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DISCIPLESHIP:

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Dear Friends,

There's no way to sneak up on the subject of my letter this month, so I'm just going to hit it head-on. I want to talk to you about discipleship. I know this isn't always a favorite topic, but that's because it's often misunderstood. Yet it's really what the body of Christ needs. We need to become disciples, learners of Jesus. If believers could understand this, I guarantee it would transform their lives. If they were disciples, they wouldn't be having the problems they're having. There are people trying to receive from God and get set free in some area, yet they aren't disciples.

Look at John 8:31-32:

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Right there, Jesus said that there are people who believe on Him but aren't disciples. To be a disciple "indeed," or a true disciple, Jesus said that you have to continue in His Word. And then He talked about knowing the truth. You'll often hear people say that the truth will make you free, but **it's only the truth you know that makes you free. And it's only when you continue in the Word that you become a disciple.**

Matthew 28:19-20 contains the Great Commission, some of the last words that Jesus spoke before He was caught up into heaven:

*Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Emphasis mine

The Greek word translated "teach" in verse 19 is the word *matheteuo*, and it means "to become a pupil" or "to disciple" (*Strong's Concordance*). Many people have a negative view of being a pupil. It reminds them of when they had to go to school, sit in class, take tests, and all of that. Being a pupil, or a disciple, involves *discipline*.

But you know what? You received knowledge through that discipline. And that knowledge empowered you. It did then and it does now. Knowledge gives you the ability to do things that you couldn't do if you didn't know the truth. It's what actually sets you free.

So, if you're sick, poor, scared, depressed, or discouraged, you have a knowledge problem. You are not a disciple. **Discipleship frees you.**

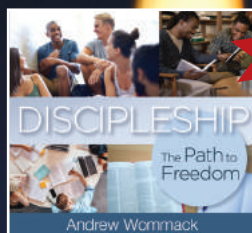
I know this may be offensive to some, but if there is some area of your life where you aren't free, it's because you haven't truly learned the right things about the Father. For instance, 2 Peter 1:2 says,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

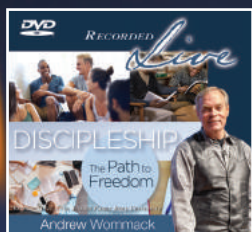
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Some people pray for peace, but **this scripture says that peace comes through knowledge**. The next verse goes on to say, "According as his divine power hath given unto us **all** things" (emphasis mine). That word "all" means all. All things. That includes healing, prosperity, joy, peace, vision, you name it. We have been given all things "through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:3). The next verse says that through this knowledge "are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Pet. 1:4). So, all of this ties together.

Everything I'm saying is scripture, yet most Christians don't know this because they aren't disciples. They spend all their time asking God to bless, heal, and prosper them when He's already done it. They do this because they haven't shown up for class. They haven't renewed their minds.

New thoughts and attitudes are not just downloaded when we are born again. **Although our spirits are born of God, our minds have to be reprogrammed, which is the process of discipleship.** Romans 12:2 says, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Because many believers aren't disciples and haven't renewed their minds, they still have values and attitudes that are of the devil. As a result, they have trouble receiving from God and getting set free.

That brings me to another point, which I've made before: the reason the church has not made the impact that it should be making is that we've put the importance on getting people born again and not on making disciples. Because of this, very few people come to understand the true things of God. Very few people continue in the Word until they get free. But Jesus told us to go make disciples, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20). Teaching a person all the things that Jesus commanded is just as important as telling them about their initial salvation. That's a radical statement, but it is absolutely true.

I've only touched the tip of the iceberg in this letter. This is huge! God wants us to grow up. He wants us to be disciples. I expound on this in my brand-new teaching called *Discipleship: The Path to Freedom*. It is part of our Destiny Package, which includes *The Complete Discipleship Evangelism 48-Lesson Course* study guide, *Destiny Stories, Volume 1* and *Volume 2* DVDs, and the *Grace Encounters* DVD. You can get this by going to our website: **www.awme.net**, calling our Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300, or returning the enclosed order form.

Jamie and I love you, and we desire for you to know the truth, because the truth really will set you free!

You are blessed,

Andrew and Jamie



LIVING Devotional

Don't Just Convert!

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Matthew 28:19

The Greek word *matheteuo*, which was translated “teach” in this verse, means “intransitively, to become a pupil; transitively, to disciple, i.e. enrol as scholar” (*Strong’s Concordance*). Ten different translations all translate this Greek word as “disciple” or “make disciples.” There is no doubt that Jesus’s command was to disciple, not just do what most describe as evangelism.

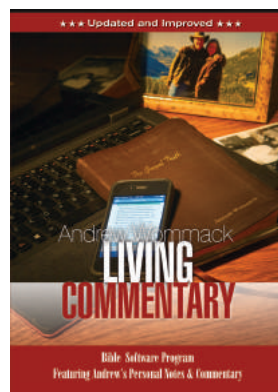
On the whole, the modern church hasn’t disciplined their converts. The emphasis has been on getting people born again, but the follow-up has been poor at best in most cases. The church should be grounding its people in the truths of God’s Word.

Vine’s Expository Dictionary says the Greek word *mathetes* (from which *matheteuo* is derived) means “‘a learner’ (from *manthano*, ‘to learn,’ from a root *math-*, indicating thought accompanied by endeavor).” *Vine’s* goes on to say, “A ‘disciple’ was not only a pupil, but an adherent; hence they are spoken of as imitators of their teacher; cp. John 8:31; 15:8.”

Many modern “Christians” only spend an hour per week in church. There is no way people can be disciplined in that small amount of time. It takes much more than that, and it takes systematic study. Most churches don’t teach systematically through the Bible. The pastors have become absorbed with bringing a motivational message that might encourage someone or meet a momentary need. Very few ground their members in God’s Word to the degree the individual members can receive from God on their own. Hence, the body of Christ is dependent on the clergy to get any answers or insights from God. That is not what Jesus commanded.

The failure to disciple converts is at the root of most problems in the church and society today.

(Taken from Andrew’s *Living Commentary*)



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GRACE Abounds in Kenya

"We Kenyans have desired and prayed that one day, by God's grace, Andrew would visit Kenya and meet [us] his disciples," Victor Kiogora says. "God answered our prayer."

In June 2017, Pastor Kiogora left the Kenyan coast and boarded a train to Nairobi, Kenya, to attend Andrew's first *Gospel Truth Seminar* in Kenya. The more-than-520-kilometer trip cost both money and time - it took him and his group several hours to travel by train - but the smile on his face told the real story. This conference was an answer to the prayers of so many and worth any effort to get there.

Andrew's television viewers have heard much about the work the Lord is doing in Uganda, Kenya's neighbor to the northwest. But God's goodness reaches past national borders. In Andrew's television update, he explains that "the spiritual impact that's being made in Kenya [is] tremendous, and we've got a great open door."

Pastor Kiogora is one of those Kenyans who is both experiencing and *making* this spiritual impact. The door Andrew refers to first opened when Mike and Pat Heiser left Charis Bible College and answered God's call to work in Kenya. During their time there, they have rescued and adopted several children from the streets, faced life-threatening encounters, and now oversee more than twenty Bible colleges. (Watch the Heisers' *Grace Encounter* video at awmi.net.)

Victor Kiogora assists Mike and Pat in their discipleship efforts in three regions: Western Kenya, the Central Highlands, and the Kenya coastal region. He is also the director of Neema Bible College in the coastal region. Just as *Charis* means "grace" in Greek, *Neema* also means "grace" but in Swahili. And the message of God's grace is spreading quickly throughout the country.

"Andrew has a huge follow[ing] here in Kenya," Victor goes on to say. "Many others have also benefited



much from AWM[is] free learning materials. . . . These teachings have liberated us from great manner of condemnations. We are at peace with God. Andrew has taught us what we did not learn in church." He sums up a list of what he and others have learned from Andrew: "In other words, Andrew taught us 'the basics of righteousness.'"

Although Pastor Kiogora had the opportunity to meet Andrew and his team in 2011, during a *Gospel Truth Seminar* in Uganda, getting to be a part of a conference in his own country - where he and his family have discipled so many - was a great honor.

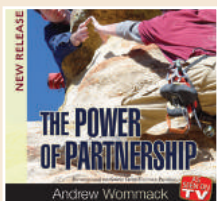
"I felt humbled," Victor continues, "when on the conference day, Andrew recognized the good work of discipleship that we do in the many villages and towns of Kenya through Neema Bible College. . . . I was made to stand up in the conference hall so that people could see me. We attended the conference with many of our students and friends."

Andrew Wommack has never been out to make a name for himself. The heart of Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College is to raise up disciples. And, even though Charis's main campus and AWM's international headquarters are located in Colorado, USA, the preaching of God's love and grace knows no bounds.

Andrew's friends and partners are making an impact throughout the world. It's your prayers and support that enable Andrew and his team to share God's love and grace in far-off places. People like the Heisers, along with Victor and his wife, Hellen, have the opportunity to share the Good News with those the rest of us cannot personally reach.

If you haven't committed to partnering with AWM, please consider doing so. God is doing great things in the States, Kenya, and beyond. It's exciting to be a part of it!

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THE Finish Line Is in Sight!



We can't thank you enough for your support! Because of friends like you, we are now occupying over 40 percent of *The Auditorium* at Charis Bible College. And physical construction will be complete in the summer of 2018. All we need to make it ready for the 2018-2019 school year are the A/V and television equipment, furniture, and required landscaping. Although the total cost to complete *The Auditorium* is \$8.5 million, \$3.9 million is all we'll need for these final pieces.

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