

**PASSION-DRIVEN GIVING**  
**Message Four: Giving Passionately for Discipleship**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Discipleship is inextricably tied in to all of the other four passions (purposes).

**PROPOSITION:** There are at least four reasons we give passionately for discipleship.

**I. WE GIVE PASSIONATELY BECAUSE DISCIPLESHIP IS AN EXTENSION OF EVANGELISM. Matt. 28:18-20.**

*<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

A. Evangelism Is Not Complete Without Discipleship.

B. Evangelism Is Not Continued Without Discipleship.

**II. WE GIVE PASSIONATELY BECAUSE DISCIPLESHIP IS AN ELEMENT OF EQUIPPING. Eph. 4:11-15.**

*<sup>11</sup>And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.*

A. Equipping the Saints Results in Comprehension.

B. Equipping the Saints Results in Competence.

C. Equipping the Saints Results in Confidence.

D. Equipping the Saints Results in Contribution.

### III. WE GIVE PASSIONATELY BECAUSE DISCIPLESHIP IS AN EXPRESSION OF EDIFICATION. 2 Cor. 12:19.

*Again, do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, for your edification.*

A. Giving for Discipleship Builds Up the Believer of Christ.

B. Giving for Discipleship Builds Up the Body of Christ.

### IV. WE GIVE PASSIONATELY BECAUSE DISCIPLESHIP IS AN EFFECT OF EXALTATION. John 4:24.

*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

A. True Worshipers Grow in Christ.

B. True Worshipers Know Christ.

C. True Worshipers Go for Christ.

D. True Worshipers Show Christ.

### APPLICATION:

1. Do I understand that if my church fails at discipleship it fails at evangelism?
2. Have I grasped that discipleship is necessary for the perpetuation of evangelism?
3. Have I supported my church's discipleship ministries so that people may grow in knowledge and faith?
4. Do I understand that giving for the growth of believers results in more believers who give for the growth of others?
5. Is building up the saints a part of my daily strategy?
6. Am I growing spiritually myself?
7. Have I acknowledged that worshipping Christians will grow, and that this growth will result in the intentional discipleship of others?