



Disciplines of a Disciple: Living

5 Major DISCIPLINES

FOR TRAINING IN GODLINESS

of a Disciple

Praying



The discipline
of regularly
communicating
with God.

Studying



The discipline
of consistently
learning

from the Word of God.

Walking



The discipline
of increasingly
growing
in obedience to God.

Living



The discipline
of graciously
interacting
with other people.



Living

Living is the way we *interact* with
all the people God has placed in
our various spheres of influence.

If we have got the true love of God in our hearts, we will show it in our lives.

We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. **We will show it in everything we say or do.**

- DL Moody

Living is putting our faith on *display* through glad obedience and submission to God in the most important relationships in our life.

Living



Living is how we care for and treat those who are in the most *trivial* & *mundane* relationships in our life.

Living



God teaches us to love by putting some unlovely people around us. It takes no character to love people who are lovely and loving to you.

- Rick Warren

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

- Augustine

Remember as you go about your day
that you may be the only Jesus some
of your friends, neighbors, and family
will ever see.

- Wanda E. Brunstetter

Living is how we
act towards &
respond to everyone
that we come in
contact with.



Living

Do all the good you can. By all the
means you can. In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can. At all the
times you can. To all the people you
can. As long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

Living is
demonstrating the
trustworthiness,
validity, reliability
& **believability** of
God & the Bible
to others.



Living

God created us for this: to live our lives in a way that makes him look more like the greatness and the beauty and the infinite worth that he really is.

- John Piper

God created me and you to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion-namely, a **passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life.**

Enjoying and displaying are both crucial. The mark of God-enthralled joy is **to overflow and expand by extending itself into the hearts of others.** - John Piper

Living means that;

in all of our relationships

we attempt to honor God

by **displaying our love & devotion to him,**
through **our obedience & submission to his will,**
in all **the ways that we interact with others.**

Love must be sincere...Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves...Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-10, 13

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**

Romans 12:14-18

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. **Romans 13:8-10**

And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:40-45**

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:19-21

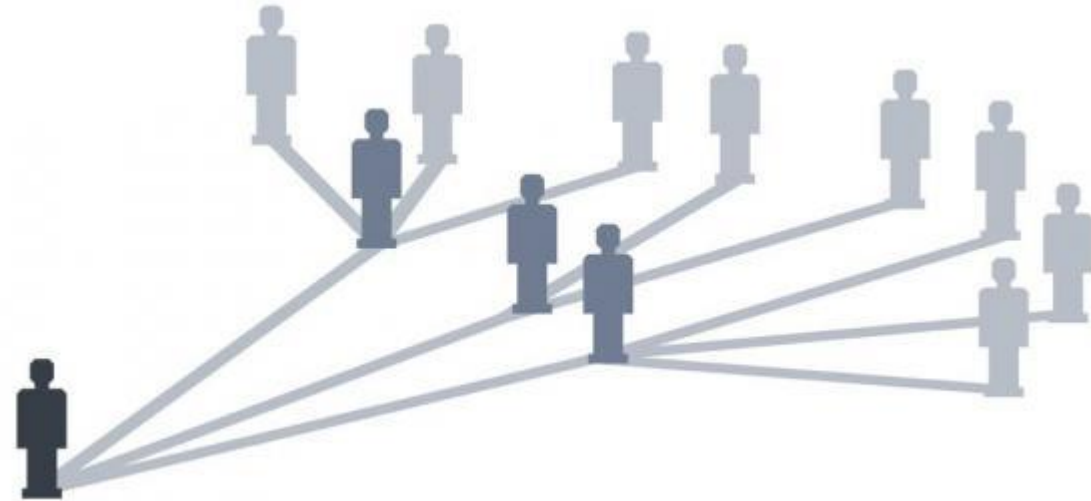
Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. **Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,** and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, **so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders** and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Developing & Instilling

THE DISCIPLINE

of Living





Display.

Make all of your relationships an opportunity to demonstrate your love for God, your faith in His Word & your devotion to Him.



Emulate.

**Make it your goal to get as close as possible to
imitating Christ in all of your *interactions*.**

Study the life of Christ. See how he treated people!

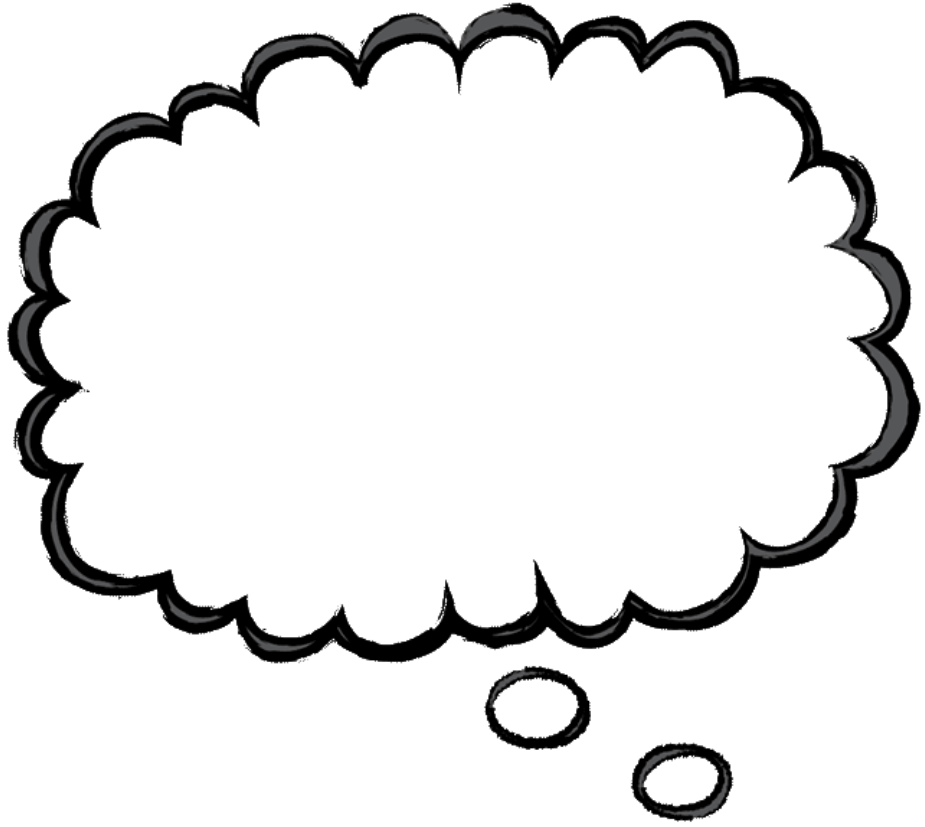
Pray before each choice, action & reaction.

Ask the Lord for strength, wisdom & guidance.



Model.

**Go out of your way to ensure that your actions
are reflecting accurately what
Godly relationships look like to younger believers.**



Consider.

Take the time to ponder how your actions, words & reactions may be perceived and interpreted.

Take time in each major interaction to pray.

Evaluate many potential outcomes & effects.

**Stand in the other person's shoes and try to
see how they may view your actions.**



Initiate.

Take the initiative in the direction & flow of the relationship. Don't always be reactive.

**Take the lead in the direction of
conversations.**

**Allow your maturity to dictate the content
& culture of your relationship.**

**Be the first to confess wrong doing, be the
first to love, serve, give etc.**



Eternalize.

**Make every interaction reflect the reality of eternity.
Realize that every comment, every action is weighty,
significant and forever!**

Review what you know about the future & eternity.

Allow the truth about eternity to convict you enough
to change course on a certain choice.

Remind yourself that you will be accountable for
every careless word uttered.



Love.

Make 'loving as Christ loved' the *highest* aim in all of your relationship & interactions.

Ask yourself: How would Jesus demonstrate love in this situation?

Ask yourself: What would be the highest display of God's love in this?

Ask yourself: How would I perceive love if the shoe was on the other foot?



Serve.

**Find ways to serve as Christ served
in all of your relationships & interactions.**

Be familiar with the best ways to help those closest to you. Pay attention. Observe.

**Dive in. Don't hold back.
Don't hesitate. Don't have to be asked.**

Bring someone along with you in all of your serving.



Give.

Find ways to give just as God has so graciously given you and I all things.

Be **attentive** to the daily and on going needs of those closest to you.

Allow the Holy Spirit to show you where you might be able to help in a specific area.

When you see a need, don't hesitate, meet the need **at once**. Practice being the first to respond.

Sorry!

Apologize.

Be quick to apologize when you get it wrong! Be ready to admit when you did not reflect your trust in God in your actions.

Respond when the Holy Spirit points out a failure in one of your relationships.

Go to the person **right away** and be willing to admit your error and right any wrongs.

When someone comes to you to apologize, forgive without keeping a **record** of wrongs.

Telling



The discipline
of devoutly
sharing

Next Week

the truth with other people.