

The Blessedness Of Discipleship

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- Father, thank you for the privilege to hear your word. We pray, inject yourself into us. Reveal yourself to us. Give us a revelation of yourself in your word.
- Heal the sick. Deliver the captives. Heal the brokenhearted. Open the eyes of the blind. Set at liberty them that are bruised. Glorify your name.
- Save the lost. Convict the sinning. And set our hearts on fire. Through your word. We thank you. In Jesus' name.
- [1 : 10] Amen. There's a difference between a convert and a disciple. It's like the difference between a baby and a man. A baby, all he can do is cry. But a man can do so many things.
- So the problem is that sometimes the church is filled with so many converts. Somebody who has repented from their sins and have decided to be in Christ.
- And who, when they die, they will go to heaven. But that's not all there is. There is more to it. 1 Timothy 4, verse 7.
- Reject profane and old wives' fable. Exercise yourself towards godliness. Verse 8 says that for bodily exercise profits little. For bodily exercise profits a little.
- So what it means is that if you exercise physically, it's good. Physical exercise is good. Right?
- [2 : 10] Because when people stay in hospital for so long and they come out, they have to go through physio. Because they have not been exercising some parts of their body. And so sometimes it will even atrophy.
- So exercise, physical exercise is good. Any part of your body you don't use for a long time, it will atrophy. It becomes useless.
- So it's good. But it says that it profits a little. Doing physical things. It profits a little. Going to work is good. But it's profit is very restricted.
- Studying to pass exam or studying to be great or to have a good job is good. All right? So it's very good. Getting married. Finding a woman to marry is good.
- Finding, looking for a man to marry you is good. It's good. These are things you have to do to get to a certain result.
- [3 : 09] So you have to do something to get something. It says that bodily exercise is good. It profits a little. Then it says that. It profits a little. But godliness.

That tells you godliness is an exercise in itself. Godliness is a whole. That's what I call the Greek word is gymnazo. Godliness is profitable for all.

Huh? For all things. For all things. So you don't come to church only to find a wife or find a husband. Serving in church.

I found my wife in church. I mean there are quite a few of you. A lot of you found your wives and husbands in church. Am I talking to somebody? Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Can I hear you say amen?

Amen. Yes.

[4 : 10] Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. That's one of the bad things of this generation. Facebook dating. works only to do ■■■■■ and. Yes. It's not why it's not wise.

It's not why it's not even you'll be hurt. You'll be hurt. Facebook dating. Or photo pictures. You may go for someone who is coming to take advantage of you.

You can pay attention to you, because I'm I'm given you a lihat from my if Pastor Frank was not married. He's on Facebook. So it's the same people. That's true. But most of the sensible ones, they won't look for you.

So it's the less sensible ones who pride on the, you know, I'm telling you. Pastor, you don't know what you, I know what I'm talking about because I've been doing a lot of counseling.

You can go. When you are shattered, we'll help you put the pieces together. But it's not as powerful as a whole. Mended. You'll be working okay, but you're still very fragile because you've been broken and mended.

[5 : 21] Godliness profits in all things. So Godliness profits in all things. Raising your, some of you are raising rebels.

Seriously. don't forget the way that child, that boy's father is. That boy is that. You can tell, the guy is a rebel. And, the seed is inside.

You can see the traits. And instead of humbling yourself, keeping that boy in church. I'm busy plotting his earrings. I'm not saying that is bad.

But modeling him for something else. So, a prophet, that young girl, remember the way her mother is? Before her mother met you, she's been everywhere. I'm not saying that.

I'm not saying that. Church will change. Bible say prophets are in all things. Can I advise you? Even being in church, and practice, no, godliness, okay, being in church is not, just an immediate reflection of godliness.

[6 : 31] Because there are people in church, and they are as godless as someone. But it's better, it's better to start. So, you bring your godlessness, start somewhere.

Going to church is an attempt towards God. You can't compare the one, who is injured and lying on the road, to the one who is also injured by an ambulance. They are two.

They are all injured, but, no, no, no, no, no, this other one, the prospects are better. So, come to church. But, coming to church is helping you.

Some of you, with your upbringing, you don't know how to talk to people. You don't know how to keep relationships. You come to church, stay in the quash, stay in the ushers, things are tough, but you learn how to stay.

By the time you are alive, you have developed a nice ability to stay, keep healthy relationships. Yeah. I'm telling you.

[7 : 35] Some of us, the kind of job or the business you want to run, with your background and your experience, you can't do it. By coming to church, you have the opportunity to interact with people, or you become a departmental leader, excel leader, and you learn how to be patient with people, and, you know, manage people, and you are developing your skills.

Management skills. The company that we got these screens from, they love getting people from church. Because the director told me that, when they get people, like, they employ people from church, so it looks like the guys in church, know how to do, they are very versatile, and work harder.

Most of the best, start from church. Very good. Very good. So, godliness profits.

I'm telling you. Dating a man in church is better than dating a man at work. What do you mean?

I'll show you why it's better. Because, at work, it's work and you go home. But in church, we are in your life too.

[8 : 58] At work, you can do time easily. But in church, if you are tempted, you look like a demon. So, even if you have the proclivity, you try and control yourself, because it's, look at this.

You can't come to church, get up quickly. You can't come to church, and see a sister, and say, hmm. Can you do that?

I can't do that. Unless you are really demon possessed. You can't do that. You wait, outside of church. When you and your husband, don't go to church together, or he sits at home, waits for you to go and come, or your, your so-called boyfriend, who says he'll marry you, and you are happy, he can't follow you to church.

One day you come from church, he's there waiting for you. Because there's no sense of order. It doesn't mean once you are in church, you are safe.

At least, your chances are better. There's one brother, who was in church, and was going out with one sister, and they decided to go their separate way. As soon as they jumped, they came out of the relationship, another sister, quickly attached himself, herself.

[10 : 15] I mean, less than two weeks, she's already, you know the sisters, they have, they can tell, quickly. Starting calling him, hello, they are friends already, but she, she's trending, tightening their bones.

I called the brother, I said, stop that rubbish. Get that lady, they are not going out. But not, women know how to come in. They come in nicely, nicely. She will wet herself, by the time you realize, she's already slipped her legs, in between your legs.

She's like, you can't move her out. And they'll take the violence, and take it by force. But I said, the point here is, it's morally repulsive.

For you to know that, this sister and this brother, were always together, you let one year come. Let's. Ladies, do you agree with what I'm saying?

It is wrong, it is wrong, for a brother to jump out of a relationship, and the next week, he's already, ah, that guy, we will fire him. So, but you can do that at work, and you are cool.

[11 : 31] You are cool. You can't be bothered. But in church, we won't allow it. Unless we are not dealing with disciples. So that leads me to discipleship.

So, godliness profits in all things. Some of you, since you started coming to church, you have been smarter in the choice of men you are allowed to come around. A certain, a certain lady, in her middle age, asked one of our sisters, who is in her twenties, he said, you are so wise.

Excuse me. So, because the sister was advising the lady at work, she was, she, the lady was in a mess. The sister was advising, tell you, you can do this. The lady was flabbergasted.

They said, you are so wise. How old are you? Sorry, I don't mean to be offensive, but you are so wise. The sister said, come to church. We have a lot of common sense in church.

A lot of it. A lot of it. Amen. Amen. Amen.

[12 : 45] So, godliness is profitable. It has profits here on earth. Ah, when you serve God, you benefit on earth. It's not only for heaven. Did you read your Bible?

For all things, having promise of the life that now is, and the one which is to come. Everywhere, you profit. Godliness.

You are benefiting on earth. You are benefiting in heaven. I love that testimony of the sister who, coming to church, brought her and her husband back in a healthy relationship.

Yeah, godliness. She said she had a message on forgiveness. She decided to forgive. As soon as she did that, she acted on the message. It's like spiritual electronics.

Immediately there, not immediately, but that same day or the week or whatever, their husband, they are going through divorce. Their husband called. He said, please, I'm sorry. Ah. How did it happen? There is power in God's words.

[13 : 45] So it's good to be in church. It's not because you are helping the church grow. The church will grow without you, but you may not grow.

You may not grow up, but end up blowing up. Refused, diffused, confused.

The benefits of discipleship, the blessing, blessedness of discipleship. Let's all say the blessedness of discipleship. The blessedness of discipleship. Please say it again.

The blessedness of discipleship. Say it again. The blessedness of discipleship. Jesus told, when he was going, he told his disciples that go into the world and make disciples.

Matthew chapter 28, verse 19. Matthew chapter 28, verse 19. Let's all read it from the screen. Let's go. Let's all read it.

[14 : 49] Let's go. Let's all read it. Let's go. That's okay.

Verse 19. Go therefore and do what? Make disciples. Make disciples. The word translated, make disciples, sounds something like mathathios.

Okay, mathathios, the Greek word, which also means to teach. Also means to guide. Now, it's interesting. Can you put the same script?

Change it to King James. Look at King James. Go therefore and, see they make disciples. See, the word there. The same. Go therefore, teach all nations.

But, New King James says, go therefore and make disciples of all nations. So, making disciples means teaching. Teaching. So, the essence of discipleship is teaching.

[15 : 55] Actually, there's a particular, those of you who speak other languages other than, maybe English. If you know the word for discipleship, it's likely it's okono teachings.

Or learner. So, disciples, disciples actually, in my mother tongue, are called learners. Learners. And the discipler is a teacher.

about, and he says, go into the world and make disciples. Go and teach people. But, don't just teach everybody. Some of you have been arguing with your work colleagues, thinking you teach them.

Don't waste your time. How can you say Jesus is God, son of God. I shall allow. Don't waste your time. Don't waste your time.

It doesn't change the facts. Look for someone who says, I want to serve the goddess. I want to know more. After you talk to them, they want to know more. Then you can explain it to them.

[17 : 02] But the other ones, their minds, you see, when people want to argue, it doesn't matter how strong your point is. They have made up. It's a condition of their hearts. It doesn't matter what you say.

They just, they just want to argue. So we don't go everywhere teaching people. The point is going to make them disciples. A disciple is someone who is learning.

But, they are not ready to learn. They want to hear what you've got to say. That's not what he's talking about. So some people come to church, they just want to hear what we've got to say. will be very stupid to assume, or to think they are disciples.

They are not disciples. They just want to say what you've got to say. Disciples are people, a disciple is someone who wants to learn. He wants to learn.

So, signs of a genuine disciple. What are some of the signs of a genuine disciple? Number one, as I've already said, a learner.

[18 : 01] A learner. Every learner must be, I like this, must be teachable. Okay.

One of the difficult things about pastoral work is when you are pastoring people who are not teachable, or people who are stubborn. They wait for crisis to correct them.

And, if you're a genuine pastor, it hurts that you know this lady, this gentleman, is walking towards the cliff. And, he still doesn't want to listen.

You are trying to help him. Don't go. They are so full of themselves. And, like a mother, you can't just say, well, if you destroy, it's your own life. No. It actually impacts you because you want your children to do well.

So, the mother's plight and frustration is that child who will not listen to anything and is pushing herself or pushing myself into trouble, I will do my own thing. That's one of the most dangerous things that determines the failure or defines the failure of a person in future.

[19 : 10] If you have this attitude, leave me to do my own thing, it's just clear, obvious, that you will fail in life. That is why we have a lot of failures in certain communities in some parts of London because the system trains people to be left to do their own thing.

And, if you are left to do your own thing, you will fail in life. Watch how many of them end up in prison or how many of them never rise in life because you can't rise in life if you are left to do your own thing.

All the people who enter into politics and great like prospects in society, you check them. If you are going to be a top lawyer, you have to operate by strict rules. You can't be a doctor, a pharmacist.

You have to register and make sure you are not doing your own thing. So, why do we teach our children? We want to teach them you are free to do your own thing. No, you can't be free to do your own thing in life. Earthquake is given by inspiration.

It's given by inspiration. It's profitable for correction, for reproof, for instructions in righteousness. So, it's profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction.

[20 : 19] Look at what the Bible is supposed to be for. It's profitable for all these things. See, doctrine, reproof, corrections, instruction in righteousness.

Why? So that the man of God will be fully equipped, thoroughly finished onto every good work. So, the good work you are able to do is a fraction of how well corrected you have been, how you have been thoroughly finished, prepared through corrections.

Because the Bible says, foolishness is bound in the heart of a child. But the road of correction, we were all born, we were all born with a level of imbecility.

Every one of us. Every one of us. See, when you are left alone, sometimes the foolish things you can do. It is alarming. Yes, we are all born like that. But, as you grow, the disciplines you, you are subjected to determine how much of it has been removed from you.

My heart is heavy concerning these things, so I stay on it most of the time. Because I see it so much in our society.

[21 : 26] And it is so well programmed and well excused and funded. Nice libraries don't make great people. Porsche gyms and playgrounds don't make great people.

It doesn't matter the investments. it's the inside. What a man carries on the inside is what determines how high it can go. Some of you ladies, you know, you can't get married.

You have everything it takes to attract a man, but you don't have anything that it takes to keep a man. Attraction, yes. Keeping, not zero.

On the scale of one to ten, attraction, you are eleven. on the scale of one to ten, one to ten. Keeping minus four. is it not true?

Hmm. It's true. And many people think the world owes you pampering. it's a failures mentality.

[22 : 42] It doesn't matter what you've been through in life, you know, no one understands me. Stop that kind of crap, okay? Every time you're looking for somebody to understand you, when will you grow up out of that?

and take responsibility. Your father died when you were five. He's already dead, you know? My father abandoned us when we were three years old.

He's gone long time and now you are 33. And you're still singing that song. I was abused. This is why I don't like these things, because sometimes people don't understand.

You see, the society fans encourages these things. But when you're going to the top, there's less tolerance for these kind of things. Can you imagine they become grown up and say, he didn't like me. I'm so happy.

I've called myself into the bed. No, he can't do that. They remove him, you'll find something else to do and look very strong. How dare you leave a job because your boss didn't like you and I'm going and I leave the keys and I'm gone, I'm gone.

[23 : 45] It's because you know the government will give you benefits. You are not permitted as an intelligent person to live on benefits for more than six months unless for disability purposes.

It's not right. It's not right. It's not right. Think about it. You are stifling your potentials in life. You are loaded with abilities. You can do more than people can even account for you.

You can do more than I credit you with. You can do far. You are loaded. You are good. I'm telling you, you are good. You have all the debts. You can do it.

You can make it. Your kind of champion has not been discovered yet. Well, the blessedness of discipleship.

When you are discipled, your mind changes. Some people may decide to call it brainwashing. It's not. Brainwashing is usually negative connotation.

[24 : 51] But actually, the way your brain is dirty, don't you think it is? Amen. Yes. Dirty brains. What are dirty brains?

Oh, me. I will never work. I will wait for a millionaire to marry me. And every morning, I will be sleeping. And I will be calling waiters, come.

And they are coming. I will be going to holiday every week. I will go to the nursery. I will go here. That's a very dirty brain. And if I don't like him, I will look for another million.

I will just jump onto him. And I will just be doing my nails. And they are saying that, hey, me, if I find a woman and she doesn't call me my lord, my lord, I will just dump her.

You see, your brain is dirty. If my child, if my child doesn't listen to me, I will slap her. I will cut her.

[25 : 50] You see, your brain is dirty. No one can do anything to me. No one can do anything to me. No one can do anything. Actually, you need a lot of brainwashing. The reason why I talk the way I talk is I'm cold.

I have a generational assignment. So the problems I see, you may not notice them. And the problems I address is burning in my heart. Because I can't, it hurts me seeing potentials being wasted in life.

So people who are loaded, they are loaded. God has packaged them for greatness. But failure has buried them. And they don't even know they are happy.

They're happy. And the system has created safe zone, safe haven for them. I told somebody. I told some people.

This is a serious one. Please. I stand to be corrected, okay. But let me just say. When you think outside the box, you realize there is so much money in society.

[27 : 06] Some of us, where we live, the places we live, it's a concern. It's a concern. It is like, you know, storage. So they have created a system and put some people, a lot of people, in storage.

Just to keep the system going. It's storage. They are actual people. It's not luxury. They live normal.

When they go to their room, they can roll for two minutes on the floor. you can't even lie down without your head hitting your bed.

Where you live is not a reflection of your value. You may live in Mayfair and be very, very, very... So where you live is not a reflection of your value. But your value, you must always have a vision.

You know where you are going. You know where, the kind of children you are trying to raise. You know the kind of marriage you want to enjoy. So you don't talk to your wife by heart.

[28 : 12] You treat your wife like a princess because you know you want to have a good marriage. Some of you want a good marriage and you don't respect your wives. Hey, where are you? I didn't tell you, look at your head.

Come on. Ah! Then when you finish, you come and tell me demons are spoiling your marriage. You are their class captain. So you will not clap for Jesus.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 11, verse 1, it said, imitate me as I imitate Jesus. So, disciples copy. They look at the way they are.

The one who is discipling them do it and do it. a time is coming when recruiters are recruiting and they hear you are a member of charis.

Unconditional acceptance. Because of the disciplined, quality, intelligent people, wise people who God has trained in the house.

[29 : 26] A time is coming when someone goes to tell their pastor that I found a woman I want to marry, a man I want to marry. And he said, what church? He said, what church? Carries?

Ah! I don't need to see the person. That's correct. That's correct. Disciples imitate.

They look at the one discipling them and copy. In fact, Jesus puts it in the passage of the 10th verse 24. Very interesting text. You will be shocked that Jesus said this. He said, a disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Look at verse 25. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher. So if you're a genuine disciple, he will look at you and tell who is discipling you.

He said, it is enough for a disciple and a servant like his servant. If they have called the master of their house, Beelzebub, how much more would they call those of his household?

[30 : 30] Beelzebub is a leader of demons, cheap demons. So if they are calling you Jesus, Beelzebub, it's okay, they will also call you names. Paul told Timothy, don't be ashamed of my sufferings, but share with me in the suffering for the gospel.

2 Timothy chapter 1 verse 8 or so. Share with me because a master a student is, so long as discipleship concerns, it's supposed to be like your master.

How come you beat your wife and you say you're a disciple of Carriage Ministries? No, we don't beat women. Can you imagine you coming here and say Pastor O, hey, you, and Pastor O takes the ladle and I take the saucepan.

He said, should I come? Should I come? Should I come? No, it will happen. It will happen.

Some of you are frightened and then this person is being pulled, raped, and then I'm sorry, no, it's you, and your neighbors are coming to say no, I thought you guys go to church, please. And a man, you have pulled your belt, you want to hit a, ah, come on.

[31 : 48] That's not a disciple of Carriage Ministries. It shouldn't be like that. Are you getting what I'm saying? A woman, you are a foolish man.

Do you think Pastor O has been abusing me verbally? I'll have this kind of confidence to be talking the way I talk. Because women can strip your confidence. Especially if she's in your life.

The woman in your life. She can strip your confidence. One of my sons said, Pastor, I don't know why my wife doesn't believe in anything I do. One day, one day, one day, one day, God gave me a word and I told the guy, you are going to be a pastor.

As soon as the girl in her life, you, you can't be a pastor. and lo and behold, I encourage him, he became a pastor, but the wife didn't believe in the church collapse.

The wife. Strip a man's confidence from him and he was reduced to a piece of bread. when they ask, what kind of man do you want?

[33 : 08] A man who will follow me to shopping and hold the basket and follow me. It's another woman you are trying to get. Most times, if you ask a woman or a man or a woman what kind of man you like, after they finish giving the description, most of them find another woman they have described.

And then we stand and say, oh, let me look at this makeup. Oh, this is another nice color. Okay, let's see. And then your husband is standing in the shop doing lingerie shoppings with you.

Sometimes it's okay, but you want a man who is always in the kitchen cooking for you. When you come, you come and sit and eat. That's the kind of man I want. You have described another mother.

It's good, it's good, it's good to talk about these things because some of you don't have a clue about what it means to be a wife. Things about braided hair. Some of you don't have a clue about what it means to be a husband.

Things about wearing shorts at home with your hairy legs. and then you're not a husband, you're a tyrant.

[34 : 54] when you hear the knock, the knock at the door, hey, hey, you go and check, Mavis, go, go. You hear go, that you don't say, hey, and he say, Mavis, go, go, go.

When you're with your wife, anything, let her feel that, no, no, don't worry, you're afraid, no, don't worry, I'll do it. Let the woman in your life know that there is a man behind you.

Man. Your sister passes a negative comment about your wife, you say, hey, your mother says something, hey, is your wife cooking very well for you?

Say, hey, mom, mom, mom, mom, mom, mom, I'm eating better now. hair the woman market moments like a monkey.

Bro. And mom said, but why do you keep eating bananas like that?

[36 : 27] So, I don't know for some reason. I just like them. My wife wanted to go. I said, no, no, let me eat bananas. That's what it takes to be a man.

It takes to be a man. He gave his life for the church. She said, love your wife like Christ loved her and gave himself. Give yourself. Including your card.

If you have your woman's card, give it back to her. Give it back to her. Give it back to the woman. Am I talking to somebody?

You want to have a strong nation? Let's go for strong families. If you want strong families, let's go for strong marriages.

You don't train people for marriage when they are. You start them before they get married. The best training you can give your children is before you even start courting their mom.

[37 : 52] The culture of a home is defined. It starts. It starts when the relationship starts. You don't wait to get married before you say, okay, when we marry, we come.

No, no, no, no. The culture has started already. And that's what your children are going to live in, understand, replicate. So if you start a culture of disloyalty, it won't stop after the marriage.

It gets accentuated after the marriage. Am I communicating to somebody? Yes. The reason why we are having weaker marriages and weaker families and weaker citizens is because of boundaries that have been eroded and marriages that have been weakened.

It has been reduced to just romance. Marriage is not about romance. No. It's about Corinthians. Ephesians.

Not romance. Book of romance. At 13 years, you have a boyfriend. Think about it.

[39 : 03] No wonder at 33 years, you say, I'm not interested in men again. Because you have changed about eight men already, and they've all hurt you so bad, you think that, no, I think women will do for me. You didn't hear what I said.

Some of it is not a genuine internal something. It's a mental, full of hurts and disappointment. So you have settled in a mood.

Let's save our children, and let's save our younger ones, before they get so wounded. Are you getting what I'm saying? Because, listen, the way, why am I talking about this?

Let me say this, and then finish this, and then go on then. The way you have started a relationship, full of romance. You want it to carry like this? Just, just, all you think about is romance.

Romance. Romance. Romance. Romance. And that's all.

[40 : 19] Romance. That's what real life, you don't do. So let's try, you get so hurt. I thought he loved me. Huh? So, watch this.

You end up having a child for him, and you can't stand him. And he tells you, I'm not interested. And for 10 years, you don't hear from him. Because the thing was just fun, now you are bringing responsibility.

He has to run away. Because he's not matured for that. He's not matured. He's a boy. He's a boy. He doesn't like the responsibility. Now he's running away.

And out of the pain, he was so, he thought this guy was genuine. I thought he was genuine. And for 15 years, anytime you remember him, anger.

And you have passed it on to the son. And the son grew up with that. Because every time you hear your foolish father, that man, your foolish father. And you don't know he does something to a child.

[41 : 20] Most of them grow up into rebellion. And now you are trying to look for people to help you keep. You started spoiling it from the romance level. You meet him.

You are happy. After two days, you already started actively pursuing. Actively ministering. Actively. Actively. Actively. And so people get so hurt. And disappointed.

And the pain. But what bothers me is the next generation. We pass it on. We pass it on. You are raising the child with anger.

You love the child. You do anything for the child. But there is anger. And you don't want his useless father to see his face. Or a useless father to see her face.

[42 : 27] You have vowed. But you didn't know that that vow is actually detrimental to the child's future. That vow is actually detrimental to the child's future. You have vowed. You have vowed. You have vowed.

You have vowed. You have vowed. I need dad. I need dad. I need dad. I need dad. Who is my dad? Sometimes they can't see it. They are hurting.

Some of you have grown up with. Who is my dad? And my mom. I don't want to hurt my mom. If I go near my dad. My dad. My mom will be hurt. Hey. Hey.

The blessedness of discipleship. Some of you work in prisons. Some of you work in rehab centers. Some work with youth centers.

And most of the problems that I see in our society. Dad landing riots. Started years ago with certain policies. It's not the new. It's inside the guys.

[43 : 24] We sit on the streets regularly. No one can control them. Mom can't control you. You insult mom. You take your mom. Don't respect mom.

You don't respect dad. And dad is also busy. At his age. I don't want to describe how they look usually.

At his age. At his age. No employer will feel safe to employ. Unless maybe. The one who will be cleaning the basement. Because it looks too messy.

You can't put it on the front desk. And that's. Your baby father. It's serious.

And every time. Your child has to go and spend time with her dad. That's why. Don't run away from church. Because the negative programming.

[44 : 25] Can be undone. In the early sphere of church. So true.

So true. Save that child. Save that child. By bringing yourself under.

Sensible control. The excessive pursuit of romance. Is a trap. Away from destiny. Don't say.

I can take care of them myself. You may. Because you have a good job. But the frustration will be passed on to them.

Lord's wife. When her daughters needed her. She was busy looking back. Turning into a pillar of salt. Salting their future. Am I saying something?

[45 : 27] Yes. Yes. Those of you. Those of you. Those of you. Those of you. Those of you. Those who hang around me a little bit. You notice. That I'm speaking out of my. The pain of my heart.

Because of the society we live in. Yeah. And it's becoming worse. Yeah. The church is to save heaven. That's right. Do it God's way. It may require a little bit of discipline.

Yeah. But it pays for life. And the life. That is not to come. Okay. It's profitable. It's profitable. Do it God's way. Do it God's way. Don't be in a hurry to get into a relationship.

Is it sex you want? You have it so much. How many times can you have it? Can you be still the whole day? And still in bed and day? No. You get time. You have to go to work. Yeah. That's good.

What kind of preaching is this? The preaching that will rescue our generation. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Young ladies.

[46 : 31] At 17, at 16, all you are thinking is a man. Think about it. Most of them, they don't think career. They think romance first before career. And sad to say, some of us, some of these people will become your children's best friend.

Oh. Oh. Yeah. Yeah. You can't control it. Save the child. Let the church environment build something in them.

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. That they cannot easily be negatively influenced. Yeah. That's right. Yeah. Because though, your child goes to school and is going to meet someone who is from a certain home.

They believe some all kinds of foolish things. And the child's world view and your child comes home and is telling you some things. Beginning to say some things.

Where do you learn this from? And they are convinced. A disciple copies his master. The Bible says that in Acts chapter 4, when they noticed the boldness of Peter and John, they took notice of them and they knew they had been with Jesus.

[47 : 39] God, the way the guys were talking, this is from Jesus. The way you are handling your wife must be a reflection that you are a member of this church. The way you are going about your relationship before marriage must be a reflection that you are actually a member of Caris.

Look like the way we do it in Caris. Two types of disciples. Two types of disciples. They are disciples and disciples indeed.

And the disciples indeed are like the master. The disciples indeed, so they copy. The disciples indeed, they continue. They don't come today and tomorrow you don't see them.

They continue. In Luke chapter 9, verse 62, it says that anyone who puts his hands to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom. The disciples continue.

In Acts chapter 2, verse 42, it says, and they continue in the apostles' doctrine. In John chapter 8, verse 31 and 30, 31 says that if you, if you continue in my way, let's all read it out there.

[48 : 46] John chapter 8, verse 31, let's go. Can we all see it? Let's all read it, okay? Let's go. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, if you abide in my way, you are my disciples indeed.

Now give us the King James. I prefer the King James the way he puts it. Let's read it again. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed on him, if you continue in my way, then are you my disciples indeed.

Don't do it just in church. Continue outside of church. Some of us believe in the things that the scripture teaches as long as you are in church, but when you are outside of church, you are just like any ordinary person, non-believer.

Continue in the word. A disciple, then you are a disciple indeed. And he says, and you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free or make you free. Wow.

So disciples copy, disciples continue. Disciples communicate. You communicate. What does it mean to communicate?

[49 : 57] There's always communication. Receiving information and also transferring information. If you are a disciple, tell others, teach others how things are done.

You to disciple others. Now we are going to have radical discipleship of this month. The challenge is everybody within the next two months, you must have someone, you are disciple, you are discipling, and the person is also in church like you are.

And by the end of the year, the person can stand on their own regular, you don't have to call and encourage before they come to church. Then you are a discipler to do it. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. It says that disciples, 2 Timothy 2.2, 2 Timothy 2.2, it's a nice text. 2 Timothy 2.2, 2 Timothy 2.2, 2 Timothy 2.2, try it, try it, 2 Timothy 2.2, 2 Timothy 2.2.

And the things which you have heard from me amongst many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

[51 : 02] the thing goes from one person to the other. He says that go into the world and make disciples and teaching them all the things I have commanded you. So as soon as you make this, you communicate and they also communicate and we are here because others continued.

Why do you want to stop the process? Don't boast about, I mean, I do this, I do this in church, I do this. If you don't do anything in church, it's not good. But don't boast about, I go to church, I do this.

If you, there's nobody you are actively, not inactively or unaware, but actively, consciously, consciously discipling.

You have picked somebody and you are helping the person become more like Christ, growing Christ. Teaching the person the ways of God. That is Christianity. So most of us, the way we have been making noise about I'm a Christian, I'm a Christian, it's really questionable.

You are not a disciple indeed. Because you can't boast of anybody you have transferred, you have disciplined, you have transferred this impact Christ has made in your life to.

[52 : 10] Priscilla and Aquila, they caught Apollos. In Acts chapter 18, verse 24, there's a man called Apollos. This man was mighty in the scriptures.

It says that a certain Jew named Apollos born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures, he came to Ephesus. And when he came to Ephesus, Bible says that the next verse, this man had been instructed.

Instructed. You see that word? Very interesting. Say has been instructed. Has been instructed. Some of us grow up and when you are growing up, if the devil wants to destroy your future, initially what it goes after is your ability to take instructions.

Switch it off. And if you can't take instructions, you can't be great. Pilots, when they come to piloting, when you go to piloting school, they don't have professors or teachers, trainers.

They have instructors. Because to fly high, it takes instructions to fly high. If they switch off your ability to take instructions, you are being grounded for life.

[53 : 17] Grounded. I don't care who likes you. You are being grounded. People like you, but they can't help you because they can't do anything with you. Some people, some mothers like you, you are such a nice lady, but as soon as you begin to develop interest, or their son begins to develop interest, they begin to pray, God, let this not be there.

She's not just good. She's not good for my son. She's not good for my son. Because you are a nice person, but niceness, do we eat it? No. Okay.

So, he's been instructed in the ways of the Lord and being favored in the spirit, he spoke and thought accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John, verse 26.

Who? So, he began to speak boldly in the synagogue and when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the ways of God more accurately.

And I'm telling you, this is not, taking aside is not like the way when the police stops, she says, excuse me, can you please come? Can you come here? Come, come, let me, I like the way the British police does it.

[54 : 26] It's so, so nice. If you are driving and they stopped you before, or they stopped you in a shopping center before, or something, they do it so decently, it doesn't look embarrassing. They say, excuse me, can you step aside, please?

While you are in the immigration queue, they say, excuse me, can you step aside, please? And then, step aside, there you come. And then they take you out of coverage area and they begin to talk.

And they are not rude. We need to take your, sorry for bothering you, I'm sorry for the inconvenience I'm creating for you, but I just have to take a few details if you don't mind. Please, can I have your name again, your database?

Thank you, thank you very much. What are you doing here at this moment? I just came to visit, okay, that's nice. You like the country? Yeah, okay. Meanwhile, meanwhile, extra forces are coming because in Africa, hey, start here, you, come on, come out here, what do you do for here?

Why? Why are you? Shut up, shut up, you. You are driving recklessly, a police officer stops in the UK. Stops, you say, can you please stand? Yes. Do you know why we've stopped you, please?

[55 : 34] You don't know why we stopped you, okay. What speed were you making? I think I stopped you because it looks like your speed was, so, okay, so, I'm supposed to give you a fine, so, just, can I take your details then?

You just, okay, sorry. And it's just like he's doing you a favor. So, lay down, you hear from us, please take your time and drive, you don't drive that way, you drive again.

Can I check, who is your insurance? So, they make you, in some places, hey, come on, you know, why do you do this?

You, you get it, you do this. So, so, Bristola Aquila says, can you please step aside?

that's not a kind of step aside for about 20 minutes of chat they actually took him to themselves and they schooled him for a period of time that took him aside they actually took him, they disciplined him they ask who are you disciplining who you have to make a determination that before the end of this month you have located somebody who you can influence for the person to grow to be more like Christ for the person to be strong Christian for the person to be effective in the things of God are you getting on?

[57 : 13] you have to determine that Priscilla and Aquila Aquila and Priscilla and look at verse 27 that's a very interesting one Bible says that verse 27 and when he desired to cross to Asia the brethren wrote exhorting the disciples to receive him talking about Apollos receive him and when he arrived he greatly helped those who had who had believed through grace he was a greater help because he's been disciplined these things that I've taught you commit to faithful men who also commit to teach others if all there is to you is just no you must have somebody grab them disciple them not by force say no you are my disciple say no I'm not but you are my disciple I said you are my disciple you say you are not humble so that so communication say communication there's transference of information and help communication and so

I've spoken I'm three C's now copy communicate continue communicate commit commitment disciples are committed disciples are let's all say that disciples are committed one more time disciples are committed if we say we are having service this evening some people would but disciples are committed takes commitment to be a disciple Christianity is a journey of discipleship I'm very glad to let you know I'm a disciple of Bishop Udipo I'm glad to let you know I'm making myself an active disciple of Dagiwood Mills some people I'm going to be following learning from because these are great men of God you must be a disciple some people they are in church you can't tell them anything they are fighting with their husband fighting with their wife you say pastor don't bring this in edge no no no me doesn't matter what anybody say you say one thing sometimes they make it hard and the amazing thing is sometimes they even come before a husband and wife you are sitting with them trying to help them and they start insulting before you fighting at least why don't you postpone show them some level of decency seize fire peace fire peace fire amen am I communicating discipleship is costly it will cost you something

Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6 verse 24 Matthew 16 24 he said he said let's all read it together let's go front of the screen let's go let him do what I can't hear you that's where discipleship starts from ask for me I can't take this deny yourself ask for me my mother knows this already my father knows all my friends know that ask for me if I come to church and you say this drop that ask for me deny yourself we can't really do much with you deny just someone deny yourself he said if you come after me first of all it requires denial of self hey God is turning it around for you amen amen amen many people have turned

God into a cosmic Santa Claus he's good he will do it he will help you if you are in trouble even if you are not a disciple don't worry because Jesus gave them food they all ate it when he finished he started teaching them eat my body and drink my blood my boss said even now some people who have been disciples they are not disciples indeed they all left from that day John chapter 6 verse 66 many of the disciples left because of their teachings from that time you see John 6 is not a good number from that time many of his disciples went back and walked with him no more because of their teachings and then the instructions when the instructions people come to me say pastor I want you to really mentor me whatever it takes pastor I want you please I want you I just want to look at them this man doesn't know what he's talking about doesn't know he doesn't mean it because his definition of mentorship is very different from what

I know actual mentorship is if I want to travel master go and tell pastor hey master master master come and set up everything I can't comment to this one no problem put back on the screen many of the disciples went back when instructions start flowing people go back they go back they come to church they like the atmosphere oh wow I want to be a member of marriage so we start declaring their fasting having our normal meetings having our normal meetings there are people here they want can I say this there are some people here what they want is my friendship they want the pastor to be hey pastor hey bro yeah pastor listen I'm not your friend and to be honest

[63 : 18] I actually don't want you as a friend it takes years to determine who my friend will be I don't know you I don't know you it's nice we are all nice people it's good but to be my friend I don't do you know my friend no I can't trust you in my colorful future because as soon as I make you my friend I inherit your friends and your enemies I don't know who you have been fighting against I want me to be my friend instructions start flowing brother brother are you getting what I'm saying it's very important so our society has raised people who easily get they are so flaky inconstant inconsistent undependable unreliable not committed to anything not even a nation so when demands start coming and he retreats quickly you can't tell them they want your prophecies but they don't want your instructions

I've got so much to share on discipleship because one of the foundational beliefs of Carriage Ministry is discipleship you believe in discipleship because that is Christianity discipleship is costly he said deny yourself he said deny yourself the cost of discipleship say deny yourself say deny yourself deny yourself I'm about to say something allow us to offend you if so be in our process of attempting to disciple you we will never determine to do that because it's unchristian and ungodly to target someone to offend them is ungodly but relationships the closer we get together there's the likely for me to step on your toes those of you sitting there how can I step on your toes I can't but once you are close

I'm likely to step on your toe and rob you wrongly but in the bid to disciple you allow us make room for us to accidentally offend you some of us our treasure is so low any little thing we flip we are so flippant flaky inconstant inconsistent unstable wow like water it's in the bible it's unstable as water are you getting what I'm saying they make up nice dressy nice oh wear this wear the wear no no no it's not the christianity it's the discipleship it that's why a lot of people can't stay in one church they run around because the discipleship when they come they want to stay at their fringes they don't come too close no leave me alone you just

I like that okay you keep coming but you are not a disciple indeed we will try as much as possible to make you a convert so you can go to heaven wow of course you deny yourself and then what I saw in the bible which really was scary it talks about there's a young man he's a disciple he wanted to follow Paul the guy is called Timotheus King James new King James Timothy Timothy wanted to follow Paul Paul wanted to but because Timothy his mother was Jew and his father was Greek and the Jews if you want to go into the synagogue you want to be circumcised that guy is like this guy this guy is not a baby you know the circumcision is good for babies but Bible says that Paul wanted Paul wanted to have him go watch this you want to go with Paul Paul wanted to have him go on with him he wanted go to the best before let's get his name again

Timothy the best before okay let's start from verse one listen to verse one it says that then he came to Debbie and Listera and behold a certain disciple was there named Timothy the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed but his father was Greek next verse next verse he was well spoken of by their brethren who were at Listera and Iconium so Paul now said I want this guy to be my protegee I want him to be my son in ministry I want him to travel with me so that he can have the privilege of being around me so Paul wanted to have him go on with him and he took him and a boy like this the course of discipleship you'll be circumcised for days you may be in pain because your your your discipler is trying to take you with him some people want to come and come papa papa want to hang around me but you can't allow me to circumcise you

[68 : 40] I have to be able to circumcise you it's easy to God is leading me I want to be part of this thing the discipleship is coming I'm telling you there's circumcision some people I have a big knife for circumcision very sharp and huge pastor I want you to mentor me you are asking for my knife because I'm about to chop some things off your life because those things in your life I can't take you along with me so sometimes you see I address people in a certain way it's not because everyone around me I have a big heart for people I love people I'll mention why are you sleeping it's not because I want to humiliate you I want to use my knife and as soon as you take major offense

I realize that this is a dangerous area it's not actually we can just oh hello hi how are you you are beating your wife or you are messing now I said don't beat your wife hey god bless you go while others I said hey you beat your wife how you do that what you mean how and others are there looking at you get out go stand there not because I disrespect you because someone needs to tell you we don't do this in this community do that it's called nice don't do that looking for members for money they can't do that because you run away so they won't do it no we have been sent to raise disciples as an army to shake this nation knife anytime someone says I want to get close to pastor tell them he has got a big knife big knife for circumcision later on years he calls him my true son

Timothy you want me to call you my true son my true son I can't discipline I will end here I will continue next week the blessedness of disciples pastor please pray with me I want to be a genuine disciple

I want to give my life to Jesus dedicate my life to Jesus for him to come into my life and be my Lord I want to be born again if that is your genuine prayer please God bless you lift up your hands if you are in front God bless you just lift up your two hands say Lord Jesus I know I'm a sinner and I've sinned against you but I believe that you died on the cross to save me from my sins I ask you to come into my life to be my Lord forgive me for my sins from today I make a commitment that I will serve you I will walk with you I will live for you in Jesus name Amen Father I thank you for my sister thank you that she said this word and she made this decision I pray for help for strength that she will be a faithful disciple and God you make a difference with her life I bless you in Jesus name Amen Please clap for Jesus God bless you so much

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