

## Design of Discipleship: The Goals of Discipleship (Part 2)

### 1. To encourage you to put God before all other relationships

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

### 2. To help you to become grounded in the Word, and guarded against the world

1 John 2:14 ... I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (cf. Col 2:6-8)

### 3. To encourage you to allow God to direct your life's path, and to govern your thoughts

Luke 14:27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (cf. Prov 3:5-6)

### 4. To equip you for ministry, and edify you to maturity, not to entertain you with amusements

Eph 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some ... pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

### 5. To encourage you to pursue holiness, not happiness

1 Pet 1:13-16 ... but as He who called you [is] holy, you also be holy in all [your] conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

### 6. To encourage you toward selflessness, and away from selfishness

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. (cf. Phil 2:3-8)

### 7. To encourage you toward adulthood, and away from childishness

1 Cor 13:11 – When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (cf. Eph 4:13-15)

### 8. To encourage you to be living the truth, not just knowing the truth (orthopraxy vs. orthodoxy)

Col 2:6-7 – As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught.... (cf. Heb 5:12 – 6:2)

### 9. To prepare you for \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ and in your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 8:1** – Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

**Luke 8:13** – But the ones on the rock [are those] who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

**2 Thes 1:4** – so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

**2 Tim 3:11-12** – persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

**James 1:2** – My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

### 10. To encourage you toward \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 8:14** – Now the ones [that] fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

**1 Cor 2:13—3:4** – These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is [rightly] judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual [people] but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where [there are] envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like [mere] men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

**1 Cor 6:18-20** – Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Eph 4:17-24** – This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

**Col 3:5-6** – Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

**1 Thes 4:3-6** – For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

**1 Tim 5:1-2**