



Disciplemaking 1

Abiding in His Word

“If you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31-32

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A Systematic Theology



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“Jitahidi kujionyesha kuwa umekubaliwa na Mungu, mtenda kazi asiye na sababu ya kutahayari, ukitumia kwa halali neno la kweli.” 2 Timotheo 2:15

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FOREWORD

Disciplemaking 1 - Abiding in His Word, deals exclusively with the contents of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. It does not present or promote any man-made traditions, practices, or extra-Biblical experiences. If you disagree with anything in this course, be a Berean. When the Apostle Paul taught the noble-minded Believers in Berea, “*They received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so,*” Acts 17:11. Be daily examining the Bible for truth. Be a Berean!

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MEET THE AUTHOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been a true believer in Jesus Christ since I was 10 years old. I have been in full-time ministry since 1974. And I have been married to the wife of my youth for many decades. She, our children, and our grandchildren are all Believers. I am pro-church ... but promote no specific church or denomination. I believe the 66 books of the Bible, as originally written, are the inerrant, infallible, accurate, unfading, complete Word of God. I take the entire Bible to mean what it says it says. It is the ultimate authority in life and doctrine.

My in-person ministry has been in the USA, England, Poland, and Russia. In person, in print and online, it has touched every continent except Antarctica and has included Bible teaching, evangelism, apologetics, and preaching. It's been in churches, colleges, houses, retreat centers, offices, restaurants ... and on a mountain top, on radio, on videos, and extensively online. I believe that a good teacher lives what he teaches ... leading people to ground that he has already occupied. In God's grace and mercy, He has made this ministry fruitful and allowed me to be part of it. To God, and God alone, be the Glory.

Disciplemaking 1 - Abiding in His Word was written in the 1980s. After teaching it numerous times, it has been updated and expanded several times including a major update in 2021. Changes were made to its content to answer student questions and needs that emerged during teaching. The original process of writing and updating this course was rooted in much prayer and included extensive, but unusual, research. After deciding which subjects to include in this course, I collected *many* books on every subject. But, I didn't read them. I went through every book to find every verse mentioned. Those verses were then arranged in logical order, studied, and organized into the framework of this course. A wide variety of word-for-word Bible translations, Bible dictionaries, Greek and Hebrew lexicons, concordances, respected commentaries, maps, and a variety of other resources were used. *Disciplemaking 1 - Abiding in His Word* is not a paraphrase of the writings of others. As far as good scholarship allows, it is an original work ... one of my life's main works.

Writing this course changed my life and has changed the lives of others who have studied it ... and it can change your life. Jesus said to Believers, "*If you continue in [abide in] My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free,*" John 8:31-32. This course can help enable you to abide in His Word. What you learn from the Bible will give you the sure footing in His truth that only His Word can give.

Your brother in Christ,

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