentors in facilitating the groups to assist participant in taking an in depth and personal view of the different factors in salvation which will assist them in developing an accurate view of their new identity in Christ.

Have we over complicated, over systematized, and over formalized making disciples? When our hearts are changed by Christ, it's natural that we should want to help others come to know Him too. And while Scripture clearly sets forth how to do so, modern Western society has formalized, professionalized, and systemized discipling to a point that it seems too complicated to practice. What happened to the simple, heart-to-heart ministries of the New Testament? In Walk with Me, you'll return to the essential biblical practices that help people grow as Christ-followers in simple, slow, and deep ways. Learn how you can connect with your neighbors, coworkers, or anyone you want to reach with the gospel in ways that are relational and Spirit-led. You'll learn five kingdom principles that will reshape how you can pass on the faith: In heart-to-heart ways By keeping it simple By going slow By building deep By living on mission

This book presupposes that pastors and seminarians deeply desire to answer the question of all questions: how do I make disciples of Jesus Christ? The Great CoMission is a practical guide that will be helpful for pastors in the field, yet "meaty" enough for seminarians in the classroom.

Many Christians may find today's world to be spiritually hostile. In a social climate that begs spirituality to take a backseat to cultural demands there is a need for a new discipleship model. It is no secret that modern disciples will have to search for new methods of discipleship. Rather than a book intended for use as a guide for discipleship, Brave New Discipleship lays out the biblical principles that must be followed, no matter what book or discipleship method the reader might choose to use. Brave New Discipleship integrates the best of modern educational research to guide the most effective discipleship strategy possible. Max explores Scripture and sheds light on what is negotiable and what is non-negotiable for modern ministry. For the reader looking for biblically sound ways to grow his or her church, Brave New Discipleship is a must-read. Features include: Memory exercises help the reader absorb a summary of what he or she has read Understanding exercises help the reader put into his own words what he or she has read, to be sure he grasps the truth Application exercises allow the reader to apply the truth to his or her personal life Teacher's section included in the back This book is a call for a radical commitment to following Jesus in terms of His conditions. It laments the fact that too many professing Christians are contented with a very comfortable form of religion without dedicating themselves to the cause of the gospel. Disciples are those who make things count. They are never satisfied with the status quo. They desire to see revival and renewal, wishing to see lives transformed and numerical growth in the Church. There is a passionate desire to fulfil the call of God on their lives. They become an integral part of the vision and mission of their churches.

"Go and make disciples . . ." It's one of the most familiar phrases in the Bible, but one of the most puzzling and challenging to see fulfilled. How does one "make" a disciple? What's the cost? What's the reward? Why do so many Christians struggle with this Great Commission directive from the Lord? This book presents seven clear, biblical principles of ministry for serious Christians who want to have significant personal ministries. It gives encouragement, motivation, and practical instruction for success in making disciples for Jesus Christ. These are principles such as "Be what you want others to be," "Give your life to people, not just your knowledge," and "Don't use people to build your ministry; use your ministry to build people." This book will deepen your appreciation for the power of lay ministry and help you be a disciple-maker for Christ, right where you are.

The Biblical Principles for Discipleship/Counseling booklet contains the biblical principles found in the Self-Confrontation manual and the Handbook for Biblical Discipleship/Counseling available in one package.

David Servant has been ministering to Christian leaders in conferences around the world for over three decades. From his experience of speaking to tens of thousands of pastors in over forty countries, he has compiled biblical teaching in this book that addresses the most important issues that Christian leaders are facing today. Servant covers topics such as

church growth, spiritual warfare, divorce and remarriage, biblical interpretation, house churches, women in ministry, church government, spiritual gifts, evangelism and many more. He often questions the prevailing opinion, always considering what Scripture says. His conclusions may sometimes surprise you. Servant's foundational condition is that every Christian leader should be making disciples who obey all of Christ's commandments. Translated into many languages, The Disciple-Making Minister is helping Christian leader around the world be more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The most important disciple a parent will make is within their own home, and yet this is the most difficult disciple to make. Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin helps readers develop a sustainable rhythm of gospel-centered discipleship through a guided framework focusing on moments of discipleship in 3 key areas: time (intentional time gathering your family around gospel activities or conversations), moments (leveraging opportunities throughout the day), and milestones (celebrating significant life events). Each section provides parents with Scriptures to consider, questions to answer, structures to implement, and ideas to try out as they seek to see Christ formed in their children. Here is a book that begins with the end in mind, offering ideas and examples of what gospel-centered family discipleship looks like, helping parents design their own discipleship plan as they seek to raise children in the love and fear of the Lord.

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