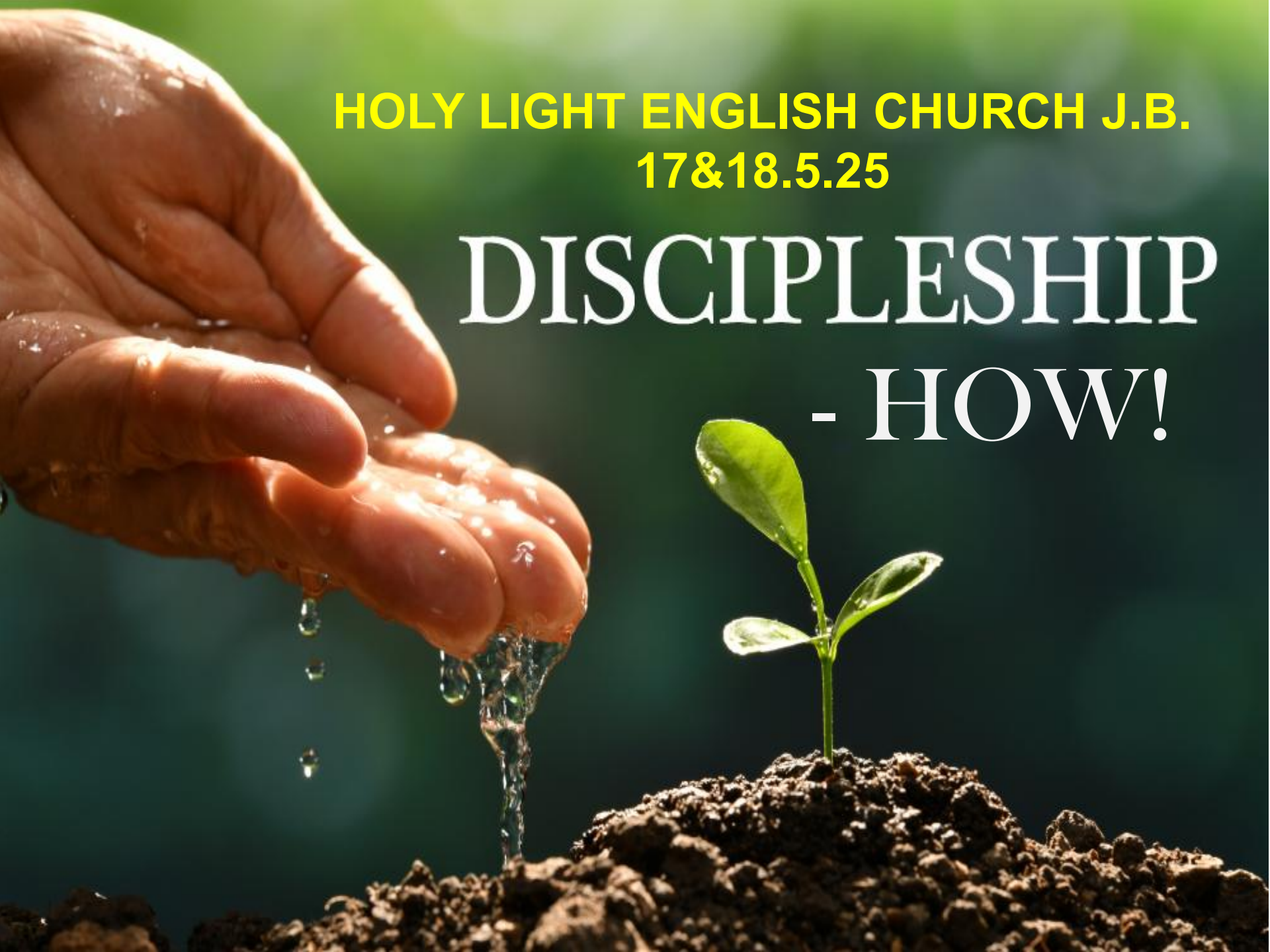


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DISCIPLESHIP **- HOW!**



CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

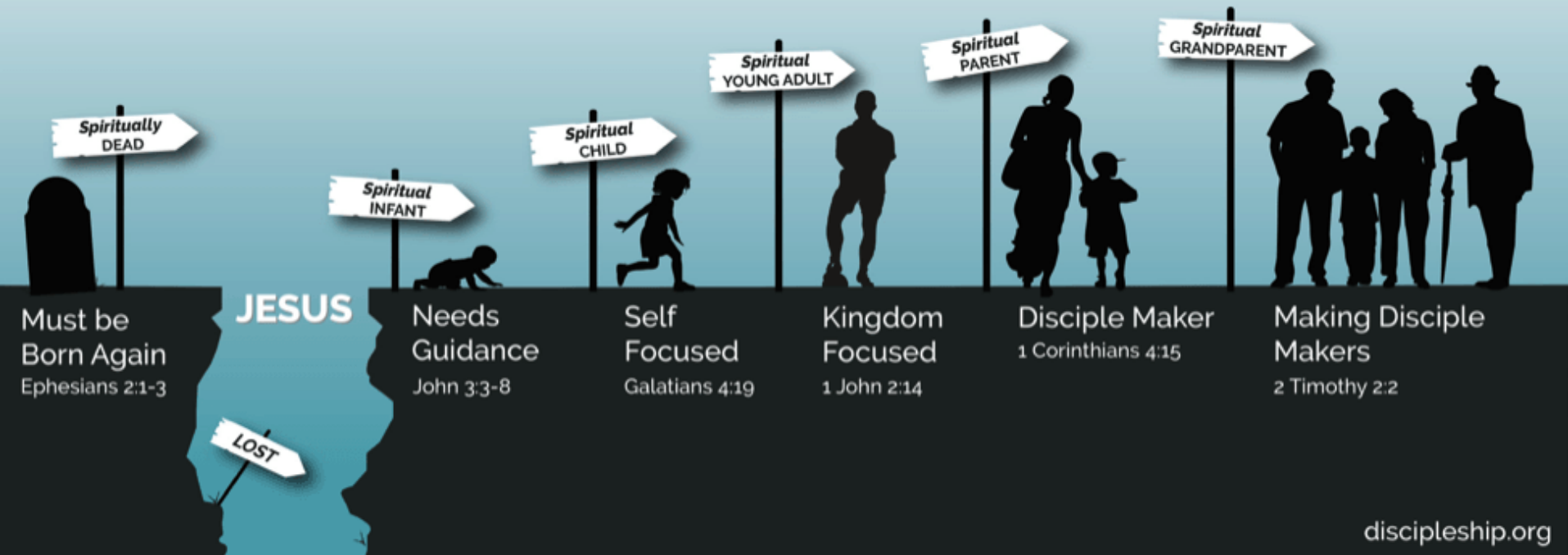
The Great Commission

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19-20

GROWING UP IN CHRIST

The Discipleship Process



DEFINITION OF A DISCIPLE

In Christianity, disciple primarily refers to a **dedicated follower of Jesus**. This term is found in the New Testament only in the Gospels and Acts. In the ancient world a disciple is a follower or adherent of a teacher. It is not the same as being a student in the modern sense. A disciple in the ancient biblical world **actively imitated both the life and teaching of the master**. It was a deliberate apprenticeship which made the fully formed disciple **a living copy of the master or His disciple**.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

A Disciple According To Jesus

- 1. Denies self, carries cross, follows Jesus.**
- 2. Loves Jesus more than anything else, including life itself.**
- 3. Obeys and holds on to what Jesus taught.**
- 4. Loves other disciples.**
- 5. Bears much fruit.**

5 Principles of Discipleship from Colossians 1:28-29

by [Ali Zimmerman](#)

In Colossians 1:28-29, Paul writes, **“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.”**

- 1. The Heart of Discipleship: Proclaiming Jesus.**
- 2. The Means of Discipleship: Teaching and Warning With Wisdom.**
- 3. The Goal of Discipleship: To Present Everyone Mature in Christ.**
- 4. The Cost of Discipleship: Toil and Struggle.**
- 5. The Power of Discipleship: His Energy.**

A PICTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

How do babies learn to walk? What made the difference for these babies? They had someone ahead of them, giving them direction and encouragement. It took trust. It took practice. It involved laughter. There were some mistakes, successes, falls and pick-me-ups. There were distractions and interruptions. That's a lot like learning to walk in Christ.

Think back to when you first learned about God. Who was involved in that process. As we learn to follow Jesus, we cannot learn to walk in Christ by ourselves. Some older Christian/s helped us.

Discipleship is walking together for a period of time, discussing life's challenges and God's answers together with that person/s.

FIVE PARTS OF DISCIPLESHIP (Jenny McGill)

The 5 Parts of Discipleship:

Discipleship has at least five parts in no particular order, and the Bible is studied throughout the process to inform each of these:

#1 Beliefs of a Christian

#2 Living like a Christian

#3 Habits of a Christian

#4 Learning God's Word (the Bible)

#5 Special topics specific to your life's journey

DIFFERENT INPUTS FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE:

My mum and dad faithfully taught me #2 and #3. My Sunday school teachers taught me #1 and #3, sort of, with gaps. Diane and Janis each helped me with #5.

Kathy was the one who taught me all five, over a concentrated two-year period.

THE STAMP OF CHRIST

**When they saw the courage
of Peter and John and
realized that they were
unschooled, ordinary men,
they were astonished and
they took note that these
men had been with Jesus.**

Acts 4:13

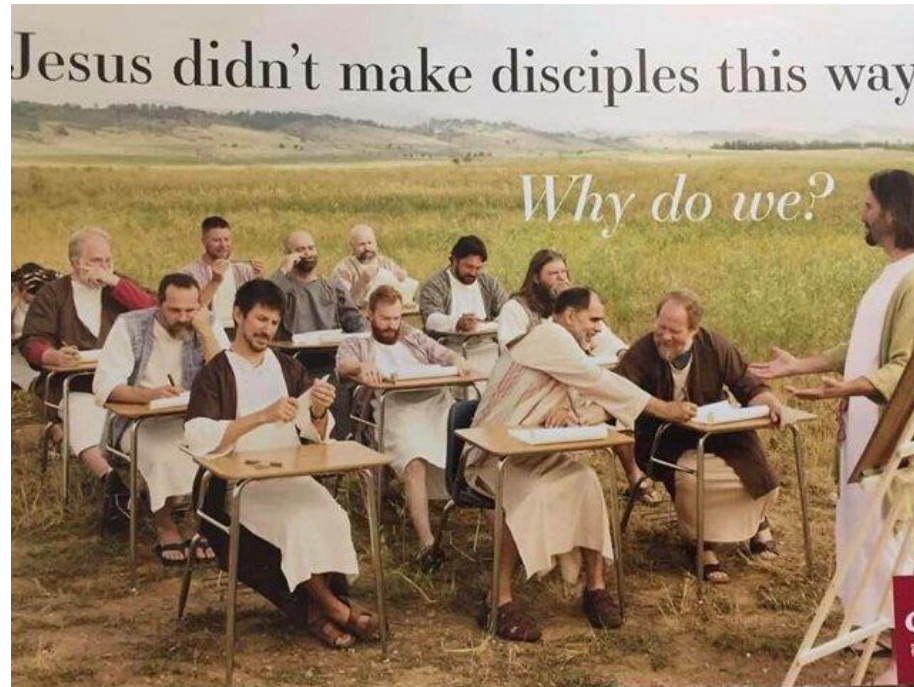
Live in such a way
that men may recognize
that you have been
with Jesus.

- Spurgeon



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JESUS' WAY OF DISCIPLING



How Did Jesus Gain Disciples?

Jesus didn't say, "Just listen to me."

Instead, He said "Come and see."
(John 1:38-39)

Jesus showed them "where he stayed."
- he invited them into his life and
demonstrated the Gospel in action.

This is how he won disciples over.

He set an example of servant leadership by washing His disciples feet.(John 13:1-17)

He asked questions to give answers.(Mark 8:27-29;12:13-17)

**He asked them to distribute the food in feeding the 5000 and 4000 and explained their significance.
(Mark 8:1-12)**

He sent them out in pairs to minister.(Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-24)

DISCIPLESHIP IN JESUS' WAY

HOW JESUS MADE DISCIPLES

IMPRESSION INVITATION INTENTION INITIATION IMITATION

*Relational
Discipleship*

IMMERSION

INSTRUCTION



BE IMITATORS OF ME AS I AM OF CHRIST

Discipleship:
Becoming More Like
CHRiST
EPHESIANS 2:10



Becoming like Paul = Becoming like Christ

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
(1Corinthians 11:1)

WE NEED A PAUL AND A TIMOTHY IN OUR LIFE

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Whoever wants to be my
DISCIPLE
must deny themselves and
take up their cross daily
and follow me.

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER BORN-AGAIN? GROW UP

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.... ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may **present everyone fully mature in Christ**. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. (Colossians 1:9-14; 28-29)

BIBLICAL MATURITY

12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for **the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.** (Hebrews 5: 12-14)

FEED THE BABY. START THE CHILD ON SOLID FOOD. HELP HIM FEED HIMSELF. LET HIM FEED OTHERS.



GROWING PAINS

2 Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.** 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. (James 1:2-7)



TRIALS *AND* TRIBULATIONS
tend to
Squeeze the artificiality
OUT OF US, LEAVING THE ESSENCE
of what we really are and
➤ CLARIFYING ➤
what we really yearn for.
Elder Neal A. Maxwell

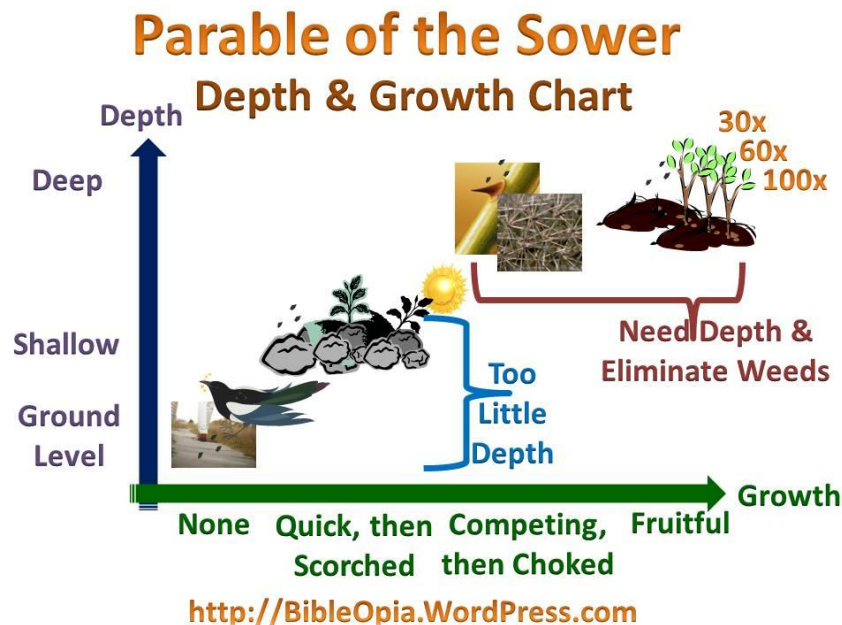
LIVING AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

“Obeying the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) is not a prerequisite for entering the kingdom. Rather, entering the kingdom is a prerequisite for obeying the Sermon. Every command of Christ presupposes a total remake of our lives from the inside out. The “hard sayings” become possible as God heals our hearts and restores our innocence. The Sermon on the Mount is a snapshot of salvation. To allow Jesus to train us in His life of faith, hope, and love is what it means to be saved.” Edward Keith Pousson in ‘Jesus mentored me’

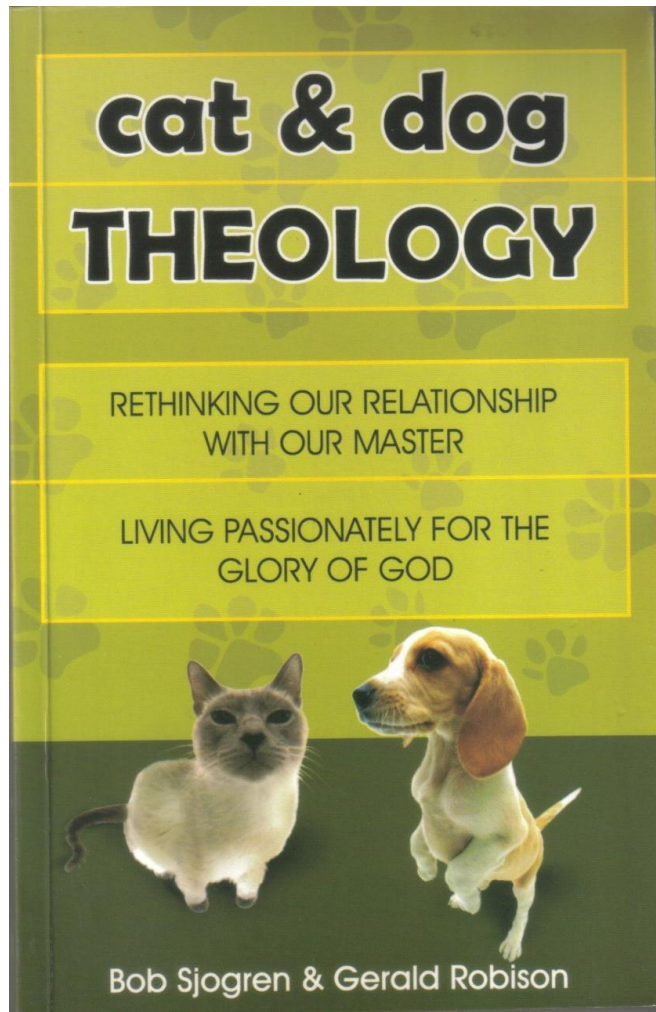
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matthew 5-7) AS THE CHRISTIAN MANIFESTO

HINDRANCES TO MATURITY

14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are **choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.** 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 4:14-15)



CAT AND DOG THEOLOGY



What's the difference between cats and dogs?

A dog says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, you must be God."

A cat says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, I must be god."

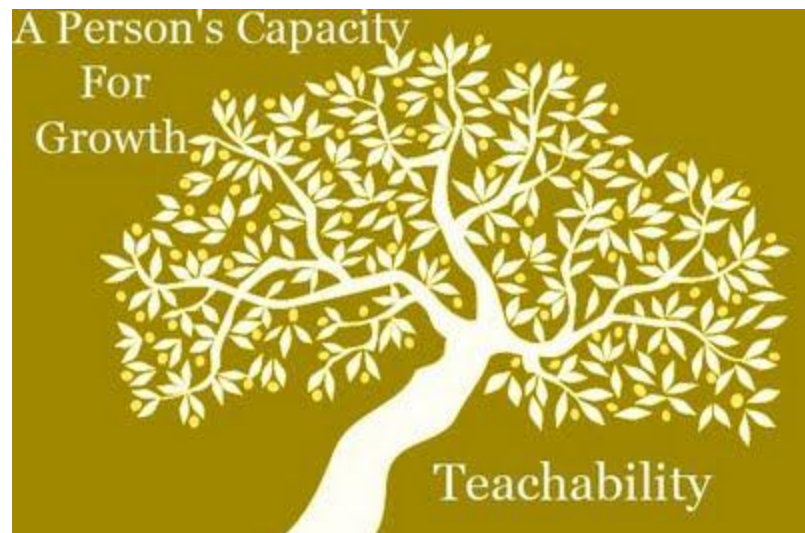
Cats assume "You exist to serve me" unlike dogs who assume "I exist to serve you".

Dogs live for God's glory, cats live for their own comfort.

WHO IS THE MASTER IN YOUR LIFE?

GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Personal dimension of spiritual growth by practising the daily discipline of quiet time with prayer, Bible study and applying God's word. **Be humble, hungry, teachable and bold.**



How to Have
an effective
Quiet Time
with God



- 1) Position Yourself to Hear from God
- 2) Pour over the passage & paraphrase the major points
- 3) Pull out the Spiritual Principles
- 4) Pose the Question
- 5) Plan Obedience

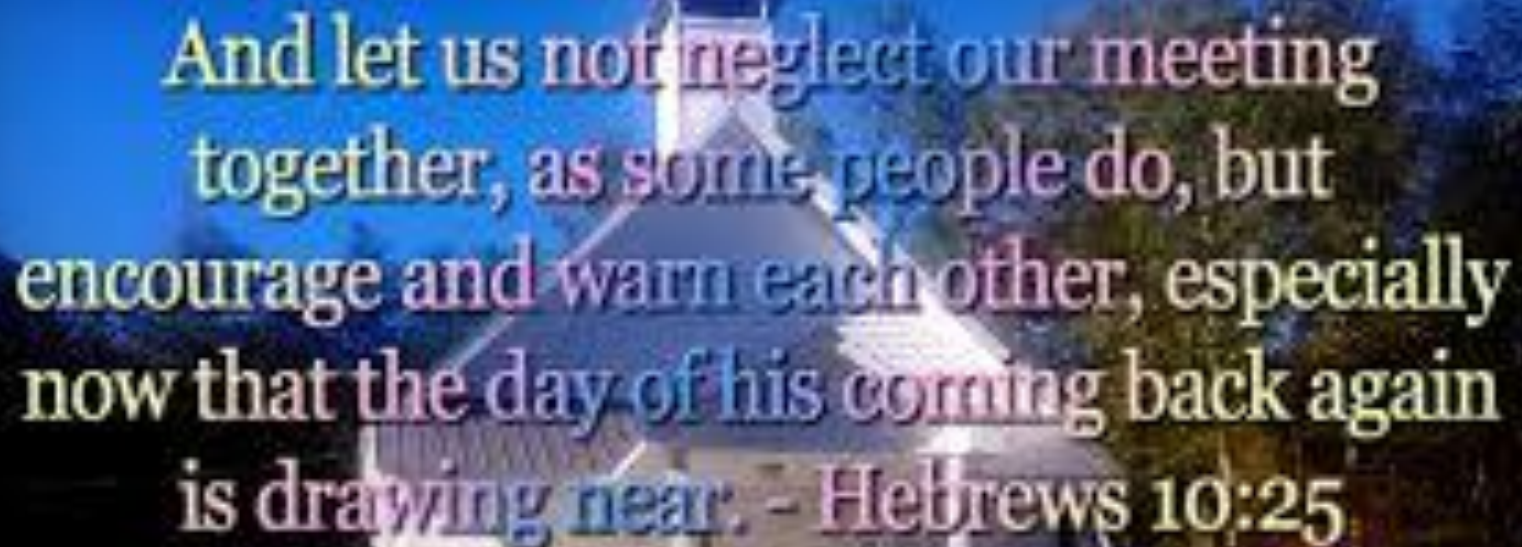
—Priscilla Shirer, True Woman 2012

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GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN

Social dimension of spiritual growth thru fellowship and ministry with other believers in church and CF. Reaching out to others who do not know Christ.



And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near. - Hebrews 10:25

BE INVOLVED WITH OTHERS

*Loving God
Loving People*

SHARING CHRIST WITH OTHERS

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you to give the **reason** for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your **good behavior in Christ** may be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:15-16)



BE MATURE IN CHRIST

In infancy there is selfishness, quarreling, arguments, divisions, unreconciled relationships, unforgiven memories, and all such sins.

In maturity there is unity, reconciliation, healing, and of course, the manifestation of the love of Christ.

Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, we are able to escape the bonds of self-centered sin, and grow in a loving relationship with Christ as we press on towards maturity.

It is not mere doctrine that makes one mature. It is living the love of God in your heart, words, and deeds. The only way maturity is achieved is when our eyes are on Christ. (From Matt Slick. Christian Apologetics and Research Ministries)

GROW FROM DISCIPLE TO DISCIPLE-MAKER BY IMITATING CHRIST

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1) What is your definition of a disciple of Christ? Are you a disciple of Christ?

2) What are your struggles with being a disciple of Christ? How do you deal with them?

3) Who is your Paul and who is your Timothy at this moment of your discipleship journey in Christ?