

The Great Omission

Matthew 28:16-20

I The Consequences Of Non-Participation

- A. Spiritual **boredom**
 - 1. Always preparing but never engaged - 2 Tim. 3:7
 - 2. Spiritual disciplines are a **drag**
 - 3. Spiritually **dry** - Rev. 3:15-16
 - 4. Lack of **zeal** - Gal. 4:17-18
 - 5. Lack of love for God - Rev. 2:4-5
 - 6. Neglect of **fellowship** - Heb. 10:24-25
 - 7. Vulnerability to sin - 2 Sam. 11:1
- B. Spiritual **immaturity**
 - 1. Ignorance - Philemon 1:6
 - 2. **Instability** - Eph. 4:13-15
 - 3. Developmental delay - Heb. 5:11-14
- C. Spiritual **vulnerability**
 - 1. **Hunger** for the experiential
 - a. Supernatural - Col. 2:18; 2 Pet 2:10-16; Jude 8-10
 - b. Misuse of spiritual **gifts** - 1 Cor. 14:1-20
 - c. The newest fad - 2 Cor. 2:17; Jam. 4:2-3;
2 Tim. 4:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Peter 2:1-3
 - 2. Vulnerability to heresy
 - a. False teaching - 2 Cor. 11:3; 2 Pet. 2:1-9; 1 Tim. 6:3
 - b. Cultic teachings - Rev. 2:24
- D. Spiritual **apathy**
 - 1. Fading desire for the **mission** - 2 Tim. 2:3-6
 - 2. Spiritual objectives become secondary - 2 Tim. 4:10
 - 3. Gradual shift of priorities from spiritual to **worldly**
- 1 Tim. 6:10; James 4:4; Rev. 3:17
 - 4. **Hypocrisy** - Matt. 23:13-36
 - a. Legalism
 - 5. We go AWOL
 - 6. Rationalization for non-participation in the mission

II The Benefits Of Participation

- A. Love for God - John 14:21
- B. Assurance that we are His **disciples** - John 15:8
- C. **Purpose** - John 15:16; 1 Cor. 9:24-26
- D. Discipline - 1 Tim. 4:7-8
- E. **Maturity** - Heb. 5:12-14
- F. Zeal - Rom. 12:11
- G. **Joy** - Luke 10:17
- H. Fruit - John 15:5
- I. **Reward** - 1 Cor. 3:8-15; Rev. 22:12

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. What do you consider to be the most challenging aspect of being a disciple making Christian?
- 2. What changes would you need to make in your life in order for you to be an effective disciple maker? Are you willing to make those changes?
- 3. What help or support do you need in order to become a disciple maker? From the leadership at church? From the body of at church?
- 4. Pray that God will make you a master disciple maker. Ask God for one person whom you can disciple and invest in spiritually.

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