

Growing Stronger

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Emphasis: To help men grow stronger and walk deeper in their relationship with Jesus and to help others do so.

Teaching: Paul took Jesus' command to make disciples seriously and it shows in his instructions to the young preacher boy Timothy. He directs Timothy to mentor other believers, to help them grow in the grace of the Lord, to help them become established in their faith.

Unfortunately, many churches have not grasped the Great Commission when it comes to disciple-making. Much attention and energy is given to making converts but too little on making disciples. We must recommit ourselves to helping young believers get established in their faith. While placing one's faith in Christ is absolutely necessary and encouraged so is becoming spiritually mature.

Mentoring can be done by:

- A senior adult man taking a younger man under his wing
- An adult man who spends time with teens and children
- Help men meet through activities which call out multiple generations

Are you currently helping another young believer grow in his faith and understanding of the Lord? Jesus modeled this with The Twelve. He poured Himself into a handful of men who would carry on His work after he was gone. Are we doing the same?

Mission Application: Begin asking the Lord to connect you with another person whom you can encourage and help in his spiritual journey. Spend time weekly with that person praying, studying God's word, discussing life, etc. You will be amazed by the joy derived from making disciples. So many men today need a Paul or a Barnabas in their lives to help them along the way. They need encouragement, accountability, and a traveling buddy through this thing called life.

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