

Design of Discipleship: The Goals of Discipleship (Part 4a)

- 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.
- 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**
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 difficult times in your life and in your lifetime**
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. (Acts 8:1; Lu 8:13; 1 Pet 1:6)
- 10. To encourage you toward spirituality and purity, not carnality and sensuality**
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. (Lu 8:14; 1 Cor 2:13-3:4; 6:18-20)
- 11. To help you find consistent victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil**
1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. 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. (1 Jn 2:15-17)
- 12. To encourage you to seek the eternal, not the temporal**
Col 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 13. To live for tomorrow, rather than today**
Gal. 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Mt 16:24-28)

14. To assist you in fulfilling your God-designed _____

as _____ and _____ (even as children)

- A. The _____ of Gender: _____ & _____**
Gen 1:27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- B. The _____ of Gender: Be _____ & _____**
Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- C. The Creation _____ of Gender: _____, then _____**
Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
Gen 2:21-22 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
1 Tim 2:12-13 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
- D. The Creation _____ of Gender (Roles):**
 - 1) Male**
 - **Assigned _____ Responsibility**
Gen 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
 - **Assigned _____ Responsibility**
Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
 - **Assigned _____ Responsibility**
Gen. 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply..."
 - 2) Female**
 - **To _____ the Male**
Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
 - **To Share in the _____ Responsibility**