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Key Scripture

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Discipleship Explored

Barry Cooper



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Committed to prayer

Paul opens his letter to Timothy by saying;

*“Night and day I constantly remember you
in my prayers”* (2 Timothy 1:3).

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Committed to prayer

Because we realize that no spiritual growth can happen without God's enabling, we too need to be constantly remembering our fellow brothers, sisters and leaders in prayer.

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Committed to Scripture

Whatever his personal circumstances, Paul knew that if the word were preached, it would do its work:

“I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained” (2 Timothy 2:9).

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Committed to People

The way we love is one of the most lasting and persuasive things we'll say about the Lord Jesus.

We are not the gospel (Jesus is), but our lives should make talking about our Savior attractive.



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David Pond

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 1:6)

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- Because God is in control, we can be confident that nothing can prevent him from completing the good work he has begun in every believer.
- Because God is at work in us, we can't be passive. We must respond by growing in our knowledge and love of him (Philippians 1:9-11).

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SESSION 2 - LIVING IN CHRIST

George Murphy

“To live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Philippians
1:21)

- If your greatest joy in life is Jesus Christ, then nothing – not even death – can take your joy away from you.

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SESSION 3 - ONE IN CHRIST

Carl Madsen

“Stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27)

- Opposition can be frightening. But like faith itself, suffering for Christ is a gift from God (Philippians 1:29). It makes us more like Jesus, and proves that we are “co-heirs” with him (Romans 8:17).

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SESSION 4 - OBEDIENT IN CHRIST

Steve Jaros

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

(Philippians 2:12-13)

- We should be disciple-making disciples. Real disciples of Jesus want to tell others about him. As Jesus said, “The mouth speaks what the heart is full of” (Luke 6:45).

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SESSION 5 - RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST

Michael St Claire

“Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ.” (Philippians 3:9)

- We desperately need a righteousness that is not our own, but comes from God. We can only get that righteousness by faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

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SESSION 6 - TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST

John Herpy

"I want to know Christ" (Philippians 3:10).

- Believers can forget what is behind because we know that we are forgiven
- Christ will one day return, and on that day he "will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21).

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SESSION 7 - REJOICING IN CHRIST

Jim Taylor

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

(Philippians 4:4).

- That phrase, “in the Lord” or “in Christ,” is key to understanding how we can be united with each other and “rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).
- The phrase “in Christ” reminds believers that we are completely united with Christ. All that is his is ours.

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

David Pond

"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation." (Philippians 4:12)

- What is the one thing you feel you lack that would finally bring you contentment?

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

David Pond

We're about to see the last episode. As you're watching the video, have this question in mind:

“What’s the secret of contentment?”

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

David Pond

- Paul knew that deep contentment can be experienced regardless of how much we have or how little (Philippians 4:11-12) – because it's found in Christ (Philippians 4:13).

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

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- The Philippians understood how “rich” they were in Christ, and this awareness enabled them to support Paul generously and self-sacrificially (*Philippians 4:14-16*).
- They also knew from their own experience that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (*Acts 20:35*).

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

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- We'll finally discover the secret of contentment when we become "like a weaned child" (*Psalm 131:2*)
– always trusting our Father completely even though, like a child, we won't always understand everything he does.

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

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- Lasting contentment only comes when we've learned to trust that our Father holds us in his arms, intends everything – even our suffering – for our good, and will meet our deepest needs “in Christ Jesus” (*Philippians 4:19*).

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In 1 Timothy 6:6-7 Paul says, *“Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it”.*

Are you living for something that you can't take with you? How might that affect your contentment?

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SESSION 8 - CONTENT IN CHRIST

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“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Following Christ means following his lead in every area of your life. Ask your Father in heaven for strength to *“walk in the way of love,”* just as your Lord and Savior did.

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“This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.” (Philippians 1: 9-11)

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Following Christ (being His disciple) means following his lead in every area of your life. Ask your Father in heaven for strength to “*walk in the way of love,*” just as your Lord and Savior did.

Making a disciple is part of being a disciple.

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Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

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*And surely, I am with you always, to the
very end of the age.*

(Matthew 28:18-20)



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“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:8-9)