

A close-up photograph of a brown leather basketball with black lines, resting on a light-colored wooden basketball court floor. The ball is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the floor's grain and black court lines are visible. The background is dark, creating a strong contrast with the ball and the floor.

Go Make Disciples

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Matthew 28:19-20

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

Making Disciples

- **What is a disciple?**

- One who loves and follows Christ, lives his teachings, and is being made more and more like him.

- **What does it mean to “make disciples”?**

- To come along side other believers and help them to grow spiritually.
- To be used by God while He makes disciples.

Go Make Disciples

- 1. Christ commanded the disciples to go make disciples.**
- 2. The new disciples are Christ's disciples!**
- 3. If you are a disciple you make disciples!**
 - It's what you do!**
- 4. We are here to make disciples!**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:5-6

⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-10

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

1³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:14

14For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,

1 Thessalonians 2:15-16

¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last!

Paul...

- 1. Knew discipleship was not in vain.**
- 2. Had boldness in God (not in his self).**
- 3. Had one primary motive, which was to please God.
(Being motivated by love for people is good, but it shouldn't be our primary motive.)**
- 4. Watched his word, conduct, and motives carefully so he wouldn't hinder God's work.**

Paul...

5. Worked extremely hard, day and night, so he didn't burden anyone while making disciples.
6. Shared his life with those he was teaching about God.
7. Was gentle and caring like a nursing mother.
8. Was instructive, encouraging, and exhorting like a father.

What Paul Celebrated in the Disciples...

- 1. They accepted the Word of God for what it is!!!**
- 2. God's word was at work in their lives!**
- 3. They persevered in the faith through trials and suffering!**

John 15:1-2

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:3-4

³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:5-6

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

John 15:9-10

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

John 15:11

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:12-13

12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13**Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14-15

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:16-17

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

A Disciple...

- 1. Abides in Christ**
- 2. Can do nothing apart from Christ**
- 3. Bears fruit because they abide in Christ**
- 4. Is pruned by God to bear more fruit**
- 5. Is chosen by God to bear fruit that lasts!**

Closing Question

- **Is your life producing fruit that will last?**

