

# Lesson 20

Teacher's Manual

## SPIRITUAL REPRODUCTION

READ & MEDITATE ON: II Corinthians 5:10-19      MEMORIZE: Psalms 126:6

### INTRODUCTION

The major theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is reconciliation. The Old Testament points forward to reconciliation through the Gospel and the New Testament refers back to it. God, "Hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation," consisting of these three parts found in II Corinthians, chapter 5: A WORLD IN TROUBLE (verses 10 and 11), A SAVIOR FOR A WORLD IN TROUBLE (verses 14 and 15), SOMEONE TO TELL THE WORLD IN TROUBLE ABOUT THE SAVIOR (verses 18 and 19). God Almighty robed Himself in flesh to come to a world of 250 million people, "...to seek and to save that which was lost," (Luke 19:10). Today there are over 4 billion souls on the face of the earth and the gospel is still wrapped up in a human package--the church. The population of the world is predicted to double in less than 50 years. Prophetic signs of the endtime point to the night that's coming when no man can work...and yet untold millions are yet untold. Before the end comes, we have Christ's promise that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...." How will it be done? What is the answer? The answer for world conquest is SPIRITUAL REPRODUCTION. This concept is found in the world's greatest textbook of evangelism--the New Testament. This method was practiced by the world's greatest evangelists--Jesus and the apostles. IF WE WILL return to the Master's methods, WE CAN saturate the whole world with the Master's message IN OUR GENERATION!

#### I. WORLD CONQUEST METHODS

The New Testament methods of world conquest can be summarized under the following headings: EVANGELIZING, ESTABLISHING, and EQUIPPING. (The obvious emphasis on personal evangelism throughout this lesson is purposely made with the intent that this almost totally neglected means of propogating the gospel would be fully restored to its proper New Testament place of priority, power, and success.)

### 3. Equipping -

From among His faithful followers, Jesus called 12 special men, "...that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," (Mark 3:14). He poured His life into these chosen ones and spent much exclusive time teaching and training them "on-the-job" as He ministered. His goal was to fully prepare these leaders for the continuation of His work after He was gone.

## B. Methods Of The Apostles

Jesus' evangelizing commissions exploded into action in the book of Acts as the disciples followed their Lord's example and command. We should make every effort to pattern our methods after their approach.

### 1. Evangelizing -

With SUPERNATURAL ability, everybody--not just the preachers-- (Acts 8:1,4), went everywhere (Mark 16:20), evangelizing every day (Acts 5:42) in an everwidening circle beginning at Jerusalem and reaching to the "uttermost parts of the earth." They, too, used only two methods:

- a. Mass Evangelism - To the crowds, as Peter, Philip, Paul, and others preached with signs following.
- b. Personal Evangelism - To individuals such as the lame man, Etheopian Eunich, Saul of Tarsus, Aeneas, Dorcas, Cornelius, Sergius Paulus, Lydia, the Philipian jailer, house to house in Ephesus, Felix and Drusilla, Agrippa, Publius and others, totalling 15 incidents, 9 of which were initiated by the witnesses. Seven of these 9 were not coupled in any direct way with mass evangelism.

### 2. Establishing -

The 3,000 new Christians on the Day of Pentecost were immediately taught the fundamentals of the faith (Acts 2:42). Some Jerusalem saints began a church in Antioch (Acts 11:19-21) whose new converts were quickly followed up by Paul and Barnabas (verses 22-24). On

We will see how God uses these methods to fulfill his purpose through the principles of spiritual reproduction: winning, teaching, training and sending out multiplying disciples through a reproducing leadership.

## II. SPIRITUAL REPRODUCTION

Every normal living thing reproduces itself; it is true with fish, birds, wild animals, humans, or the various kinds of plant life. It is not only "super-Christians" who win souls. If we are to understand God's law of reproduction, then we must believe that it is normal to reproduce. A grain of corn would fill the world with corn if its increase was continually planted. It is stated that one grain of corn can produce as many as 1,000 grains in one year. By replanting each crop the whole earth could be planted with corn in six years. If Christians would reproduce themselves, in a short time the world would be full of Christians. Why should it be that all of God's creation is normal in reproduction except Christians? How are Christians to reproduce themselves? Here is the method Jesus gave us:

### A. The Plan Of Action

"...as the father hath sent me, even so send I you," (John 20:21). To His already established example, Jesus added these mandates for global conquest--His ultimate strategy for the evangelization of the world:

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."  
*Mark 16:15*

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."  
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A close analysis of this master plan reveals the concept upon which the early church based their evangelism methods. In the miraculous power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8), they were to:

Never underestimate the contribution of one person to fulfill the Great Commission. The mighty Amazon River has its beginning in the Andes Mountains where millions of fluffy snowflakes fall, melt, and find their way down to the sea. All of the melted snowflakes are joined by millions of tiny raindrops that fall and drain from the Amazon basin. The combined melted snowflakes and tiny raindrops rush out to sea with the uncontrollable force of a mighty current. This river, which has such a small beginning, is one hundred miles wide at its mouth when it empties into the ocean. Its force is so great that it carries fresh water one thousand miles out into the Atlantic Ocean. The avalanches of the high mountains often start with a dislodging of a single tiny pebble. One small stone joins another and with an accumulation of rocks, boulders, trees, and other debris it becomes a devastating avalanche that roars its way down the mountainside. Complete villages are sometimes engulfed by the debris of a single avalanche started by a tiny pebble far up the height of the mountain. Forest fires start with a tiny spark which bursts into a flame. The flame spreads until a raging fire races across the countryside. A forest fire will oftentimes roar down the canyon of a mountain with uncontrollable fury. Nothing can stop it until it has devoured everything in its path. Likewise, a single dedicated saint of God could, through spiritual reproduction, be responsible for one of the greatest revivals in Christian history. We have unconsciously placed the responsibility of discipleship in the hands of the ministry. However, disciples can make disciples, and any Christian can reproduce himself. This is the key that unlocks the biblical secret of how the Early Church grew. This key also unfolds to us the possibility of reaching our entire world with the gospel before Jesus comes.

### III. GOD'S HARVEST LAW

If we are to hear Jesus say, "Well done," then we must do well. We must reach our world. We have been commanded to do so. It is a simple matter of sowing seed for the harvest. If we want to bring in the sheaves, we must go out in the field and sow the seed. God teaches us that if we will sow the good Word of God into the good ground of the hearts of men, it will grow.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

*Psalms 126:6*

This passage of scripture is God's LAW OF THE HARVEST. It is irrevocable! It is an absolute! It will never fail! The law of the harvest (Psalms 126:6) is divided into THREE STEPS: (1) GOING FORTH, (2) WEEPING and (3) BEARING PRECIOUS SEED.

a miracle before your eyes! "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28). THERE CAN BE NO HARVEST WITHOUT THE PLANTING OF SEED. For a sinner to be truly born again, he must have THE SPIRIT and THE WORD planted in his heart. A full granary at harvest time indicates that someone has mingled faith with works and succeeded.

We have tried to make a "chore boy" out of God. We have asked Him to do what He has delegated us to do. We have asked Him to win souls when He has asked us to sow the seed. A field that is not sown with good grain will produce only weeds; it will never produce a crop. A wet field without any seed in the ground is only a muddy field. We need not expect anything but weeds to grow. If we want a crop, we must sow the seed just as a farmer plants a field. When a farmer wants to reap his crop, he does not invite the harvest into his barn, he goes out and brings it in. So it is with soul winning. Inviting people to church is not necessarily a witness. If we want lost souls to be saved, we must put the good seed of the Word in their heart by "going forth."

"...he that received seed into the good ground  
is he that heareth the WORD..."

*Matthew 13:23*

Seed, with the germ of life in it, will grow when properly planted and cultivated. The seed (Word) is full of life. Jesus said, "...the WORDS that I speak unto you, they are SPIRIT, and they are LIFE," (John 6:63). The apostle in Hebrews 4:12 declares, "The WORD of God is quick, and powerful...." There is POWER and LIFE in the WORD of God. Ezekiel, chapter 37, tells the story of his being carried away by the Spirit and set down in a valley full of dry bones. The Lord asked Ezekiel if the bones could live. Ezekiel could only reply, "O Lord God, thou knowest." Verse 4 is the key to the miraculous resurrection described in this chapter. "Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, HEAR the WORD of THE LORD." The first preaching of the WORD caused the bones to come together and be covered with flesh and skin. The second prophesy of the WORD to the wind caused breath to come into them and they stood on their feet an exceeding great army.

The Word of God is infallible. It will never fail. Isaiah declares, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," (Isaiah 55:11). In the scriptures there is spiritual power to create new life. We have depended on and have tried many things, but we have often failed to believe that the WORD OF GOD WILL NOT COME BACK VOID. The teaching of the Word (sowing of seed) will result in a harvest of lost souls.

The great revival in the Book of Acts had its beginnings through the ministry of Jesus and His disciples. Much of their ministry was performed in the home. The great inflow of "New Creatures" was perpetuated by a revival fire that was centered around the home. The primitive Jerusalem church began at home and reached their world with the true gospel. We should also note that by the 20th chapter of Acts, verse 26, Paul could say, "I am pure from the blood of all men." It was impossible for Paul to have personally reached every individual. What actually happened was that he had multiplied his life through trained disciples. He took time to train his converts to teach others. This was the basic outreach of the early church: to reach, to teach, to train, to send and thereby multiply. Much of this apostolic ministry was initiated in the home on a one-to-one basis. From small beginnings great revivals were born. A proven biblical method for winning souls is the apostolic method of home Bible study.

B. Twentieth-Century Disciples Can Teach Home Bible Studies

New Christians can reproduce themselves through home Bible study. It is not difficult to teach. Almost anyone can do it. What a new convert has received, they can convey to others through teaching the Word of God IN THE HOME. Much of the Bible is written in story form. The Word of God is descriptive and beautiful. It is sometimes poetic and stately, but it is always very open and clear. Teaching a home Bible study is not preaching a sermon, but relating the beautiful truths of God's Word as revealed in the Bible. A home Bible study teacher need not be a minister, a Bible school graduate, or even a Christian of long standing. Both those who have been saved for years and those who are new converts can teach a home Bible study very effectively (after a short period of training). When the tool of home Bible study is placed in the hands of a fervent Christian, he suddenly has a proven method of becoming a successful soulwinner. Soul-winning then becomes exciting and rewarding.

- \* It is of utmost importance to win the lost. However, it is of equal importance to disciple and train the new convert. A person who wins a soul should not feel that his responsibility to that soul is ended with conversion. With proper understanding and training a mature Christian can disciple a new convert and establish him in the faith so that he in turn will become a soulwinner. IT IS FOR THIS CAUSE, THIS NEW CONVERT'S COURSE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. Your students have been given a pledge opportunity in their growth books to, "try with God's help, to lead at least ONE SOUL to Acts 2:38 salvation during the next year and see that they become an established, reproducing, disciple of the Lord Jesus." Follow up on their commitment by introducing them to HOME BIBLE STUDIES and NEW CONVERTS TRAINING.

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We must determine what we want to do with our life. We must know where we want to go and what we want to accomplish. This involves setting priorities. What is the most important thing in your life? If soulwinning is secondary or even farther down the list, then you no longer have to wonder why you are not a soulwinner. How much of your life would you give to win a soul? Would you give a year, and if so, after that year would you give another year for another soul? Soulwinning is addicting. Real soulwinners continue to win souls. They are not super-Christians; they are just Christians who are normal in God's eyes and who want to share their new love-life with the whole world. Let us ask ourselves some questions. Why did God save me? What does He want of me more than anything else? How do I fit into world evangelism? The answer to all of these questions is wrapped up in soulwinning. When God gathers His jewels into His great kingdom, do you not want the Almighty to crown some souls who have your fingerprints on them? Do you not want some sheaves that your hands have touched in the gathering? The fields are still white, but laboring hands must touch the harvest. EACH ONE MUST REACH ONE. It is the will and plan of God for all believers to spiritually reproduce themselves. This can be done by YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT in home Bible studies and new converts classes. If you care...you will share. "...freely ye have received, freely give," (Matthew 10:8).

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B. Step Two: "WEEPING"

Weeping is more comprehensive than just the shedding of tears. The siamese twins of FASTING and PRAYER are the prime movers of heart-felt burdens. This kind of EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT will agonize and weep over a lost city or a lost son. I Samuel 1 tells the beautiful story of Hannah weeping because, "...the Lord had shut up her womb." No amount of loving comfort from her husband Elkahan could solace her unfulfilled agony of desire. "She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore...and she vowed a vow." Her burden was so heavy, she made sacrificial promises to God if He would only let her bear a son. God gave her a son named Samuel, who was to be the salvation of Israel. Rachel cried (Genesis 30:1) "Give me children or else I die...And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb." The first son born to Rachel was none other than Joseph who was to save the family during the famine. The desire to win the lost (friends, relatives, others) will produce weeping and sacrifices. These are essential elements in the true production of a fruitful harvest. There cannot be an effective reaping without the watering of the field. Unfulfilled expectations only bring frustrations. When results are not forthcoming, the heart is sick with grief. God will do nothing except by fasting and prayer. Weeping is essential to the end results, but there is one more vital step in the completion of God's harvest law.

C. Step Three: "BEARING PRECIOUS SEED"

No farmer would expect to reap a crop where he had not sown. If a harvest is to be realized, necessary steps must be taken. The BROKEN GROUND, the SOWING OF THE SEED, the CULTIVATION, and the WAITING are sequential steps toward a harvest. (No farmer would plant seed in unbroken ground. Even the finest seed in the highest quality soil would not produce without proper preparation.) The heart of the sinner must be made tender. The AGAPE (sacrificial) LOVE from a child of God can soften the stoniest of hearts. THE SINNER MUST FEEL THIS KIND OF LOVE from the believer. This is a must. The lost cannot be saved by mere words alone.

When the spirit of the convert-to-be is tender, then the Word of God will be received with gladness. The Word (seed) will be quickened and new life will begin. Little changes will often start to take place even before a full surrender. How exciting to watch

- 1) TEACH - Take the gospel to every person from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth,
- 2) BAPTIZE - Those that responded were to be identified immediately with their Lord in this ceremony for remission of sins.
- 3) TEACH - New Christians were to be brought to a place of maturity by being instructed in all things the disciples had been commanded.

The only reasonable explanation of these marching orders is that Jesus did not expect these 11 men to accomplish this enormous task by themselves. Indeed, within the command is the means by which to perform it: "all things whatsoever" included, of course, the command to teach, baptize, and teach. Thus, the Lord insured a continuous reproduction of people who would share the good news. In other words, the taught were to become teachers--the converted were to become convertors. From faithful multiplying disciples evolves the leadership ministry, which is appointed to direct the whole process as well as reproduce themselves as leaders. This is spiritual reproduction.

#### B. Putting The Plan Into Action

HOW CAN WE WIN THE WORLD TO GOD? Let us start with ONE soul. Let us plan, in our minds, to spend a year finding, teaching, and discipling this soul to Jesus Christ. At the end of one year there will be TWO Christians in the world. The second year two will go out into the world and find two more, spending the whole year again to win a soul and then disciple them in such a manner that they also could teach and disciple others. At the end of two years there would be FOUR born-again Christians in the world. This kind of progress seems painfully slow. At the end of the third year there would still only be EIGHT people who would be true Bible-believing, born-again Christians. At the end of the fifth year there would be THIRTY-TWO people saved. This does not appear to be a very successful way to go. However, the following year, the number would increase to SIXTY-FOUR and by the seventh year it would be 128. The tenth year would result in 1,024 people being saved. The twentieth year alone would result in 1,048,576 souls won to God. The thirty-second year would witness 4,294,967,296 disciples of Jesus Christ. This is the approximate population of the world today! What would happen if more than one minister equipped more than one disciple to evangelize and establish more than one convert to reproduce more than once per year in more than one location? We would have an evangelism explosion! In combination with mass evangelism, the results would be staggering!!

each of Paul's missionary journeys, we read that he took great pains to "confirm, strengthen, and encourage" his new converts (Acts 14:22, 15:41, 18:23). He brought the Thessalonian church to maturity and they reproduced themselves in an entire region (I Thessalonians 1:5-8, 2:11,12). A local congregation in Ephesus under Paul's teaching took the gospel to all of Asia in approximately two years (Acts 19:10). See also Colossians 2:6-7.

### 3. Equipping -

Following Jesus' example, Paul selected from the believers certain men to be in close association with him to learn in theory and by field experience the things of God before they were directed to their places of ministry. This "walking Bible School" at different times included Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychicus, Trophimus, Demas, Crescens, Titus, Luke, and Mark (Acts 20:4 and II Timothy 4:10-12). He gave them explicit instructions to multiply themselves as leaders in II Timothy 2:2:

"...the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

He explains what leaders are for in Ephesians 4:11-12, which The Amplified Bible more accurately renders:

"And His gifts were varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us, some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preaching of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),..."

It is clear from the above passages that spiritual leadership is ordained to mobilize the saints to do ministry. This is in harmony with Peter's exhortation for church elders to "oversee" God's flock (I Peter 5:2), which is a royal priesthood (I Peter 2:9). We see then, a reproducing leadership equipping the saints to build up the body of Christ.

## A. Methods Of The Lord Jesus

Christ had an objective that he ordered His life by. God wanted all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth, (I Timothy 2:4). This motivated His behaviour. In our search for the keys to world conquest, we should be careful to follow His steps.

### 1. Evangelizing -

In the gospels we see our Lord in a MIRACULOUS ministry of spreading the good news. We notice His only two evangelistic methods were:

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This involves desire to win others to Jesus Christ. Fervent desire will motivate the believer to make special evangelistic effort aimed at the salvation of the lost. Effective outreach must go beyond the comforts of home base, it must reach the sinners WHERE THEY ARE. They will not come to you!

B. Step Two: "WEEPING"

Weeping is more comprehensive than just the shedding of tears. The siamese twins of FASTING and PRAYER are the prime movers of heart-felt burdens. This kind of EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT will agonize and weep over a lost city or a lost son. I Samuel 1 tells the beautiful story of Hannah weeping because, "...the Lord had shut up her womb." No amount of loving comfort from her husband Elkahan could solace her unfulfilled agony of desire. "She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore...and she vowed a vow." Her burden was so heavy, she made sacrificial promises to God if He would only let her bear a son. God gave her a son named Samuel, who was to be the salvation of Israel. Rachel cried (Genesis 30:1) "Give me children or else I die...And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb." The first son born to Rachel was none other than Joseph who was to save the family during the famine. The desire to win the lost (friends, relatives, others) will produce weeping and sacrifices. These are essential elements in the true production of a fruitful harvest. There cannot be an effective reaping without the watering of the field. Unfulfilled expectations only bring frustrations. When results are not forthcoming, the heart is sick with grief. God will do nothing except by fasting and prayer. Weeping is essential to the end results, but there is one more vital step in the completion of God's harvest law.

C. Step Three: "BEARING PRECIOUS SEED"

No farmer would expect to reap a crop where he had not sown. If a harvest is to be realized, necessary steps must be taken. The BROKEN GROUND, the SOWING OF THE SEED, the CULTIVATION, and the WAITING are sequential steps toward a harvest. (No farmer would plant seed in unbroken ground. Even the finest seed in the highest quality soil would not produce without proper preparation.) The heart of the sinner must be made tender. The AGAPE (sacrificial) LOVE from a child of God can soften the stoniest of hearts. THE SINNER MUST FEEL THIS KIND OF LOVE from the believer. This is a must. The lost cannot be saved by mere words alone.

When the spirit of the convert-to-be is tender, then the Word of God will be received with gladness. The Word (seed) will be quickened and new life will begin. Little changes will often start to take place even before a full surrender. How exciting to watch

- 1) TEACH - Take the gospel to every person from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth,
- 2) BAPTIZE - Those that responded were to be identified immediately with their Lord in this ceremony for remission of sins.
- 3) TEACH - New Christians were to be brought to a place of maturity by being instructed in all things the disciples had been commanded.

The only reasonable explanation of these marching orders is that Jesus did not expect these 11 men to accomplish this enormous task by themselves. Indeed, within the command is the means by which to perform it: "all things whatsoever" included, of course, the command to teach, baptize, and teach. Thus, the Lord insured a continuous reproduction of people who would share the good news. In other words, the taught were to become teachers--the converted were to become convertors. From faithful multiplying disciples evolves the leadership ministry, which is appointed to direct the whole process as well as reproduce themselves as leaders. This is spiritual reproduction.

#### B. Putting The Plan Into Action

HOW CAN WE WIN THE WORLD TO GOD? Let us start with ONE soul. Let us plan, in our minds, to spend a year finding, teaching, and discipling this soul to Jesus Christ. At the end of one year there will be TWO Christians in the world. The second year two will go out into the world and find two more, spending the whole year again to win a soul and then disciple them in such a manner that they also could teach and disciple others. At the end of two years there would be FOUR born-again Christians in the world. This kind of progress seems painfully slow. At the end of the third year there would still only be EIGHT people who would be true Bible-believing, born-again Christians. At the end of the fifth year there would be THIRTY-TWO people saved. This does not appear to be a very successful way to go. However, the following year, the number would increase to SIXTY-FOUR and by the seventh year it would be 128. The tenth year would result in 1,024 people being saved. The twentieth year alone would result in 1,048,576 souls won to God. The thirty-second year would witness 4,294,967,296 disciples of Jesus Christ. This is the approximate population of the world today! What would happen if more than one minister equipped more than one disciple to evangelize and establish more than one convert to reproduce more than once per year in more than one location? We would have an evangelism explosion! In combination with mass evangelism, the results would be staggering!!



each of Paul's missionary journeys, we read that he took great pains to "confirm, strengthen, and encourage" his new converts (Acts 14:22, 15:41, 18:23). He brought the Thessalonian church to maturity and they reproduced themselves in an entire region (I Thessalonians 1:5-8, 2:11,12). A local congregation in Ephesus under Paul's teaching took the gospel to all of Asia in approximately two years (Acts 19:10). See also Colossians 2:6-7.

### 3. Equipping -

Following Jesus' example, Paul selected from the believers certain men to be in close association with him to learn in theory and by field experience the things of God before they were directed to their places of ministry. This "walking Bible School" at different times included Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychicus, Trophimus, Demas, Crescens, Titus, Luke, and Mark (Acts 20:4 and II Timothy 4:10-12). He gave them explicit instructions to multiply themselves as leaders in II Timothy 2:2:

"...the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

He explains what leaders are for in Ephesians 4:11-12, which The Amplified Bible more accurately renders:

"And His gifts were varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us, some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preaching of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),..."

It is clear from the above passages that spiritual leadership is ordained to mobilize the saints to do ministry. This is in harmony with Peter's exhortation for church elders to "oversee" God's flock (I Peter 5:2), which is a royal priesthood (I Peter 2:9). We see then, a reproducing leadership equipping the saints to build up the body of Christ.

## A. Methods Of The Lord Jesus

Christ had an objective that he ordered His life by. God wanted all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth, (I Timothy 2:4). This motivated His behaviour. In our search for the keys to world conquest, we should be careful to follow His steps.

### 1. Evangelizing -

In the gospels we see our Lord in a MIRACULOUS ministry of spreading the good news. We notice His only two evangelistic methods were:

- a. Mass Evangelism - Numerous times we see Jesus spreading the gospel to the crowds in the city and countryside.
- b. Personal Evangelism - To individuals he approached and that approached Him-- Andrew, John, Peter, Nicodemus, Samaritan woman, the nobleman, a leper, a paralytic, Matthew, man at Bethesda, man with the withered hand, the centurion, widow of Nain, the Gadarene demoniac, Jairus and family, woman with issue of blood, two blind men, dumb demoniac, Syrophenician woman, deaf and dumb man, blind man near Bethsaida, demoniac boy, adulterous woman, a lawyer, the man born blind, the rich young ruler, Zaccheaus, thieves and others-- totalling 35 incidents, 21 of which were separate from mass evangelism. Twelve of these 21 were initiated by the Lord.

### 2. Establishing -

As a result of his personal and mass evangelism, Jesus acquired a group of followers. These included Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholemew, Thomas, Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas, the 70, Mark, Luke, several women, the 500, and others that followed him from time to time. In general learning situations, these were all taught the things of God. Many remained close to Him and several were used by the Lord in special ways.