

The Master Plan of Evangelism

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Chapter 7 — Supervision

QUESTIONS BEGINNING WITH ~ MEAN THAT THE ANSWER IS NOT IN THE BOOK.

What did the disciples do once their assignment was finished?

THEY GATHERED TO REPORT ON THEIR ASSIGNMENT. [¶ BEGINNING, “ACCORDINGLY, NOT LONG AFTER TH TWELVE WERE SENT...”, 1ST SENTENCE]

~ What would this “reporting” look like in a church setting today?

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What was Jesus’ response to the disciples’ reports?

HE REJOICED. [ENTIRE ¶ BEGINNING, “NOTHING COULD HAVE GIVEN JESUS MORE JOY THAN THIS.”]

What warning does Luke 10.20 give regarding the results of discipleship?

OUR JOY IS IN THE LORD, NOT IN OUR RESULTS. [¶ BEGINNING, “NOTHING COULD HAVE GIVEN JESUS MORE JOY THAN THIS.”, LAST SENTENCE]

To what two failures on the disciples’ part does the author point first?

THE FAILURE TO EXORCISE THE DEMON OUT OF THE BOY / THE FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDE. [ENTIRE ¶’S BEGINNING, “TAKE, AS AN

ILLUSTRATION, THE WAY HE RESPONDED...” / “OR, AGAIN, THINK OF THE WAY HE RECALLED...”]

What was the disciples’ response when others not a part of their little band were doing good things in Jesus’ name?

What was Jesus’ response?

THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING BY REPORTING IT, EXPECTING JESUS TO TELL THEM TO STOP. / JESUS WARNED THEM ABOUT DISCOURAGING OTHERS FROM SERVING GOD. [¶ BEGINNING, “ONE OF THE MOST PENETRATING OF THE LORD’S CORRECTIONAL LECTURES...”, 3RD SENTENCE]

~ What does the answer to the previous question tell us about how we view the work that others do for the Lord?

WE MUST NOT LOOK DOWN ON IT, NOR SHOULD WE CONDEMN IT. / CHRISTIANITY ISN’T ABOUT US FOUR AND NO MORE. NO ONE PERSON CAN DO EVERYTHING. WE NEED OTHERS WHO CAN DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND REACH PEOPLE WE CAN’T REACH.

~ What did Jesus more as His ministry drew to a close?

HE SPENT MORE AND MORE TIME WITH THE TWELVE. [¶ BEGINNING, “MANY OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS COULD BE CITED...”, 2ND SENTENCE]

~ The author observes that the more the disciples did, the more deficient they realized they were. Have you seen this principle working in your life? Describe and explain.

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What did Jesus expect from the disciples?

THEIR BEST AND IMPROVING ON IT. [¶ BEGINNING,

“THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT ALL THIS SUPERVISORY WORK OF JESUS WAS,...”, 2ND SENTENCE]

What assumption must we not dare make when discipling?
THAT JUST BECAUSE WE’VE SHOWN THE DISCIPLE
WHAT TO DO THAT THEY WILL DO IT. [¶
BEGINNING, “NO LESS PATIENT YET DETERMINED
SUPERVISION IS NEEDED...”, 2ND SENTENCE]

For what two reasons does a disciple need supervision?
(hint: easily become this / understand more)

THE WORKER MAY EASILY BECOME
DISCOURAGED / THE SUCCESSES NEED TO BE
FULLY UNDERSTOOD. [¶ BEGINNING, “NO LESS
PATIENT YET DETERMINED SUPERVISION IS
NEEDED...”, 3RD & 4TH SENTENCES]

What is the danger of lack of supervision in discipleship?
A LOT OF ACTIVITY BUT NO SUBSTANTIVE
GROWTH. [¶ BEGINNING, “WE MUST ALWAYS
REMEMBER...”, 4TH & 5TH SENTENCES]

~ Is there a balance between supervision and self-
initiation? Explain.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Disciples must be brought to ____.”

- A. CHRIST **B. MATURITY**
C. CHURCH D. PERFECTION

[¶ BEGINNING, “WHEN WILL WE LEARN THE
LESSON OF CHRIST...”, 2ND SENTENCE]

What has your reading taught you about discipleship?

Grace Goals:

- 1) Have I ever experienced success in my Christian life only to see it evaporate? What must I do differently so that will not happen again?
- 2) What area of my walk of faith needs improvement? How can I do it better?
- 3) Looking ahead, what person do I need to take under my wing, and/or what can I do to reach someone else?
- 4) Other:

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