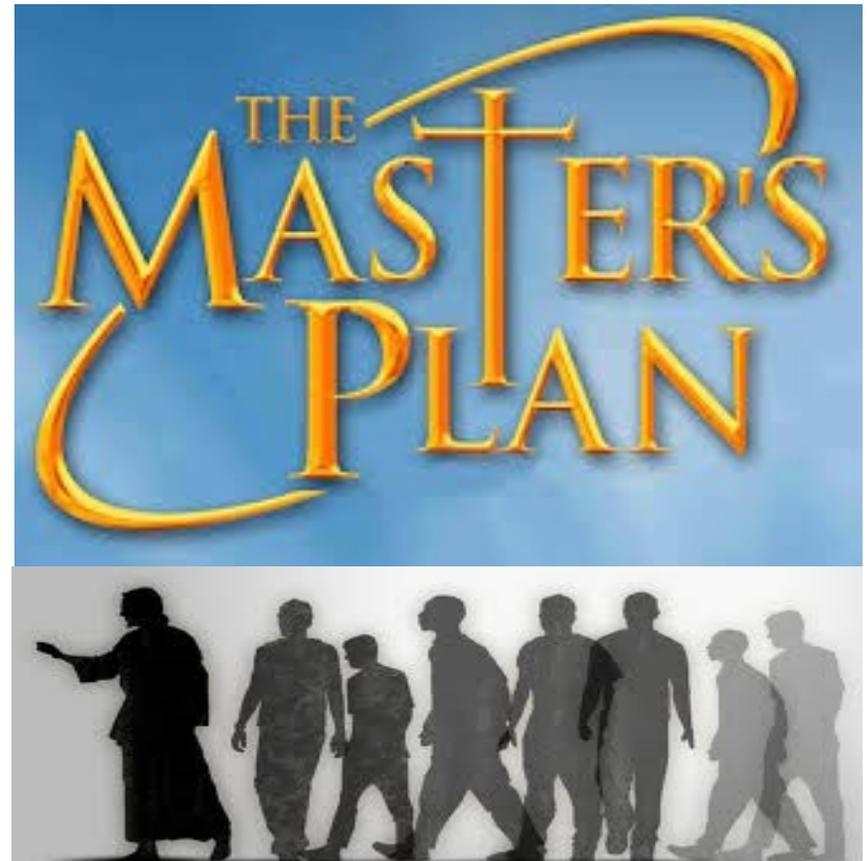


## Ministry Prayer Tree

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“And the things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”  
2 Timothy 2:2



### Expectations of the Study:

- Having a daily time in prayer and the Word
- Having the study done each week
- Applying and implementing what they are learning
- Be praying and seeking out someone to disciple
- Memorizing a verse a week

## The Layman—the Major Participant

Most Christian laymen are familiar with the Great Commission story, but they seldom grasp the fact that it has deep personal implications for everyone who names the name of Christ. Instead they see themselves as spectators in the great competition for the souls of men and women. They stand at the sidelines shouting words of encouragement, praying and giving financial support to “full-time Christian workers.”

However, their involvement normally ends here. If the job doesn't get done and the Church is not increasing, they feel badly, but they have no personal sense of responsibility for the outcome. After all, they surely cannot be accountable! Discipling is the job of the pastor, the evangelist, and other full-time workers.

They see themselves merely as faithful on-lookers and supporters watching the action on the field. This was never God's plan! God's original intention is outlined for us in Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...*

*Ephesians 4:11,12*

In this passage we can see that God gave the “full-time Christian workers” (the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) to the Church for a special purpose. That purpose was NOT to do the work of the ministry themselves, but “... to get His holy people ready to serve as workers and build the body of Christ” (Beck translation). These **special agents** were to be coaches to train the laymen to be the players in the Great Commission. The ordinary saints of the Church were to be **on the front lines**—witnessing, leading their friends to Christ, discipling the nations. Scripture is so clear—the work of ministry and the edifying of the body of Christ belongs to the saints. These gifted leaders are charged with the responsibility of equipping the saints so they can engage in the work of ministry.

**Additional Resources:** [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com)

**Introduction-** Commitment- Billy Graham

**Selection-** Making Disciples selecting disciples- Gene Warr

**Association-** Follow the Rabbi- Ray Vanderlan

**Consecration-**Need of the Hour- Dawson Trotman

**Impartation-**Investing your life in others- Leroy Eims

**Demonstration-** Model Discipleship Leroy Eims

**Delegation-** Leadership- Skip Gray/ Philosophy of Training- Skip Gray

**Supervision-** Training a Disciple- Walt Henrichsen

**Reproduction-** Born to Reproduce- Dawson Trotman

## **MPE Introduction**

1. Coleman notes that having the right objective and being relevant to the needs of our audience are crucial issues of our ministry. What is the outcome of our ministry if we fail to have a clear objective? What if we have a clear objective but lack relevance?

2. Coleman said Christ's objective was clear- what is it? What verse or verses state this?

3. What is the primary objective for a church according to Jesus? What verse or verses state this?

4. Name 5 activities in your week and answer the following questions for each:  
How does this contribute to accomplishing Christ's objective?

Is it getting the job done sufficiently?

Is it worth doing?

## **Achievement Goals**

13. Outline your general plan to reproduce spiritually?

14. How would you teach the importance of spiritual reproduction to the one that you are discipling?

## **15. Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

12. Study thoroughly John 15:1-16. Note how many times the word fruit is used in these passages. Discuss what Jesus meant by this word. Notice verse 16 where Jesus talks about fruit remaining. What is meant by this?

How did Jesus teach the disciples the importance of reproducing spiritually and when did the disciples understand it and live it as a lifestyle? What does this mean to us?

5. List 2 examples of activities, programs, or events attended in Christianity today that no longer fulfill their original purpose. How do they contribute to Christ's Objective? How do they distract Christians from it?

6. Take an objective look at the church or Christian group and compare the objectives of your church or group to Jesus' objectives.

7. What changes could be made so that your church or group will more closely model the objectives of our Lord?

8. List 1 question the preface raises in your mind.

## **Achievement Goals**

8. *Test yourself as to past achievement in evangelism:*

I tell other people about Christ with a view to win them to him:

*Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Frequently*

9. I attempt to assist believers in becoming more mature in their Christian lives.

*Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Frequently*

10. Ask yourself: Do I have a strategy of evangelism for my own life? If so, explain your strategy. If not, am I willing to become part of His?

9. The test of any work of evangelism is:

10. What are the criteria on which a ministry should be measured, and what is a successful ministry?

11. Dr. Coleman speaks of Jesus' foreseeing the day "when the gospel of salvation in his name would be proclaimed convincingly to every creature." Discuss the prospects for this happening in our generation.

## **11. Your Application and plan to implement it:**

## MPE Chapter 1 Selection

Memorize Mark 3:14

5. To what extent must we win the lost and help people in order to insure that spiritual reproduction (multiplication) takes place?

6. Consider the potential of your life in reaching people using two methods: 1) Evangelism (addition) and 2) Spiritual reproduction (multiplication). Make mathematical projections over the next 30-40 years using these two means.

7. Matthew 9:36-38 pictures an experience of Jesus seeing vast multitudes of people. Describe his response to this. Why did he encourage his disciples to do this and why is this important to us?

8. What is the ultimate evaluation of our life and witness as to the redemptive purposes of God?

1. Summarize the principle of selection in your own words.

2. Describe Jesus' relationship with the 12 in comparison to His relationship with the masses.

3. Why do you think He chose this?

4. What did Jesus' impact look like in the beginning of His ministry? Why is this significant?

5. What are some characteristics of the 12? Why did He choose them? What verse or verses state this?

6. How did Jesus focus on the 12 without neglecting the masses?

7. What is the difference between selection and favoritism?

8. What did Coleman think must be our first concern? Do you agree- why?

9. What are the dangers or problems that we could encounter in applying the principle of selection?

10. How will your/our ministry and Christ's overall objective be affected if we fail to implement the principle of selection?

11. Name 3 people in the local area that you are investing in spiritually. According to the principle of selection, who should you spend the most of your time with?

## **MPE Chapter 8 Reproduction**

### *Memorize: Matthew 28:18-20*

1. Summarize the principle of Reproduction in your own words.

2. After considering the various statements of the Great Commission in scripture, put Jesus' command in your own words. Underline what you consider to be the most important elements.

3. Can a person be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission but not be involved in evangelism? In making disciples?

4. What do you consider to be the greatest need in the world today in relationship to fulfilling the Great Commission?

10. Are most believers content with just “holding the fort”? If so what needs to change in our thinking and lifestyle to reverse this?

### **Achievement Goals**

11. What are you doing to try to maximize supervision in your growth?

12. What price might you need to pay in order to allow more supervision in your life? What can you do to better receive correction from those God has put in your life to supervise you?

13. What area of the basics is the person you’re helping struggling in? Describe what the 3 aspects of supervision might look like as you help this person with that area.

### **14. Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

12. List 1 Question Selection raises in your mind.

### **Achievement Goals**

13. Ask God to lead you to at least one person with whom you can work and lead to a life of discipleship.

14. Determine what requirements you will look for in the person that you are going to disciple.

15. List some things you would want to see God accomplish with your help in this person’s life.

16. How would you teach this to someone that you are discipling?

### **Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

## MPE Chapter 2 Association

*Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25*

1. Summarize in your own words the principle of Association and give an example with verses.

2. Knowledge was gained by \_\_\_\_\_ before it was understood by \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How would you describe Jesus' method of training his followers? Give an example with verses.

4. Describe Jesus' primary teaching technique.

5. Why do you suppose Jesus spent so much time in "association" with his disciples as compared to the multitude?

6. List one instance where Jesus used failure on the part of the twelve to bring out truth they needed to know.

7. According to Coleman, what result should our failures produce? How have you seen this in your life?

8. Do we as Christians today have the responsibility/ authority to "supervise" other believers? Cite scriptural references.

Read the last paragraph of the chapter. What is the difference between disciples being "brought into maturity" and just letting it happen?

9. In our ministry, do you think we are generally "holding the fort" or "storming the heights" and why?

## **MPE Chapter 7 Supervision**

*Memorize Mark 6:30*

1. Summarize the principle of Supervision in your own words.
2. Why is supervision necessary?
3. What do you think are the 3 main aspects of supervision and why is each aspect crucial to the process? ( this will not be spelled out in the text)
4. In what way did Jesus supervise His disciples?
5. Of what significance is supervision in the overall training process?

6. How did Jesus' relationship with the 12 change over time? Give an example with verses. Why is this significant?

7. What advantages do you see in this principle of "association" in comparison to other means of training? What are other ways to train someone?

8. What are the disadvantages, limitations, and dangers to the method of training by association?

9. What do you think are some reasons Christianity has lost the application of this principle which Jesus used so effectively?

## **Achievement Goals**

10. After you prayerfully chosen a person with whom to Followup, at what date will you make the initial contact?

11. How frequently will you attempt to be with the person?

12. What will your first step in ministry to this person?

13. How can you spend more time around the person who is helping you?

14. How can you spend more time around the person you are helping?

## **Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

9. Read Jesus' last words to His friends- Mt 28:19-20, Mk 16:15, Lk 24:44-49, Jn 20:21, Acts 1:8. What was foremost in Jesus' last words to His friends? What does this mean for you?

## **Achievement Goals**

10. How can you be like Jesus and apply this to the person you're helping?

11. Or you may not be in a discipleship relationship where you can delegate tasks to another- but you may be in a position where you can ask that responsibilities be delegated to you. List one thing you might want delegated to you.

## **12. Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

5. Which verse has God impressed on your heart, thereby delegating to you, in regards to His mission- if not, write out a prayer to petition Him for a verse specifically for the mission He wants you to do.

6. Coleman speaks of “establishing a beachhead”. What might this look like in our ministry?

7. Coleman says Jesus “never asked anyone to do something He was unwilling to do”. Is there an aspect of making disciples that you have been unwilling to do? Why do you think that is? How can you overcome this obstacle?

8. Jesus instructed the disciples to go out 2 by 2. Who is someone you can pair up with to help someone else? When would be a good time for both of you to meet up to help another?

## **MPE Chapter 3 Consecration**

*Memorize John 14:21*

1. Summarize the principle of Consecration in your own words.

2. Give Biblical examples of the standards Jesus demanded for those who desired to follow Him.

3. Why does Jesus demand these standards?

4. What obstacles will we face today when we pursue this type of zealous commitment from the world and from modern day Christianity?

5. Explain the relationship between obedience and learning. How has this been true in your life?

6. How does the fear of God affect obedience?

7. Jesus did not ask for a commitment to doctrine, but to \_\_\_\_\_.

8. How can we do this with the people we are developing into leaders?

9. Read Mark 10:28, Matthew 19:27, and Luke 8:18. Have you had to sacrifice any of these for the kingdom? Are these barriers for your present commitment? How might you further pay the price to be a real follower of Christ?

## **MPE Chapter 6 Delegation**

*Memorize Matthew 4:19*

1. Summarize the principle of Delegation in your own words.

2. What do you find significant about the way Jesus went about delegating His work?

3. Why did Jesus choose to delegate? Why is it an important part of the whole process?

4. What are the possible dangers, limitations, or disadvantages to applying delegation?

15. How many hours a week should we be spending with the one we are discipling to demonstrate a life focused on Jesus?

16. Do you have a system of Scripture memory in adding new verses and reviewing past verses memorized? If so, what is your system?

17. How much time are you spending with the one you are discipling?

**18. Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

## **Achievement Goals**

10. What does Jesus expect of me as a disciple?

11. The three passages listed below represent commands of Jesus to his followers. Read them and rate yourself on the chart below.

*John 5:39    Luke 18:1    Matthew 4:19*

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Consistently

12. Describe your plans for future provisions for personal time in the Word and prayer.

13. How would you teach what Jesus commands to someone that you are discipling?

**Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

## **MPE Chapter 4 Impartation**

*Memorize Mark 10:45*

1. Summarize the principle of Impartation in your own words.
2. Cite some scriptures which reveal some of the ways Jesus "Gave Himself away".
3. What was Jesus' driving passion? How did He impart this to His followers?
4. What else are you trying to impart to the people around you right now and how are you doing this?

## **11. Quiet time with God**

## **12. Christ the center**

## **13. Obedience**

14. How much time do you spend in the Word and prayer each day?

7. What are some verses that demonstrate Jesus' prayer life?

8. What are some verses that demonstrate Jesus' memorization of the scriptures?

### **Achievement Goals**

As you continue to disciple someone, decide specifically how you are going to teach/demonstrate the following topics:

8. Prayer

9. To study the Bible effectively

10. Evangelism

5. Coleman says the disciples needed to learn God's purpose of redeeming a kingdom for Himself *in practice* and not in theory. Why can we not learn this truth in theory but only in practice?

6. What are some problems or dangers that attempting to share your life with other people can cause?

7. What part does the Holy Spirit play in impartation?

### **Achievement Goals**

8. What one area in your life needs to be changed or strengthened in the light of today's study and who is going to help you in this area?

9. How could you facilitate the impartation of the Holy Spirit to the Christian person you are trying to help?

10. In what practical ways can I give myself to people?  
What comforts/ pleasures must I deny in order to impart my life to others?

11. How will you impart this to the person you are discipling.

**Your Application and Plan to implement it:**

**MPE Chapter 5 Demonstration**

*Memorize John 13:15*

1. Summarize the principle of Demonstration in your own words.
2. What pattern do you see in Jesus' demonstration of how to live and the disciples' response?
3. Why do you suppose Jesus chose this means of teaching?
4. What other factors or principles must be in operation before demonstration can effectively take place?
5. How does Jesus' method of demonstration differ from the way in which we generally attempt to communicate truth in Christianity today?
6. What area(s) do you feel are most important to demonstrate to those you are attempting to help? Why?