



**LIFESHAP**

**PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP**

*2 chronicles 7:14*

# **DISCIPLESHIP**

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**2 TIMOTHY**

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

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Disciples are disciplined followers of Jesus and His Word.
2. Disciples are made on purpose.
3. Discipleship is a Kingdom investment in others.
4. We must first be a disciple before we can disciple others.
5. There is a difference between being able and being faithful.

I have a continual opportunity to travel around the world strengthening pastors and church leaders. On occasion, when visiting a church which has gone through a split or division caused by a person of influence, I am asked the same question, "Why did they do that ... why did they divide our church family?" The answer I offer is almost always the same, "Because they were able."

The answer is often as simple as reading and fully understanding our key scripture. There are evidently two basic categories of servants in the Body of Christ. Some scriptures identify these two groups as "servants and hirelings," "sheep and goats," "oxen and asses," among others, while Paul delineates these into "faithful and able."

The admonition Paul gave Timothy is clear: "The things you have heard and learned from me, commit those things to faithful people whom God will make able."

The simple truth is God can enable every faithful person but He cannot make the able faithful. Each individual must decide whether or not they will be faithful. Abilities come from God, Faithfulness comes from people.

Many times church leaders and business leaders make the critical mistake of being enamored with people's abilities only to realize later in the game that ability does not equal

faithfulness. Therefore, it is not wise to empower and position a person based solely on their abilities without consideration to their heart, their character, or their commitment. Able people often influence others and lead the rebellions in life. Discipleship is designed to identify the faithful and give them opportunity to grow in a grace of God to become able ministers of the new covenant of Christ. This defines the basic difference between marrying someone for their looks or money as opposed to marrying them for their heart and faithfulness.

According to our key scripture we must first be a disciple before we can disciple others. We can only effectively share with others those things we have learned.

This is the never ending cycle of discipleship God intended. The things we have learned from those who helped us to shape and discipline our lives after Christ are the same things we are encouraged to impart to others. To make the right investment, discipleship will take time on purpose.

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURES**

**MARK 3:14**

**2 THESSALONIANS 2:15**

