

# Kingdom Discipleship & Prophetic Training

## That's Great!

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. (Matt. 18:1-6)

### 1. How is greatness in the kingdom of God measured?

Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mk. 10:35-45)

### 2. How is greatness recognized in the kingdom of God?

### 3. It's not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_!

Ephesians 4:11-16

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, **being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.**

Galatians 5:13, 14

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore **encourage one another** and **build up one another**, just as you also are doing.

Colossians 4:5, 6

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, **so that you will know how you should respond to each person.**

## **Discerning Your Divine Connections**

2 kinds of people with whom we are to be in relationship:

**1. Those God gives you**

**2. Those God gives you**

The “Parable of the 4 Friends” (Mark 2:1-12)

### **Who Are You Connected With?**

a. **In front:**

b. **Behind:**

c. **On the right and left:**

Benefits:

Heb. 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Gal. 6:1-2 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20

## **R.E.A.C.H.** Out and Touch Someone....

**R:** \_\_\_\_\_

Believe that your relationships, from the most casual to the most intimate, have been established by God for His purposes. Ask Him to reveal what His purposes are for each of them. Ask Him for favor and access into their lives.

**E:** \_\_\_\_\_

Help people to see:

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

Determine what kind of practical “how-to” instruction or modeling they need in order to learn the ways of the Lord.

**C:** \_\_\_\_\_

How does the Lord want to release His power through you for healing, deliverance, etc.? What practical, tangible service or support can you offer that will meet a need in their life?

**H:** \_\_\_\_\_

What is their purpose, their God-given destiny, and how can you help them reach it? Help them learn how their destiny involves REACHing out to others.

## “Good Samaritan” Eyes

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?" He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?" He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself." "Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live."

Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?"

Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"

"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

1. Who do I see?
2. What is their condition?
3. What can I do for them?