

INVESTING YOUR LIFE

The Imperative of Multiplying Your Life in Others

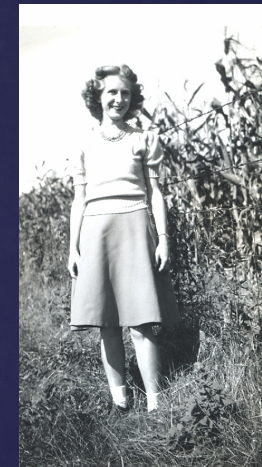
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Message 1



Jerry's home town and two granddaughters
House in which he was born



Garden City, Iowa



Jerry's mother



Jerry's Mother
with Jerry as an
infant



Jerry with man who led him to Christ



Bud
Ponten



University of Washington





In College

- Quiet Time
- Scripture Memory
- Man-to-Man



“I don't know where it is in the bible, but you are wrong”

➤ Decision to study the bible



Control Central - Cape Canaveral





Jerry, Pastor Bob McCarthy, Roger Brandt



U.S. Air Force Academy



U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel



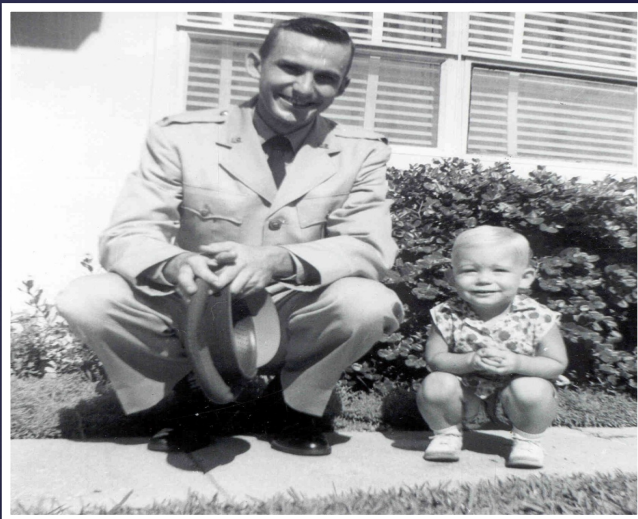
Major Peter S.
Carpenter, USAF



Dedicated To Rivet Amber Crewmembers
Lost at Sea on 5 June 1969



Jerry, Mary
and family at
U.S. Air
Force
Academy



Jerry with Steve at Cape
Canaveral



Steve as an adult



White Covenant Group

THE GOAL

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

How is true discipleship built or developed?

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”

Colossians 3:5, 8-13

How is true discipleship built or developed?

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Colossians 3:5, 8-13

Proposition: A major reason we as believers are not impacting the world is a lack of true discipleship

Why Are We NOT Impacting The Nation?

1. Professing believers are not really converted
2. Something has neutralized their effectiveness

Something is **WRONG!**

Definition Of A Disciple

From Greek: *a pupil or learner*

- Commitment
- Not an emotion (Luke 9:57-62)

Disciple vs. Convert

DEFINITION OF A DISCIPLE

Matthetes = A Pupil

A Disciple

- Knows Christ
- Loves Christ
- Obeys Christ

What A Disciple Does

- **Obeys** Jesus (Luke 6:46)
- Spends **regular time** with Jesus in scripture, prayer, meditation
- **Studies** the scripture
- Lives in a **community** of believers – fellowship
- **Shares** the gospel with friends

What a disciple is

Grows in character (dealing with anger, integrity, love, etc.)

Concern for the lost neighbors

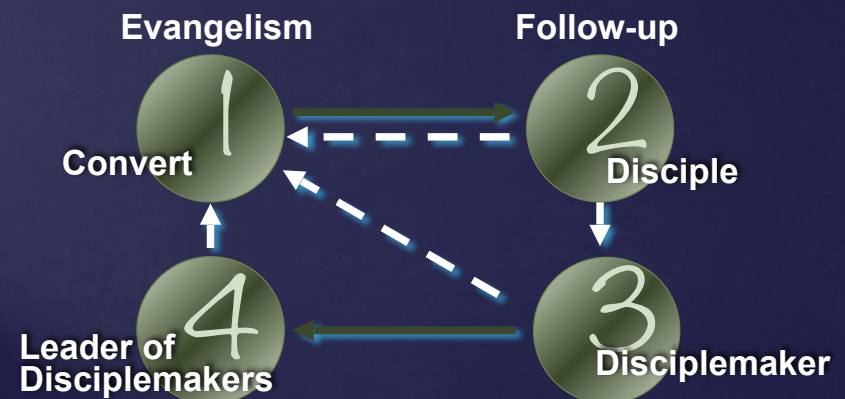
The Core Issues

Obedience

We Must Surrender To

- The Lordship of Jesus Christ
- The sovereignty of God
- To living the life of Christ

Multiplication Cycle: II Timothy 2:2



THE IMPERATIVE OF DISCIPLEMAKING

Discipling is a Process

- Of helping a person GROW
- According to a PLAN
- Which reflects the person's NEED
- Over a flexible, but definite period of TIME
- Which focuses on a GOAL
- Of becoming a LABORER
- In that person's CONTEXT of life and ministry

THREE AREAS/MEANS OF GROWTH

How to Disciple Others

Knowledge = **WHAT**

- Bible study
- Teaching
- Word

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- Skill = **HOW**
 - Experience
 - Quiet Time
 - Prayer
 - Bible study

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Character

The **WHO I am** as a follower of Christ

- Godliness
- Habits
- Integrity
- Attitude

*Follow Me . . .
and I will make
you fishers of men*