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Complete Discipling Primer**

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**Be mature and
full grown in the Lord,
measuring up to
the full stature of Christ.
(Ephesians 4.13 NLT)**

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Introduction

The Lord's command was "*to go and make disciples of all the nations*" and "*Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you*" (Matthew 28.19-20 NLT). We have to obey the Lord's command.

It is important for the infant Christians to grow in their spiritual life from their conversion to their resurrection to be with Christ upon His Second Coming. The *New Personality Development* is A Bible Study Series, A Complete Discipling Primer that is covering the needed spiritual development of all Christians to be like Christ, "little Christ" as his followers were first called in Antioch.

It had been evaluated by the School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California as the only discipling material that does not need seminar to be able to utilize it. I was asked permission for its translation from English to Dutch as other materials did not click in that country during the Amsterdam '83 World Mission Conference of Itinerant Evangelists of Billy Graham.

The shortened Revised Edition shows The Disordered Development, the believer's conversion to his Baptism, and The New Personality Development up to his maturation as a disciple of Christ. Reference to Psychologist Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs for Total Personality Development is applied and ends with Ultimate Development.

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NEW PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

I THE DISORDERED DEVELOPMENT

1. What is sin?

Sin is disobedience of God's law.

Those who sin are opposed to the law of God for all sin opposes the law of God.

1 John 3.4 NLT (New Living Translation)

2. What leads to evil actions and where does that lead?

Sin comes from our own evil desires. Evil desires lead to evil actions. Evil actions lead to death.

Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death.

James 1.14-15 NLT

3. Who are children of the Devil?

Those who keep on sinning belong to the Devil.

But when people who keep on sinning, it shows they belong to the Devil who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy these works of the

Devil. 1 John 3.8 NLT

II THE REORDERED DEVELOPMENT

4. How do we become children of God?

We become children of God when we receive or accept Jesus in our lives.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn! This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan—this rebirth comes from God.

John 1.12,13 NLT

5. What happens when we become Christians?

When we become Christians, that is when we become children of God, a rebirth that comes from God, we become new persons with a new life and with a new personality.

What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun.

2 Corinthians 5.17 NLT

6. What is the result of being born again?

Those who are born again do not keep on sinning as God's life is them.

Those who have been born into God's family do not sin, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they have been born of God.

1 John 3.9-10 NLT

III THE SYMBOLIC DEVELOPMENT

7. Why does one have to undergo Baptism?

Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28.19 NLT

8. What does Baptism symbolize?

Baptism is a public declaration that one has become a member of the family of God as a child. He identifies himself to be one with Christ in His crucifixion and one in His burial and one in His resurrection. He symbolizes that he becomes one with Christ in His burial

when he is baptized and raised to a new life.

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He cancelled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

Colossians 2.12-14 NLT

9. How are we to consider ourselves having been baptized?

We are to think that we are already dead to sin and alive for Christ.

He died once to defeat sin, and now he lives for the glory of God. So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.10-11 NLT

IV THE GOD-ORDERED DEVELOPMENT

10. What happens when we follow the desires of our sinful nature?

When we obey the desires of our sinful nature this will produce evil results.

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God Galatians 5.19-21NLT.

11. How could God order our lives?

God orders our lives through the control of the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and to follow His leading in every part of our lives.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the leading in every part

of our lives.

Galatians 5.22-25 NLT

12. What happens when we let Spirit of the Lord work in our lives?

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory ever more.

2 Corinthians 3.18b

But oh, my dear children! I feel as if I am going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.

Galatians 4.19 NLT

V THE MIND-CONTROLLED DEVELOPMENT

13. What happens when we are dominated by our sinful nature?

When we are dominated by our sinful nature we think about sinful things.

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

Romans 8.5 NLT

14. How does God transform our lives?

God can transform our lives when we change the way we think much differently.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

Romans 12.2 NLT

15. What do we do with our minds?

Our minds should be thinking differently now. Instead of earthly things only, heaven and its realities should fill our minds.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven where Christ sits at God's right hand in the place of honor and power. Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth.

Colossians 3.1-2 NLT

VI THE BODY-SURRENDERED DEVELOPMENT

16. What is our body as children of God?

Our body has become the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in us having been given by God when we received Jesus Christ in our heart.

Or dont you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

1 Corinthians 6.19-20a NLT

17. What are we to do with our body?

Our body does not belong to us anymore so we must honor God with our body.

You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6.19b-20 NLT

18. What choices do we have now?

We are now free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God, our new master, righteousness.

Now you are free from sin, your old master, and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness.

Romans 6.18 NLT

Now you must choose to be slaves of righteousness so that you will become holy.

Romans 6.19b NLT

But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

Romans 6.22 NLT

VII THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT

19. What is the spiritual renewal that is expected of us?

There must be spiritual renewal of our thoughts and attitudes.

Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception.

Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true.

Ephesians 4.22-24 NLT

20. Where should we fix our thoughts?

We have to fix our thoughts on things that are godly.

Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4.8 NLT

21. What is the importance of the Scripture?

The Scripture teaches us what is true, what is wrong in our lives and teaches us to do what is right.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.

2 Timothy 3.16-17 NLT

VIII THE RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT

22. How are we to relate with one another?

We must not forget that we are now living a different life with Christ as our Master. So we have to live our life with reverence to Christ. We have to prefer one another by not insisting on our ways but submitting to one another.

And further, you will submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5.21 NLT

23. How must a husband relate with his wife.?

Christ should be our model in our life. Christ loved His bride the church with all His love that He gave up His life for the church. The husband should love his wife the same way Christ loved the church.

And you husbands must love your wives with the same love Christ showed the church. Ephesians 5.25 NLT

24. How must a wife relate with her husband?

In the same manner, a wife must submit to her husband in everything in the same way as the church submits to Christ. She submits to her husband as her head just as Christ is the head of the church His body.

You wives will submit to your husband as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of his body, the church; he gave his life to be her Savior. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives must submit to your husband in everything. Ephesians 5.22-24 NLT

25. How must children and parents relate with each other?

Children must have to obey and honor their parents as they belong to the family of

God. Parents have to make sure that they do not make their children angry in the way they treat them. They have to discipline and instruct them as approved by the Lord.

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "You will have a long life, full of blessings."

And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.

Ephesians 6.1-4 NLT

26. How must employers and employees relate with each other?

Employees must obey their employers and work hard willingly and cheerfully in everything they do, to please them as though they are working for the Lord.

Employers must treat their employees justly and fairly.

You slaves must obey your earthly master in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Obey them willingly because

of your reverent fear of the Lord.

You slave owners must be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven. Colossians 3.22, 4.1 NLT

27. How must citizens relate with the government?

God placed the government in power and we are to give our loyalty and obedience to it.

Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God. Romans 13.1

IX THE TOTAL PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

28. How are our Physiological Needs met?

God knows all of our needs. Well known Psychologist Abraham Maslow gives six needs hierarchy. He starts with the Physiological Needs to Self-Actualization Need. Man starts to satisfy his basic needs of water, food, shelter, sleep, and sex. God our Father knows what we need even before we ask Him.

Don't be like them, because your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him. Matthew 6.8 NLT

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10.31 NLT

“So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

Matthew 6.31-33 NLT

Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

1 Corinthians 6.18 NLT

But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7.2 NLT

29. What are we to do to insure our Safety Needs?

When our Physiological Needs are being relatively met, our safety needs emerge. We become primarily concerned about our protection and avoidance of risk, both physical and emotional, that are met by God.

The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.

Proverbs 18.10 NLT

30. What happens to our Belongingness Needs?

There is a need to give and receive love, to develop deeper friendship, seek a place of belonging as a group member, and an awareness of interpersonal relationship. This is in line with Jesus' desire and command.

I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives to their friends. You are my friends if you obey me. I no longer call you servants, because a master does not confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

John 15.12 NLT

The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don't. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you.

The people of the world will hate you because you belong to me, for they didn't know God who sent me. John 15.19, 21 NLT

So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the Devil. Anyone who does not obey God's commands and does not love other Christians does not belong to God.

1 John 3.10 NLT

31. How are we to attain our Esteem Needs?

Esteem needs include self-esteem and esteem by others. A person desires to feel confident, adequate, respected, independent, appreciated, recognized, and worthwhile. The unique way of Jesus of having esteem is to start by humbling oneself.

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great self-confidence and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a dishonest tax collector. The proud Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else, especially like that tax collector over there! For I never cheat, I don't sin, I don't commit adultery, I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying. 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored." Luke 18.9-14 NLT

32. How are our Growth Needs achieved?

Growth need is an internal drive toward individuality, meaning, joy, truth, unity, knowledge, understanding, spontaneity, and

willingness to take risk that the Lord helps.

You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 2.2 NLT

But grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be all glory and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen. 2 Peter 3.18 NLT

33. What are our Self-actualization Needs?

Self-actualization is the full realization of one's highest potentials. He is fulfilled and transcending of his lower needs. A relationship with God through Jesus Christ is the ultimate in need-actualization.

He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4.11-13 NLT

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn with many brothers and sisters. Romans 8.29 NLT

X THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT

34. What happens to those who are dead when Christ returns?

The Christians who are dead when Christ returns will rise first with a transformed bodies.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves.

1 Thessalonians 4.16 NLT

35. What happens to those who are still alive when the Lord returns?

The Christians who are alive will be caught up next in the clouds and together with those who were raised first will meet the Lord in the air.

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in

the air and remain with him forever.
1 Thessalonians 4.17 NLT

36. What does God do with His children?

We will be given new bodies with full rights as children of God.

And we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children including new bodies he has promised. Romans 8.23 NLT

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