



Week 4: The Heart of a Disciple Maker

MV: *"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Cor 13:1-3)*

ASK: (Why) do you want to make disciples? Really? Is your heart in it?

God cares more about our hearts than external things.

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." (Matt 15:8-9 NIV)

It's not about religious activity

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1Sa 16:7 NIV)

God wants you to minister/disciple out of joy, not obligation.

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;" (1 Peter 5:2)

Teaching is serious business.

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." (Rom 14:12)

It's about LOVE

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Without love, my words mean nothing, my actions mean nothing, my life means nothing.

It's not about WHAT you know, but WHO you know—JESUS. It's about being loved by Him and loving others likewise.

If you're not going to love the Lord and love people...STOP!!!

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death." (1 John 3:14)

Focus on LOVING people, not merely teaching them

Teaching isn't the end goal. It's being faithful to God to love the people around you and to help them love and obey God.

It's about glorifying God by obediently making disciples who will teach others to love and obey God (sound familiar???)

One of the worst things you can do is teach truths you're not applying yourself (hypocrisy)

"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. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;" (Matt 23:3-5)

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." (Heb 13:7)

Examine carefully the outcome of a teacher's lifestyle

If you make disciples, you need to put your faith into practice so that people around you can imitate your faith. (1 Cor 11:1—Imitate me as I imitate Christ)

Being a disciple maker demands your entire life. It means following Jesus in every aspect of your life, pursuing Him with wholehearted devotion.

Making disciples is all about seeing people transformed by the power of God's word.

If you want to see that happen in others, you need to be experiencing it for yourself.