

The Right Hand

Reaching Out to Others: Discipling (1 Th 2)

The fifth constituent topic within the second subsection (“Reaching Out to Others”) of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled “Discipling” (see headline above). Discipling means the making of disciples.

While it is true that the church furnishes a multiplicity of functions and services to its constituents (haven, fellowship, socializing, community, service, etc.), it is clear that the primary function of the church is worship. We not only praise and honor He who made us, but we are there also to be replenished and rejuvenated for service in the week that is before us. We were created by our Heavenly Father for service.....

Like professionals who never stop the honing and development of their craft, disciples never stop the honing and developing of their callings. We are all called to some form of service, and that predicates continuing education. No matter where we are or what be our circumstances in life, we are all called to a life of service in some place, for some purpose, to serve others. What we have received, we are to give to others. We are to “play it forward.”

One of the ancillary functions of Christ’s holy church is to make disciples - people who not only follow, but who also serve others. Although I have several decades of immersion in educational activity, I continue to pursue and develop my callings. This LifeGuide study series I am reviewing is just one of several paths I’m following. You can do the same.....

For Personal Reflection, this week’s Study asks us to reflect on the means God has used to bring us to godliness. Eight years of seminary (MDiv and PhD), and many years of teaching the Bible in classes and studies have shaped my stewardship. Further, the Study asks us to recollect the persons who helped us in our walk with Jesus. My list is enormous! That was discipling!!

“May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully.” More next week! In Deo speramus.

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