

Teaching Outline

Series: Caring & Sharing

Week 5

We need traveling companions that _____ support/encourage and _____ support/encourage us.

NLT Matt 28:18-20 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

First. Motive and manner.

1 Thess 2:1-13 (NLT) ¹ You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. ² You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. ³ So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. ⁴ For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. ⁵ Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!

Our approach is one of _____ and _____ .

⁶ As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. ⁷ As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you.

Deeply investing in someone's life is done with _____ motives and _____ intentions.

Second. Personal, caring investment.

Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

When we mentor someone, we are _____ our lives with them and they with us.

Third. Set an example for them to follow.

⁹ Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. ¹⁰ You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.

What we hope they imitate first and foremost is our _____.

Fourth. Helping them achieve their best.

¹¹ And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children.

¹² We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

Help new believers achieve their _____ and live in a way that God is _____ .

Fifth. Changing and Multiplying

¹³ Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

2 Tim 1:5 (NLT) ⁵ I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

2 Tim 1:13-14 (NLT) ¹³ Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

Discipleship success = an _____ of going, baptizing, teaching.

If we _____, we will _____!!

Homework: Daily prayer, "Lord show me who you want me to care about and show me how to share with them the good news."