# **Vision - New Beginnings - Pt 8 Disciple-Makers**

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[**Ezra 7:10**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr7.10) “10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

### Prepare our Hearts - Study the Word - Do what it says - Teach others

What have we covered so far?

1.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  our hearts

a. Prayer and  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

i. [Hebrews 12:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Heb12.1-2) “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and the  \_\_\_\_  which so easily ensnares us**, and let us **\_\_\_\_\_** with endurance the race that is set before us”

ii. [1 John 1:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Jn1.9) “If we  \_\_\_\_\_\_  our sins, He is  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  and  \_\_\_\_\_  to forgive us our sins and to  cleanse  us from all unrighteousness.”

iii. [1 Thessalonians 5:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Th5.17) “17 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without ceasing,”

2.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  the Word of God

a. [2 Timothy 2:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Ti2.15) “15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” KJV -  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3. Just \_\_\_ It - Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word of God and Not just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. [James 1:22-25](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jas1.22-25) “22 But be  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  of the word, and not  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  only,  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  of the word and not a  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he is like a man observing his natural face in a  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  what kind of man he was. 25 But he who  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  but a  \_\_\_\_\_\_  of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

b. [Matthew 7:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt7.21) “21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who  \_\_\_\_\_\_  the will of My Father in heaven.”

c. [Matthew 7:24](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt7.24) “24 “Therefore whoever  \_\_\_\_\_\_  these sayings of Mine, and  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:”

d. [John 14:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.21) “21 He who has My  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  and  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.””

#### This week I want us to look at the last part of this verse in [Ezra 7:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr7.10) “10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

We need to be teachers of the word of God. We need to be  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !

Discipleship consist of four distinct parts:

1. Conversion

a. [Acts 2:38](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac2.38) “38 Then Peter said to them, “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

b. [Romans 10:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro10.13) “13 For “whoever  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  on the name of the Lord shall be saved.””

c. [Romans 10:9-10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro10.9-10) “9 that if you **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. 10 For with the heart one **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** unto righteousness, and with the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** confession is made unto salvation.”

2. Obedience in Baptism

a. [Acts 2:38](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac2.38) “38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

3. Lifelong commitment to denying ourselves, Taking up our cross and “Follow ”, Jesus’ uses the word ἀκολουθέω (akoloutheō) (Ah-Ko\_Loo\_Thao) which means more than just following, but following in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. To  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  and to  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. [Matthew 10:38](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt10.38) “38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

b. [Matthew 16:24](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt16.24) “24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

c. [Mark 8:34](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mk8.34) “34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

d. [Luke 9:23](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Lk9.23) “23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

e. [Luke 14:27](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Lk14.27) “27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

4. Teaching:

a. [Matthew 28:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt28.20) “20 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

#### We tend Make excuses for why this is somehow not our responsibility:

1. Conversion involves the proclamation of the gospel: See [Mark 16:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk16.15), [Romans 10:14-15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro10.14-15) so Christians say “I am not called to preach;”

2. Baptism involves a creedal confession of faith and immersion in water. Christians say “The pastor’s do that, I am not a Pastor.”

3. Teaching them to obey all that I have commanded: Christians say “But I am not called to teach” ([Ephesians 4:11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph4.11))([1 Timothy 3:1-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Ti3.1-7)) “I do not have the spiritual gift of teaching” ([Romans 12:6-8](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro12.6-8))”

There is a quote often ascribed to **Francis of Assisi**, albeit it is not his quote at all. It says **“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words”** and has become a famous meme floating around social media, perhaps you have seen it.

There are two problems with this:

1. **It is contrary to scripture:**

a. [Romans 10:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro10.14) “14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not **heard**? And how shall they **hear without a preacher**?”

b. [Acts 11:19-21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac11.19-21) “19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.”

i. The word here for “Preaching in vs 20 is εὐαγγελίζω (euangelizō) (E-Von-Gel-Ezo) and it is the Greek word that we get our word evangelize from and it means to **“Proclaim the good news”**

2. T**his assertion creates a “one or the other” dichotomy between proclamation and action** that is nowhere found in scripture. Scripture calls for us to **proclaim the Gospel and to live out the transformative power of the Gospel in our lives through our actions**. The idea presented here with this quote smacks of works-righteousness and justification by works, after all that is what it models. Justification is by grace (Sola Gratia) alone, through faith alone (Sola Fide)

Paul actually addresses this tension between teaching and action in

[Colossians 3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3)

Lets turn there: [Colossians 3:5-17](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.5-17)

1. Vs 5-15 How are we to live: **Actions**

a. Put to death: [Colossians 3:5-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.5-7) “5 Therefore **put to death** your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.”

b. Put off: [Colossians 3:8-9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.8-9) “8 But now you yourselves are to **put off** all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,”

c. Put on: [Colossians 3:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.10) “10 and have **put on** the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,” [Colossians 3:12-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.12-14) “12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things **put on** love, which is the bond of perfection.”

2. Vs 16 teaching the word: [Colossians 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.16) “16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

3. Vs 17 in all Jesus! [Colossians 3:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.17) “17 And whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Being a Disciple means: We prepare our  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , We  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  the Word, We  \_\_\_  what the word tells us to  \_\_\_\_\_\_ , and We  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  others through life on life discipleship!

[Hebrews 5:12-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Heb5.12-14) “12 For though by this time you ought to be  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

God calls every one to teach through discipleship one another. Each person should have:

1. **A Paul** - Someone who is older in the faith and maturity whom you are being discipled by

2. **A Barnabas** - Someone you are walking through life with who will stand by you and be an encouragement to you.

3. **A Timothy** - Someone you are actively teaching the principles of Following Jesus - ἀκολουθέω (akoloutheō) (Ah-Ko\_Loo\_Thao) “Follow AND Obey”

**Have one in your life - Be one on someone else’s life**