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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 09.18.22 Pulpit Curriculum

Taking Personal Spiritual Responsibility in 7 Not-So-Easy Steps

Main passage: Colossians 1:28-29

- 1) **Christ Above All** *"Christ...the hope of glory"*
 - Discipleship begins and ends with Christ because it is all about Him; Christ is the sum and substance of our message and ministries.
 - A. Are you establishing your faith in Christ centered in a joy and a hope that you have assurance of your salvation? Do you sometimes struggle with doubt regarding your position in Christ? _____
- 2) **Proclaim Christ** *"Him we proclaim..."*
 - Our speaking forth of the glory and work of Christ is a privilege and a great opportunity to witness both to the lost and to believers
 - A. In the New Testament, every born-again believer is a priest unto God with direct access to Him and called to minister to Him and others (1 Peter 2:4-5) by declaring the excellencies of Christ. Is it difficult for you to view yourself as a priest unto God, perhaps believing that role is set apart for those called into "full-time ministry?" _____
- 3) **Warn People Because You Care** *"...warning everyone..."* [1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:14-15]

Warning/admonish is used many times in the NT with the meaning to place the mind in right relationship with the truth found in God's Word.

 - The truth of God is perfect; It is settled in heaven and never-changing. We need to know the truth so well that we can look at each other lovingly to bring correction and rebuke when one is caught in deception and sin.
 - A. Our culture often views correction as being judgmental or divisive, but it is error that truly divides; It is loving to warn others and point them to truth. When you know someone who is either in sin or believing lies about the Bible, do you run towards the opportunity to warn them lovingly or run away to perhaps avoid conflict or relational strife? _____
- 4) **Teaching With All Wisdom** *"...teaching everyone with all wisdom..."* [Col. 3:16]
 - We need to learn and study the scriptures daily to grow to be able to share in the wisdom and instruction of one another in the Body of Christ so that we can navigate faithfully in Christ.



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- A. Do you currently have a mentor in your life that can help you walk in wisdom in your own life, but also in the lives of those you are discipling? If not, be bold in asking the Lord in prayer to send you one. _____
- 5) **Present Everyone Complete in Christ** “...that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” [Phil. 1:23-24; Gal. 4:19; Heb. 5:12-14; Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 4:12]
- The very essence of our ministry, our philosophy, our theology should be to see depth and maturity in Christ in each other, standing in His grace, walking joyfully in Him.
- A. Who are you currently taking personal spiritual responsibility for? How are you promoting gospel clarity in their life? What spiritual disciplines are you focusing on with this person? _____
- 6) **Work Because It's Worth It** “For this I toil...” [2 Cor. 12:15]
- Toil- a beating, crushed by the effort of being poured out
- Disciple-making is extremely hard-work and can often be exhausting and a struggle, yet we are commanded by our King to go and make disciples of all nations (with joy).
- A. On a scale of 1-10, how much effort are you expending your soul to toil in the ministry of discipleship with joy? _____
- 7) **Strive According to His Power** “...struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”
- Although disciple-making is difficult and exhausting, we have in this great endeavor all of God's energy and power and enablement to accomplish what He has called us to do all for His glory.
- A. God gives grace to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5-6; James 4:6-7), and it takes humility to ask for His grace when we are tired and weary. How quick are you to run to the throne of grace to ask God for His strength and power when you become burnt out and tired on your Christian walk in ministry and discipleship? Do you perhaps need to repent of your pride in trying to do everything in your own ability and strength? _____