Discipleship Essentials

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New Testament Discipleship is:

- Intentional
- Relational
- Transformational
- Generational

HOW WE CAN RESPOND. Ephesians 5 – 6:9

Imitate God and live a life of love and wisdom.

Submit to one another
  Husbands and wives, children and parents,
  Masters and servants

Put on the Armor of God. Eph 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (6:10-12)

Finally...

Put on...

Stand firm...so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one.
Discipleship Essentials Lesson #21 (Last Week)

“Ministry Gifts”
Ralph Rittenhouse
10/21/2012

WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

The Plan: TO DO GOOD WORKS

The Paradox: THE GREATEST IS THE SERVANT

The Preparation: INTENTIONAL DESIGN

Spiritual gifts -
Heart -
Abilities –
Personality –
Experience –

The Potential: EVERY BELIEVER A MINISTER

The Pattern: JESUS CHRIST

The Prerequisite: AVAILABILITY

The Problems:
1ST SELF-CENTEREDNESS
2nd PERFECTIONISM

Discipleship Essentials Lesson #22 (This Week’s Message)

“Spiritual Warfare”
Dan Schar
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Ephesians, a letter of encouragement written from jail.

Paul spent 3 years developing disciples in Ephesus.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Eph 6:12

There are two opposite yet equally destructive errors regarding the devil and his demons. “One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

C. S. Lewis in his introduction to the Screwtape Letters:

“What Satan is not equal to God. He cannot create….is not all powerful….cannot be everywhere….or know everything. However, he is able to influence and use other beings.”

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US. Ephesians 1

Blessed, chosen, loved, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, included, marked with a seal (Holy Spirit).

WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN US? Ephesians 2 & 3

Salvation

“For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (2:8-10)

Unity – One body

Example of a Servant in Paul.

HOW WE ARE CONNECTED. Ephesians 4

There is one body and one spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism: one God and Father of us all… 4:4-6