

Example of disciples:  
- Peter  
- John

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# GOING THE Distance

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"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."  
(Acts 2:41-47)

Finish spiritual race

## 1. Celebrate THE AWESOMENESS OF JESUS

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely." (Psalm 147:1)

sing  
praise

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. 6 The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God."  
(Psalm 147:3-7)

God's  
creation  
orchestra

"To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."  
(Isaiah 40:25-26)

A. His life Was Approved

Jesus of Nazareth  
Acts 2:22

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (John 6:38)

do God's will

"And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29)

Jesus pleases God



Jesus B. His sacrifice Was Approved

Approved by God

Delivered to death

God raised Jesus up

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." (Acts 2:22-24)

2. Constructing YOUR LIFE DAILY

Continue with God - Doers of the Word - Doers of the work

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." (James 1:22-25)

A. Hunger for His Word MT 5:6 Hunger & thirst for righteous

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." (Jeremiah 15:16)

Clean thru God's Word

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John 15:3-4)

continue in God's Word

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;" (John 8:31)

B. Humble in Our Walk

God gives grace

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6)

Humble myself

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:10)

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look..." (Proverbs 6:16-17)

C. Holy in Our Words

Saying good things

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." (Luke 6:45)



"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."  
(Ephesians 4:29)

what you say

1. Be Cautious with your words
2. Be Comforting with your words
3. Be Constructing with your words - build up
4. Be Caring with your words

### 3. Connecting WITH OTHER CHRIST-FOLLOWERS

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness." (1 Corinthians 12:18-23)

One  
body  
united  
in one  
purpose

A. The Church Needs to gather together

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Hebrews 10:24-25a)

come  
together  
in church

B. The Church Needs to get ready together

"...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25b)

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14)

called  
one  
people-  
Christian

- Looking for Jesus return every day
- Praying together in One Spirit



#### 4. Contributing TO THE FURTHERANCE OF HIS PURPOSE

First give yourself to God

2nd generous with other Christians

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

- Macedonians: great poverty but still gave  
THREE WAYS TO BE A CONTRIBUTOR:

1. By prioritizing our time to further His mission. *time*
2. By investing our treasures to further His mission. *possessions*
3. By engaging our talents to further His mission. *your strengths*

#### 5. Personally COMMUNICATING THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF JESUS

Christians flavor the world with their works

Christians shine light of truth in world

A. By Our walk

- what you do speaks louder than your words

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

B. By Our witness - tell others about Jesus

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)



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