

2 Timothy 2:2 ... the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses
ENTRUST to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

The “things” - What is the good news?

- That the kingdom of God, the Age to Come
- Has broken into our world in and through Jesus.
- And “in” and “through” him, God is making all things new.

Every follower of Jesus, must become a great teacher.

What makes an outstanding teacher outstanding?

1. They Begin with the End in Mind

- Walk to Jesus

2. Their Servant Towel is Huge and Used

3. They are Forever Praying for their Mathētēs

Disciple = Mathetes (Ma-thee-ties)

- One who engages in learning through instruction from another.
- A follower, pupil, learner or an apprentice.

The apostle Paul is such a brilliant example of this.

- He was constantly praying for the disciples whom he was responsible for.
- We pick this up in almost all of his letters ...
- Written to the churches in the different cities.

There are different strands of this running through the different letters.

a) Remembering and Thanking God for them

Ephesians 1:16–19 ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

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Romans 1:9–10 ⁹ God, whom I serve ... is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times ...

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1 Thessalonians 1:2–3 ² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

Whatever weighs heavily on your heart, will spill over in your prayers.

- Health, finances, employment, wanting to get married ...
- Being liked at school, doing well in exams.

Paul's Mathetes weighed heavily on his heart.

- And therefore, he constantly remembered them in his prayers.
- Thanking God for them.

I picked up on this a couple of months ago and started doing the same.

- Thanking God for the people whom I work closely with.
- And then at times extending it beyond those circles.

Thanking God for ...

- Marc, James, Allistair, Barend, Rob, Greg B, Khaya ...
- ...

b) That they may Know God Better and more deeply

Ephesians 1:17 ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Know him better as their Glorious Father.

- So that they may know his love, his power, his justice ...
- His Faithfulness, His saving plan for creation.
- They mystery that has now been made known in and through Jesus.

c) That God may be Glorified in them

Colossians 1:9–11 ⁹ ... since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives ...

¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might ...

...

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12 ¹¹ ... we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for

goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him ...

d) That they may be Strengthened with Spiritual Power

Ephesians 3:14–16 ¹⁴ ... I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being ...

Not only does he pray that God will be gloried in them and through them.

- But that God will through his glorious riches strengthen them ...
- With power, through the Holy Spirit in their inner being.

e) That they may Know the hope that they have

Ephesians 1:18-19 ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That the eyes of your heart might be enlightened.

- In order that you may have the vision of the renewed cosmos.
- Of God one day making all things new.

And His incomparable great power through which he will bring it about.

- Person by person.
- And then ultimately in one moment, renewing all things.

He is praying that the eyes of their heart will be Enlightened.

- To see the hope and enormity of what God is doing in them ...
- And in people throughout the world.

And ultimately to be able to see and grasp the power through which ...

- He is transforming them, through which he is transforming others.
- And through which he will ultimately transform the whole world ...
- Flooding it with his glory.

4. They Wear the End that they have in Mind

John 10:3-4 ³...He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

He Leads them Out.

- He doesn't just Tell them the Way; he SHOWS them the Way.
- He wears the way.

Paul said to the church in Corinth ... **1 Corinthians 11:1** ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

You have to “wear” the life of “The Age to Come.”

Man in between disciple and Jesus with shirt – Age to Come

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.” William Arthur Ward

“You cannot give what you do not have and you cannot help but give what you do have.”

Lesson I had to learn in marriage.

Ephesians 5:25 ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ...

Marriage: The Husband must show his Wife the Way.

- Model Humility.
- Model Vulnerability.
- Model Repentance.
- ...

That I do it so many times that when she faces the same thing ...

- That picture comes to mind.

Our role is to Influence; not Control.

MENTAL PICTURES

If “your” Student is Confronted with a Cross Roads in their Life.

- Whether that Cross road is...
- Dealing with Disappointment.
- Someone treating them in an unfair manner...
- ...

They should have a dozen Memories jump to mind...

- Of you handling a Similar situation in a Christ like manner.
- You should put “flesh” on the life of Jesus for them.
- Right here, right now.