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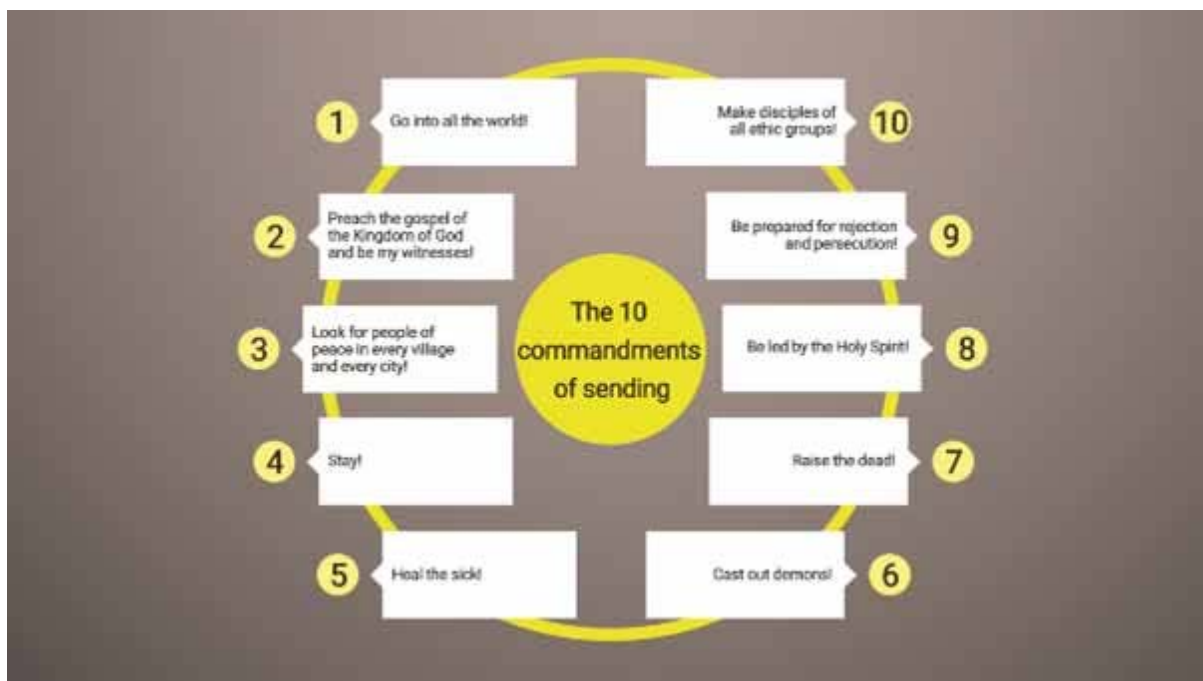
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Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

➔ The Great Commission is a great discipleship commandment.



→ Discipleship is a **big trend in the Kingdom of God**. The Holy Spirit has been putting a strong emphasis on it and wants to return it to us.

We have defined discipleship as the Lord himself defined it in the command to make disciples:

→ Discipleship means **DOING EVERYTHING HE** commanded.

Matthew 28:20

...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

→ Today we often have a way of dealing with the word of God that does not emphasize doing but only knowledge.

Example: The story of the lost sheep

A Christian couple and their son Nathanael. The parents familiarized their son with the Word of God. At bedtime, they tell their son the story of the lost sheep. Later, Nathanael goes to Sunday school and hears the same story again. This time they also make a craft and Nathanael proudly presents his sheep craft to his parents, who then hang it on a wall. After some years, Nathanael joins the kid's group. This time, they act the story out by wearing a white towel and running around. As a teenager, Nathanael enacts the story again, this time with more action out in a forest. Nathanael hears the story again as a young adult but this time at a conference. By the time he is an adult he will have heard the story 10 to 15 times and the story will be preached many more times at church.

→ **However, no one would have thought to actually DO what Jesus meant with this story.**

→ ... because so often it is only about knowing the story and not about putting it into practice.

Luke 15:3-4

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"

- Knowing the word of God **yet not doing** or practicing it in one's life is something that Jesus condemns very strongly.
- There are hardly any **sharper words of the Lord** than his words to people who know the word but do not do it.

Matthew 7:21-29

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Romans 2:12-13

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

James 1:17 and 22-25

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

These are all **judging words** about people who know the word of God and do NOT do it!

Matthew 25:45-46

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Matthew 23:3 and 13-14

So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Revelations 3:1-2

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

Romans 2:24

As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

John 4:34

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- ➔ Discipleship clearly means to **hear** the commandments of Jesus and to **DO them!**
- ➔ That is why the focus of discipleship lies on **demonstrating, showing, training, practicing, repeating!**

QUESTION: Should one begin discipleship with one's OWN family, children, BROTHERS and SISTERS?

- Yes, absolutely.
- **The fathers** are responsible.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- Family is a community in which discipleship happens.
- One can well start to disciple children when they are 3 or 4 years old because if they have given their lives to Jesus then they have the full Holy Spirit– and not a “light version” of him.
- When one starts to disciple his own children early on then they are fully disciplined when they are 13 (at the onset of the teenage phase) and can start to disciple others themselves (see also how the Jews do it).
- During the unprecedented spiritual breakthroughs in China and India most of the members of the evangelism and revival teams were teenagers.

QUESTION: How long does it take for a born-again Christian to become a mature disciple?

- In the natural life, young adults come of age with **18 years** in many countries.
- When Jesus called and trained his disciples he spent **three years** with them until he sent them out.
- Also the Apostle Paul needed **three years** to train the leaders in Ephesus.

Acts 20:31

So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

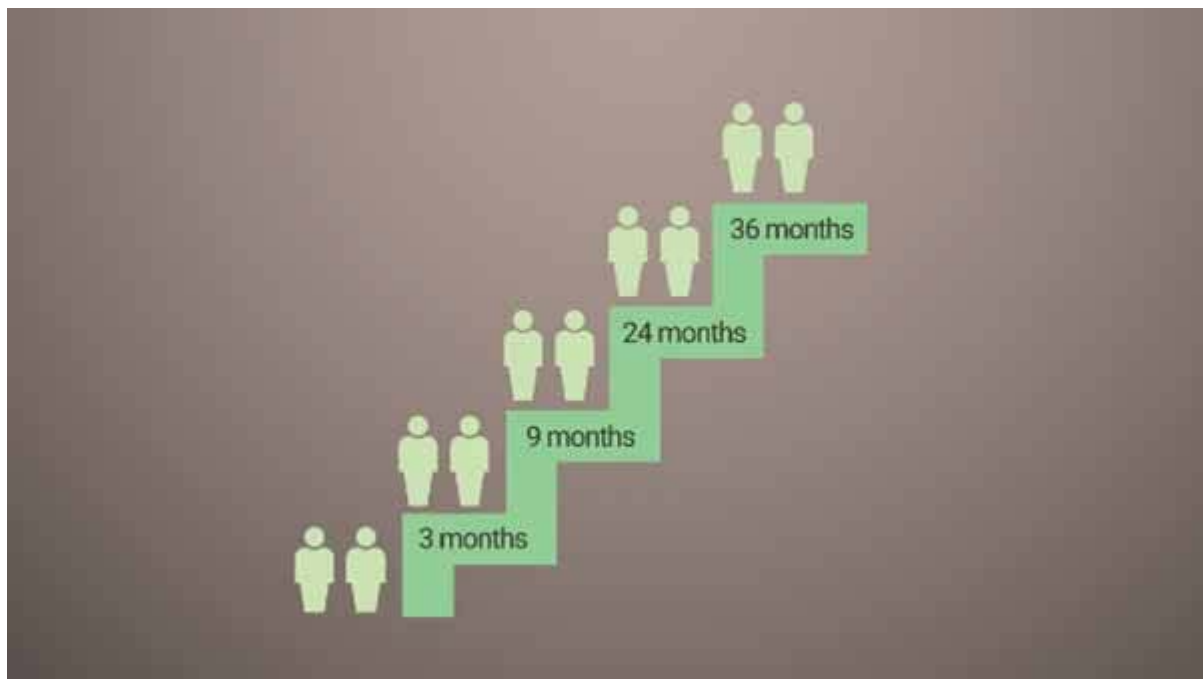
- There is a tendency today to **shorten this time a lot**, justified by the argument that the disciples of Jesus had not received the Holy Spirit.
- Some only disciple new believers for **1 year**, others for only **9 months** and some only for **3 months**.
- Thus there are **very different definitions of spiritual maturity** expected from mature disciples.
- Aiming for a **very thorough and deep discipleship does not mean** that new believers could not start making disciples themselves from the beginning on.
- On the contrary! They can pass on to others **what they received from the first day on**:
 - Whoever has heard the gospel and grasped it in faith, can now pass on the gospel to others...
 - Whoever is baptized can baptize others...
 - Whoever has received the gift of the Holy Spirit, can lead others into community with the Holy Spirit too...

In this way, more **lines of discipleships** are created while we discipline people.

Paul practiced this openly:

2 Timothy 2:2

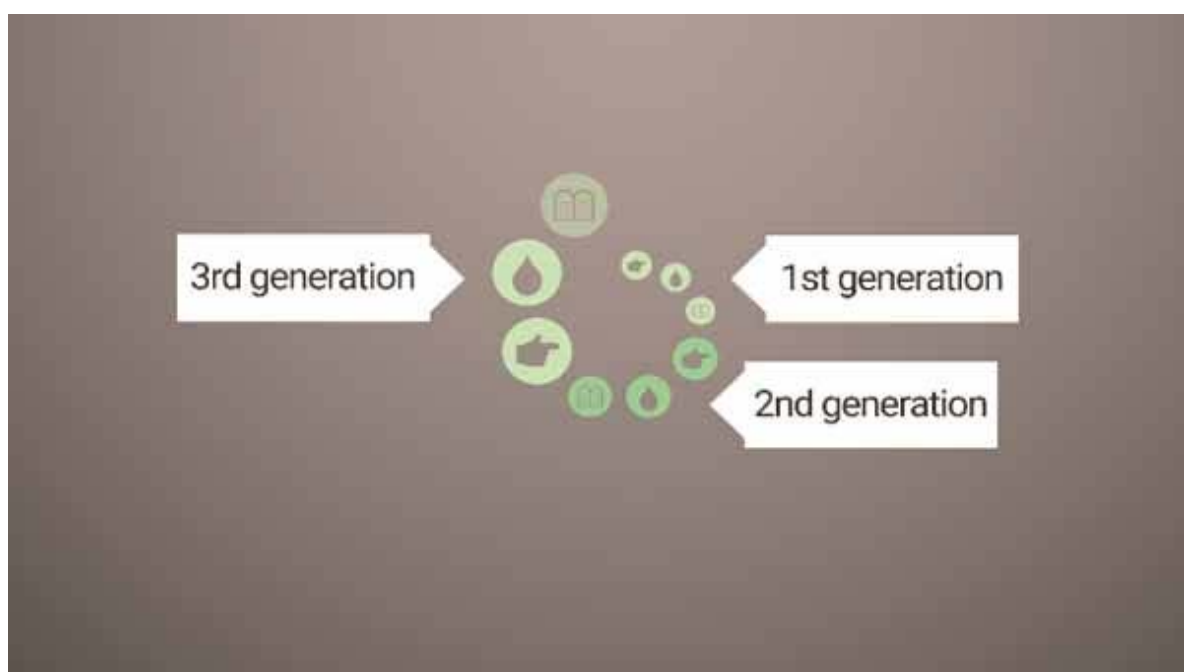
And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

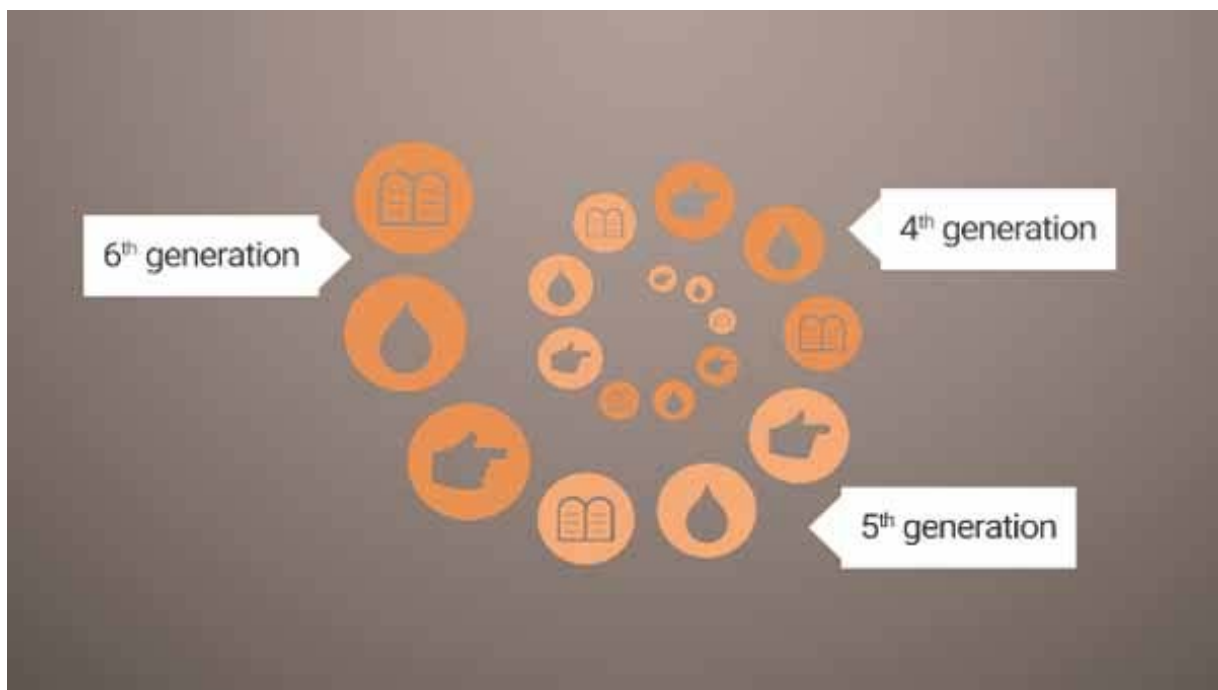


- ➔ The secret: The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses is **NOW** entrusted to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Not only Paul showed this principle of the Kingdom of God (the **discipleship chains**), **we can also find it with Jesus.**

- For the commandment to make disciples actually is a discipleship multiplication commandment.
- The commandment to make disciples contains the instruction to start a **discipleship movement.**





The goal of the discipleship = DMM Disciple Multiplication Movement = 1000 baptised people, 100 groups, 4 generations.

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

d) Consider and discuss who you could disciple in your family.

e) Every group explains what they have learned and presents their goals of application (outreach).

Part III: Outreach

Regular prayer walks (4 to 6 hours/week) and going and preaching (6 to 9 hours/week).
Practicing...

1. PRAYER: prayer walks with the team and a partner ☐
2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐
3. Look for persons of peace ☐
4. PREACH: The Gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐
6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐
7. Share your personal testimony with others ☐
8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐
9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
11. Raise a dead person if you are led so ☐
12. Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit
 - Go on 1 to 2 treasure hunts ☐
13. Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your
"persecutors" and bless those who are cursing you. ☐
14. Pray intensely that the Lord would show you which persons you can call into
discipleship. Naturally, it is best when you can disciple the same person of peace
you found and baptized (in water and in the Spirit). ☐
15. Call this person into discipleship NOW. ☐
16. If possible, call someone from your family (husband, wife, child) into discipleship. ☐

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