



## Discipleship in the last days



2 Timothy 3:1,5

In the last days there will be people... who have having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

## Contemporary image of discipleship



## Discipleship = imitation



1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord...

(cf: Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 11:1)

## Discipleship: the aim?



"We engage in the **process** of discipleship with no regard for the **product**."

- Bill Hull

## Discipleship: the aim?



Whom are you imitating?  
Whom are you becoming like?  
Whom are you shaping others into?

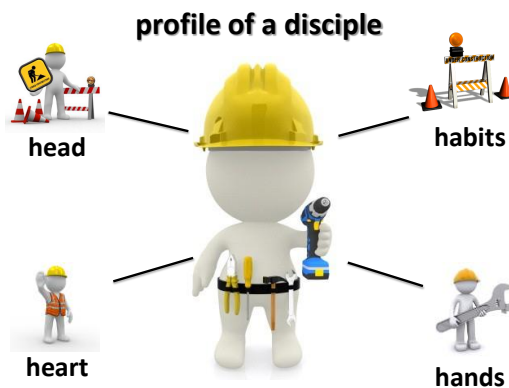
## Becoming serious



1 John 2:6

Whoever says he abides in [Jesus] ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Predestined (Rom 8:29); Promised (1John 3:2)



## a profile of a disciple: heart

- loving (eph 5:2)
- humble (phil 2:5-7)
- servant-like (john 13:14-15)
- longsuffering (1 peter 2:21)
- missional (john 20:21)
- compassionate (col 3:12-14)
- kind (eph 4:32)
- gentle (matt 11:29)
- peaceful (matt 5:9)
- enduring (heb 12:1-3)



## Profile of a disciple: head

- Commands of Jesus
- God (trinity), transcendence and immanence
- Repentance, salvation and grace
- Authority of the Bible
- Creation and fall
- Church and mission
- Resurrection and eternity
- Stewardship
- Baptisms and Identity in Christ (\*The Creed)



## Profile of a disciple: habits

- Bible study, meditation
- Thanksgiving, praise, worship
- Prayer, fasting
- Serving, giving
- Witnessing
- Fellowship
- Accountability, confession
- Solitude, silence, Sabbath



## Profile of a disciple: hands

- Hear the Spirit and respond
- Facilitate work of Spirit
- Prophecy
- Healing, deliverance
- Witnessing
- Use Bible in ministry
- Disciple and care for others
- Teamwork, delegation
- Cross cultural ministry



## Discipleship: process

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



## Discipleship: the process



1 Timothy 4:7 Train yourself for godliness.

2 Peter 1:5-8 Make every effort to add to your faith...

1 Corinthians 9:27 Discipline your body and keep it under control.

## God at work, You at work

Philippians 2:12-13

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, giving you both the desire and ability to do His will.

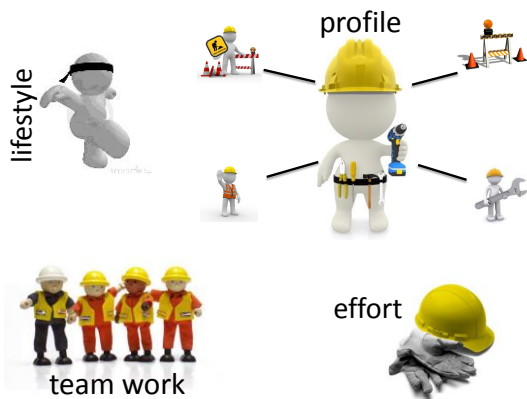


## Team work



Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...



Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

## The apostolic creed



I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
the creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to hell, and  
on the third day he rose again...

## The apostolic creed...



He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living & dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.