

SPIRITUAL MULTIPLICATION

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Series I Session 7

Following Jesus' Example

Read Matthew 28:19

How did Jesus go about making disciples?



Read John 1:40-48

First, Jesus recruited Andrew, who then recruited Simon. Jesus then recruited Philip and Philip recruited Nathaniel. At the end of the day God knew them all and called them all first (v. 48). He entrusted the truth of who He was with a few and they carried the truth to others.

“By focusing our attention on a few people, who will then share what they know with others, we are able to have a spiritual impact on many more people than we could reach on our own.”

2 Tim. 2:1-2:

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

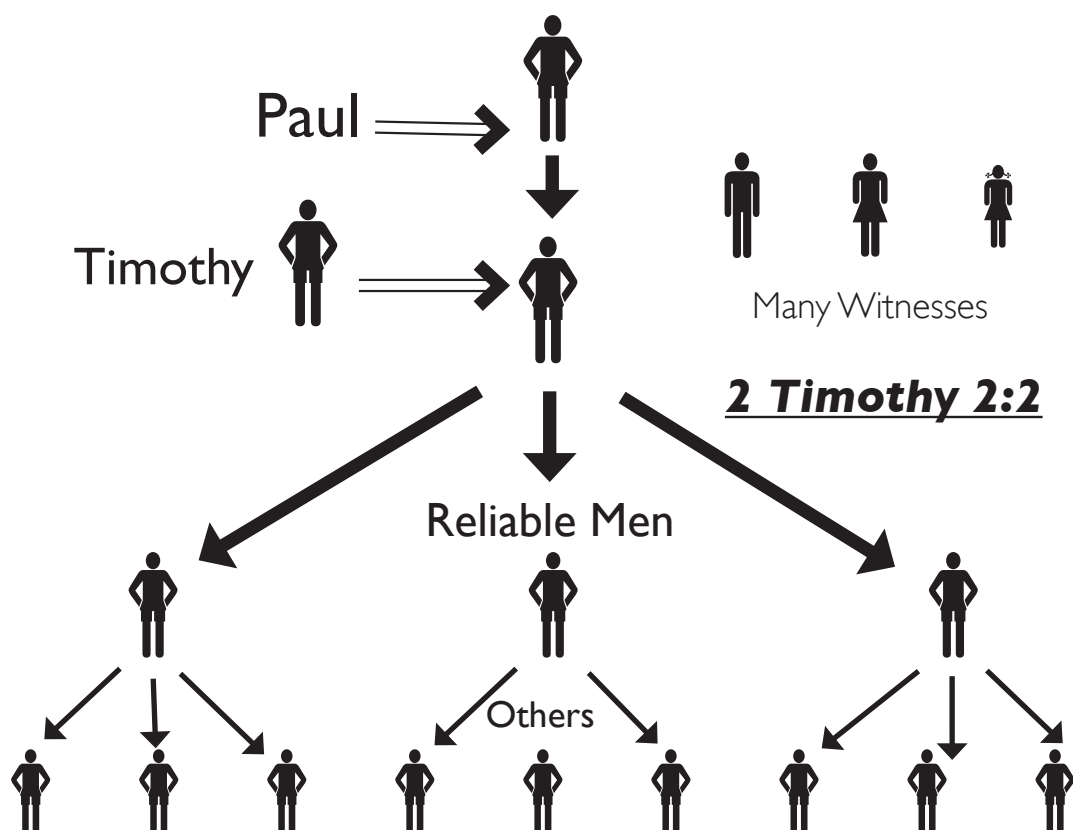
Multiplication is the only strategy that will get the job done!

“Consider two ministry strategies: Plan A involves cranking up the “Win-the-World-for Christ Evangelistic Association”, which, by hook or by crook, is going to see one thousand people gain a saving knowledge of Christ every day. Plan B involves just you, winning one person to the Lord each year, and training that person to live a victorious, reproductive Christian life - then the two of you doing the same with two more people the next year. Continuing in this activity, and applying the principle of multiplication, your numbers would double each year thereafter.

How long should the association rent office space for Plan A? At a thousand souls a day, it will take the Evangelists **16,438.3 years** to win the world's 6 billion inhabitants. Take into account the current world population growth rate (births minus deaths), more than 232,000 every day (Population Reference Bureau) and you realise you're fighting a losing battle. On the other hand, you and the other people disciplined under Plan B will see six billion come to a vital, thoroughly grounded knowledge of the Lord in the early months of the **33rd year**. Even if the population is up to 10 billion by then, you'll hit *that* next year!”

- Chris Adsit, *Personal Disciplemaking*

**“Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations, but don’t worry,
He only wants us to focus on a few.”**



Think about people in your life who are “reliable men”. How could you pass the message on to them?

So what about surveys?

The danger in surveys is viewing people as a single, hit or miss contact when the real goal is to develop a relationship. Converts can be made in a single contact, but disciples can only be developed through relationships. Our ultimate aim in surveys is not to present the Gospel to as many people as possible, but to develop disciples of Jesus by forming new relationships.

Tips for getting non-Christians to meet with you again:

- *Go out with expectation...open your diary and mark out a time when you can meet with someone. Do this before you start surveys...i.e. right now!
- *Leave a “cliff hanger”. (Don’t answer their biggest question.)
- *Cut your time short. (Don’t let the conversation come to a natural end otherwise they will see no need to meet again.)
- *Assess the conversation; make the right challenge.
- *Don’t prejudge people. Ask everyone.