

1 THESSALONIANS

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The Heart of a Disciplemaker | 1 Thess. 3:1-10

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The heart of a disciplemaker is centered on the faith of those whom they are discipling.

*A **disciplemaker** is a spirit-empowered disciple of Jesus, who enters into intentional relationships with people to help them to trust and obey Jesus (and then in turn make disciples themselves).*

Two Aspects of The Heart of a Disciplemaker:

1. The Concern of a Disciplemaker (3:1-5)

- The first aspect of the heart of a disciplemaker is their concern for _____ of those whom they are discipling.

- Paul's concern was evidenced in his willingness to _____.

***Discipling, or discipleship**, is an intentional and relational process centered on Scripture and prayer, where a more mature disciple of Jesus comes alongside another disciple of Jesus for the purposes of helping them trust and obey Christ and to be transformed more and more into the image of Christ.*

2. The Comfort of a Disciplemaker (3:6-10)

The second aspect of the heart of a disciplemaker is, the comfort they receive in hearing about and seeing _____ of those whom they are discipling.

Questions to Consider

1. Who are you discipling? In other words, are you obeying Christ's command to "make disciples"?
2. For those whom you are discipling, how great is your concern for their strength and growth in faith?
3. What are the best ways we can be strengthen and encouraging the faith of those whom we are discipling?
4. Paul tells us that he kept telling the Thessalonians that, not only would afflictions come, but that they were "destined for this". In other words, suffering was destined by God's hand. How can and should we take comfort in knowing that God is sovereign over suffering? Where would you go in Scripture to strengthen your understanding in this?
5. To what extent do you prepare those whom you are discipling for times of opposition and affliction?
6. The heart of a disciplemaker takes comfort in the persistence of faith of those whom they are discipling. What about you? Where do you derive your comfort/encouragement in those whom you are discipling?

Our mission statement is *Disciples Making Disciples: Loving God and People Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ*. We're passionate about disciple making. We want to encourage every disciple of Jesus to be in a discipling relationship. If you're interested in either discipling or being disciplined, please pursue your Home Group leader or either Pastor Doug or Pastor Stuart. Any one of them would love to talk with you and encourage you towards discipleship.