

Passing the Baton 1: Born to Reproduce



Introduction

Our church's motto is capturing and cultivating hearts for Christ. How is that supposed to happen?

1. The Original Challenge: Great Commission

The example of Jesus: He chose 12 that they might be with him..., Mark 3:14-15

The command of Jesus: The Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20

The example of Paul: Col.:28-29

The command of Paul: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

2. The Current Situation

My experience: Conversion, 36 years ago. Discipleship. Mentoring.

How many of you feel that you had someone to invest in you personally? Who intentionally disciplined you? Or mentored you? Are you an orphan?

Hinderances (why don't we do this?)

1. Formality/ritualism/impersonal
2. Too much trouble/work
3. Don't value the individual
4. Vulnerability
5. Don't know how
6. Reactive, not proactive (we're firemen rather than farmers)

The church often seems like a big orphanage, abandoned babies are everywhere.

3. You were made to do this!

Dawson Trotman: Born to Reproduce

There are only three impediments to a human being reproducing themselves:

1. Immaturity
2. Lack of intimacy
3. Illness/physical infirmity

In all ages. Don't play dodgeball with God.

Conclusion

1 Corinthians 13:13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

“How will I feel on judgment day if multitudes of missed opportunities pass before me in full review and all my excuses prove to be disguises of my cowardice and pride?”
(Dr. W.E. Sangster)