

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING FOR BONA FIDE BELIEVERS

A Bona Fide Believer - is a Disciple of Christ showing genuine evidence of Faith and Obedience to God; not a counterfeit.

This Training is only an overview or foundation to get the Believer started on their Journey in Walking with God. To get the full benefit of this training, one should study more in depth around the Scriptures given.

A good technique is to read the seven scriptures before and after the given scripture, to receive the Pre-text and the Post-text, in order to gain more understanding of the Context.

I. THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM – (Purpose - What it's All about)

a. Two Kingdoms

- i. **Satan's Kingdom** – **Mat 12:26** - And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
- ii. **Kingdom of Christ** – **Eph 5:5** - For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- iii. **Kingdoms of this world** – **Rev 11:15** - And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
- iv. **Kingdom of God/Heaven** – Are different
 1. **Kingdom of God** – Government/Rulership - **God's Embassy on Earth** – **Mat 6:33** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
 2. **Kingdom of Heaven** – Benefits and Rights
 - a. **The Kingdom has come** – **Luk 9:2** - And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
 - i. **Saying** – **A Proclamation**
 3. **Gates of Hell shall not prevail** – **Mat 16:18** - And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
 - a. **Ek-Klay-See'-Ah** (Assembly) **Army against satan**

v. Expanding the Kingdom of God

1. **Preach the Kingdom** – **Mat 10:7** - And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
2. **Demonstrate the Kingdom** – **Mat 10:8** - Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
 - a. **Healed them All** – **Luke 6:19** - And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

i. Remove Sacred cows

1. Job's attack
2. Not God's will to heal everyone – They were commanded to heal
3. Paul's Thorn
4. Paul leaving one sick - Trophimus

ii. All sickness is of the devil

1. **Jesus went about doing good – Act 10:38** - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

3. Kingdom Citizen

- a. **Rights and Privileges – Luk 13:16** - And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

i. You have Diplomatic Immunity

II. THE KING – JESUS – (Purpose - Who It's All About)

- a. **Jesus is the Christ – Mat 16:15-16** - He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- b. **The Son of God – Gave Rights – John 5:25-26** - Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- c. **The Son of Man – Gave Him Authority – John 5:27** - And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.
 - i. **Psa 115:16** - The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
- d. **The Word of God – John 1:1-3** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the

beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

i. **Abide in Him/Word**

1. **His Disciple** – **John 8:31-32** - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
2. **Answers to Prayers** – **John 15:7** - If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

e. **Teachings of Christ** – **Mat 28:19-20** - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- i. **He taught in parables** – **Mar 4:13-20** - And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

- ii. **A new Commandment** – **John 13:34-35** - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that

ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

f. **Baptizer in the Holy Ghost – Mar 1:8** - I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. **John 14:26** - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

i. **Full of the Spirit – Eph 5:18** - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1. **Power and Boldness – Acts 4:8-10** - Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

ii. **Walking in the Spirit**

g. **Destroy the works of the devil – I John 3:8** - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

III. **THE NEW CREATION - (Purpose – What I Become) – II Cor 5:16** -

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

a. **Born Again – Model Scripture – Ro 10:9-10** - That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

b. **True Conversion**

- i. **A New Covenant – Heb 8:10-12** - For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
- ii. **God working in you – Phl 2:13** - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- iii. **Not Committed to sin – I John 3:9** - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his **seed** remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
 - 1. **That same Spirit (seed) – Ro 8:11** - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- iv. **Jesus is Lord – I Cor 12:3** - Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- c. **Greatest Commandments – Mat 22:40** - On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
 - i. **Love the Lord your God – Mark 12:30** - And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
 - ii. **Love your neighbor as yourself – Mark 12:31** - And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
- d. **Be transformed by the renewing of your mind** – Your spirit is new, but your mind has to be renewed. – **Ro 12:1-2**- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living

sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- e. **Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind** – **Eph 4:22-24** - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- f. **The Just walk and live by faith** – **II Cor 5:7** - For we walk by faith, not by sight. **Ro 1:16-17** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
- g. **Now are we the Son's of God** – **I John 3:2-3** - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
 - i. **Son of God** – **John 1:12** - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
 - ii. **Man's Servant** – **Mar 9:35** - And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.
 - iii. **The Devil's Master** – **Luke 10:19** - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- h. **Constitution of a Conqueror** – **In all things good and bad** - **Ro 8:37** - Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
 - i. **Principles of Diving Healing**
 - 1. Destroy sacred cows concerning sickness and power.

2. Recognize sickness and disease as an enemy.
3. Get Fed up.
4. Treat all sickness the same.
5. Treat all sickness like a person.
6. Command not beg.
7. Speak to the problem – not to others about the problem.
8. See people as oppressed prisoners of war – **II Tim 2:26** - And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
9. Get Clean – stay clean.
10. Stay out of pride – anyone could do what you are doing.
11. Be aggressive – develop your aggressiveness.
12. Be led by God's character and nature.
13. Accept responsibility for your fellow man.
14. Decide to obey the Bible, not some arbitrary feeling.
15. Know that God is with you, in you, and for you. – **Ro 8:31-32** - What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

ii. **Principles of Spiritual Power**

1. **Keep a Spiritual hunger** – A desire for the fulfillment of spiritual results – not more of God. We already have the fulness of God. – **Col 2:8-10** - Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
 - a. **Mat 5:6** - Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
 - b. **How to develop that hunger**

- i. The same way for physical hunger. Create an appetite by **working** – Increase energy output, which will require greater energy input.
- ii. You must force yourself to do the things you normally don't do.
 - 1. You notice when you eat frequent small meals, your body now craves to continue to be fed that way and is hungry every two hours, or according to the frequency.
- iii. Pray more, study the Bible more, Witness more. Begin to practice what you learn in church.

2. Feeding on the Word of God

- a. **Read** – take a portion of Scripture and get the overall story.
- b. **Study** – take a verse apart, word by word – get definitions. **II Tim 2:15** - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- c. **Meditate** – think about and say over and over to yourself what you have discovered in the verse. – **Jos 1:8** - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

3. Communion with God

- a. Talking Prayer
- b. Listening Prayer
- c. Pray without ceasing – Practicing the presence of the Spirit of God – Monk Brother Lawrence

4. Fellowship with like-minded Believers

- a. Get around people that believe like you do.

5. **Public Confession of who you are in Christ and who He is in you – Affirmations**

- a. **Jesus is Lord**: me, family, city, nation, finances, health, etc.
- b. **The Great Commission – Mat 28:19-20** - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **Mark 16:14-18** - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- c. **The Golden Rule – Mat 7:12** - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
- d. **The Abiding Anointing – I John 2:27** - But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.
- e. **Power over the enemy – Luke 10:19** - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

- f. **The Works of Jesus and Greater – John 14:12** - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

6. **Praying in Tongues**

- a. **Loud**: it brings up the fight in you.
- b. **Long**: build spiritual stamina by praying longer each time.
- c. **Intensity**: fight as if your life depends upon on it. If not yours, someone else's

7. **Action: James 1:22** - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

- i. **Stay in the Mode of Asking, Seeking, and Knocking – Mat 7:7-8** - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

j. **Get serious about Sin**

- i. **Wages of sin is death – Ro 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ii. **Works of the flesh – Gal 5:19-21** - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- iii. **Give no place to the devil – Eph 4:26-27** - Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.
- iv. **Wicked on toucheth him not – I John 5:18** - We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

k. **Character**

- i. **Walking in Humility**
 - 1. **Humility Brings more Grace – I Pe 5:5-6** - Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- ii. **Integrity** – Doing the right thing when no one is watching – **Pro 11:3** - The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- iii. **Fruits of the Spirit** – **Gal 5:22-23** - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- iv. **Watch out for Boredom**
 - 1. **You will lose your first love – Rev 2:1-4** - Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
 - 2. **Keep yourself Stirred Built up**
 - a. **Stir up the Gift – II Tim 1:6-7** - Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

- b. **Build Yourself** – **Jude 1:20** - But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
- v. **Die daily** – **I Cor 15:31** - I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
 - 1. **Lose your Life** – **Mar 8:35** - For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.
 - 2. **Take up your Cross** – **Mat 16:24** - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- vi. **Love one another** – **I John 4:7** - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- vii. **The Greatest – Servant** – **Mat 23:11** - But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **Mat 18:4** - Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

I. Affirmations

i. Say who you are

- 1. **Psa 107:2** – I am Redeemed.
- 2. **II Cor 5:21** - I am the Righteousness of God.
- 3. **Ro 8:37** – I am more than a Conqueror.
- 4. **Phil 4:13** – I can do all things through Christ.
- 5. **I John 4:4** – Greater is He that is in me.
- 6. **Joel 3:10** - I am strong.
- 7. **I Pe 2:9** – I am Chosen
- 8. **John 1:12** - I am a Son of God

IV. THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY – (Purpose – How I make a Difference)

- a. **I give you Power** – **Luke 9:1** - Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **Act 1:8** - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in

Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

b. The Name of Jesus and Faith in His Name

- i. **Ask in His Name** – **John 14:13** - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- ii. **Do all in His Name** – **Col 3:17** - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
- iii. **Power in His Name** – **Acts 3:16** - And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
- iv. **Have Faith in God** – **Mar 11:22-23** - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

1. Faith is – Acting on what you believe

- a. Is Now - **Heb 11:1** - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- b. Dead without works – **James 2:26** - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

c. Spiritual Warfare

- i. **Our weapons are not carnal** – **II Cor 10:3-5** - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- ii. **Wrestle not against flesh and Blood** – **Eph 6:12** - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against

powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

iii. **Put on the Whole Armour of God – Eph 6:11** - Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

1. **Wiles** – His Tactics, methods, schemes, or strategies.

a. **Deception**

i. Twist the Word of God

ii. Lie – Father of Lies

b. **Distractions**

i. Sickness

ii. Disharmony with friends, family, etc.

iii. Cares of this world, such as jobs, personal desires

c. **Temptation**

d. **Challenges God's Word** – “Did God say”

e. **Challenging our Identity** - “If you are...”

f. **Accuser** – Rev 12:10

iv. **What is the Armor of God – Eph 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

2. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

3. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

4. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

v. **Intercession**

1. **Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving – Eph 6:18** -

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- a. **Corporate Prayer** – Determines the pulse of a church
 - i. Must be Purposeful – What are we praying about
 - ii. Must be Time Sensitive – Time available for more attendants
 - iii. Must be Intentional
 - iv. Must expect Results
 - vi. **Praise is a Weapon** – **II Chron 20:22** - And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
- d. **Gifts of the Spirit** – **I Cor 12:4** - Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
 - i. **The one needed at the time is the Best one** – **I Cor 12:31** - But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.
- e. **According to the Power** – **Eph 3:20** - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
 - i. **Skilled in the word** – **Heb 5:12-14** - For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of

full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1. **Producers** – **Mar 4:20** - And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

f. **Must be a Soldier** – **II Tim 2:3** - Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

- i. **Not Entangled** – **II Timothy 2:4-5** - No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
- ii. **Vessel of Honor** – **II Timothy 2:20-21** - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore **purge himself from these**, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

1. **Purge from what?** – **II Tim 2:16** - But shun **profane and vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

V. **Purpose as a Disciple/Believer – (Purpose – How and Where I Fit In) – Psa 92:13** - Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

- i. **And God Added** – **Acts 2:46-47** - And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

b. Fivefold Ministry

- i. **Set in the Church** – **I Cor 12:28** - And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- ii. **He gave some – Eph 4:11** - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
 - 1. Apostles
 - 2. Prophets
 - 3. Evangelist
 - a. Witnessing
 - 4. Pastors
 - 5. Teachers
- c. **Support Godly Leadership – I Cor 11:1** - Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
 - i. **Support Financially – Phil 4:15,19** - Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
 - ii. **Support Physically – Eccl 9:10** - Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
 - iii. **Support Spiritually – Exo 17:11-13** - And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- d. **Compassion of Christ – Desire to see ALL Blessed – I Pe 3:8** - Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:
- e. **Basic Applications**

- i. **How to study the Word – II Timothy 2:15** - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1. Read through the Bible
2. Read by Books
3. Study by Topics
4. By Word Study
5. Meditate

ii. **How to Pray**

1. **In this Manner – Mar 6:9-13** - After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
2. **Effectual and Fervent – James 5:16** - **Confess your faults** one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
 - a. **Confess your faults – be reconciled, not tell your sins.**
3. **According to the Will/Word – I John 5:14-15** - And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
4. **Prayer of Faith – James 5:14-15** - Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

- a. **What is it – Ro 4:17-21** - (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

iii. How to Commune with God

1. **Psa 4:3-4** - But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
2. **I Thess 5:17** - Pray without ceasing. Uninterruptedly
 - a. Your spirit is able to worship subconsciously, or on the inside.

iv. How to be led by the Spirit – Rom 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

1. The Spirit don't physically lead you.

- a. **He's the Spirit of Truth – John 15:26**
- b. **His word is Truth – John 17:17**
- c. **When we obey/ or do the word – The Word leads us – James 1:22** - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **Luke 6:47-49** - Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep,

and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

v. **Fasting and Praying** – **Mat 17:19** - Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

1. **Why** – Not to move God, but to move you. Get your flesh out of the way, so the Spirit may be strong to believe.
2. **Benefits** – Faith is Increased, because flesh don't get in the way of the Word. **Rom 10:17** - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
3. **True Fast** – **Isa 58:5** - Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD

shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

- vi. **Make Disciples - John 17:19** - And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me **through their word**;

1. **Mat 28:18-20** - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore (*and make disciples*), and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.