

# Taking your Spirituality to the Next Level

## *MAKING DISCIPLES*

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### Our Commission

**Matthew 28:19-20** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

**Luke 24:47** It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

**John 20:21** Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### Our Power

**John 9:30-33** "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from? <sup>31</sup> We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. <sup>32</sup> Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it."

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

### Our Overflow

**2 Corinthians 2:14, 15-17** But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.

**Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

**1 Peter 3:15** Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

**Colossians 4:5-6** Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.  
<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

## Our Gifts

**1 Peter 4:10-11** God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. <sup>11</sup> Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

**1 Corinthians 1:21** Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

*Will you be a witness?*

*Will you believe God can use you in the salvation of others?*

*Will you plan for it?*