

Discipleship or Spiritual Warfare ?

To Disciple = to teach, train, correct, instruct, “make disciples”

Intentionally guide, mentor, exemplify spiritual maturity through a relational process, instill the mission, deliberate investment of time.

Everyone needs a Paul (mentor) Barnabas (friend) and Timothy (student)

1. Take a young or new believer and help them apply Gods word and renew their mind. Help them create a Biblical worldview.
2. Show them how to behave godly, correct or even rebuke an ungodly or worldly lifestyle. Call out the propensity for evil.
3. The mentor must leave room for the Holy Sprit and not control or impose personal preferences and opinions.
4. Include very personal areas such as spouse, kids, finance, health, emotions, forgiveness, anger, etc. You will face resistance!
5. The mentor must remain humble and patient in the process.

1 Cor 11:1 - Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

2 Tim 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.

1 Thess 1:5 - because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

2 Tim 4: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from

the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

It will go south! People will resist, people you love, care for, give to, pray with, and endorse for leadership. Do the right thing anyway, stay strong, endure.

Spiritual warfare often happens between spouses, with friends, believers

Ephesians 6:11-13 - Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Luke 10:19 - Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Deuteronomy 28:7 - "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

1 John 5:4-5 - For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Isaiah 54:17 - No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord."

Psalms 84:11 - For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

A Spiritual Warfare Prayer

Strengthen my faith, Lord. Forgive my sins, so that I may be clean in your righteousness. Make me brave, so I can stand and fight the spiritual battles in my life and in our world. Give me your wisdom and discernment so I won't be caught off guard.

Together, Lord, we'll win, because in truth, you already have. While evil still roams, the power of Your name and Your blood rises up to defeat and bring us victory against every evil planned against us. While malicious actions may disturb us, we use the armor of God You have given us to stand firm.

You will bring justice in due time for all the harm and needless violence aimed at Your children. Until then, we remain in Your presence, aligned with Your purposes, and we look to You as our Supreme Commander and Protector. Help us to avoid temptation and deliver us from evil, Lord. You are the Mighty One, the One Who will ultimately bring all evil to light. With You, Jesus, we are safe. Amen.

Religious Opposition –

This narrative sickens me! This is what's taught in universities everywhere



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PROBLEMS

According to the article...In 2016, 81% of the people who professed to be evangelical Christians supported :

White supremacy, anti LGBTQ human rights, misogyny, sexism, and xenophobic bigotry, racism, police brutality to minorities, injustices to Blacks and other minorities by the way African Americans are treated by the courts, workplaces, and other U.S. institutions, contempt or hatred for immigrants outside our southern border through state nationalism, laws that prohibit medical care of transgender youth; threatening physicians who render that care, restrict reproductive choices for women; incompatibility with critical race theory, denying climate change and global warming, imperialism, colonialism, oppressive capitalism, social and existential dangers due to intolerance of all religions, persecution of those who live beyond the heterosexual normative.

The Evangelical Christianity mindset produced the domestic terrorism of the OKC bombing that massacred hundreds of adults and children in 1995. Christian evangelicalism may become a substantial cause of death for democracy in the United States.