

# The Master Plan Of Evangelism

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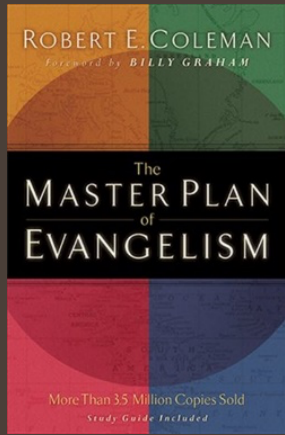
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Jesus moved on earth with a deliberate strategy of evangelism

As he was executing his plan, he was also setting forth a strategy of evangelism for his church for all time

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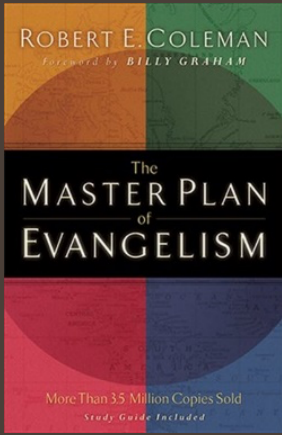
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Our task is not to invent a new strategy, but to rediscover Jesus'

This may require the loss of some religious activities and/or the altering of organizational structures

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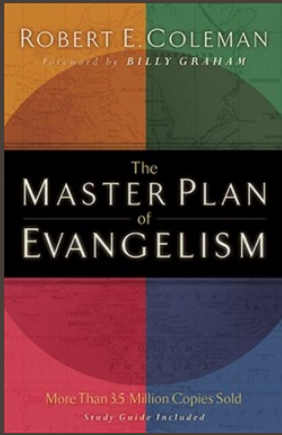
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In this book, Robert E. Coleman has identified 8 principles that he believes Jesus operated by:

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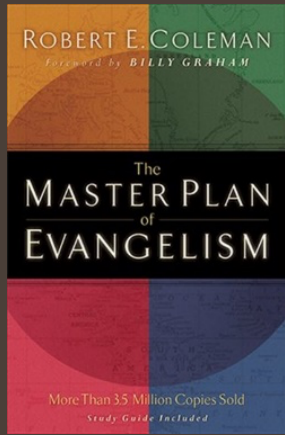
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# *Define evangelism*

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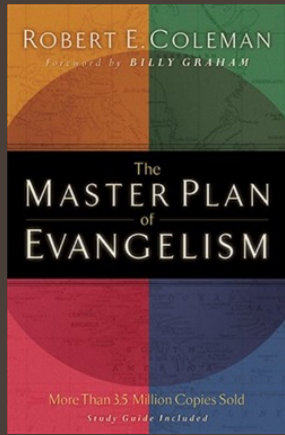
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*What is the primary objective of the Church, according to Jesus?*

*What is the primary objective of our church?*

*Is the organization of activity of our church set up to achieve the objectives Jesus gave us?*

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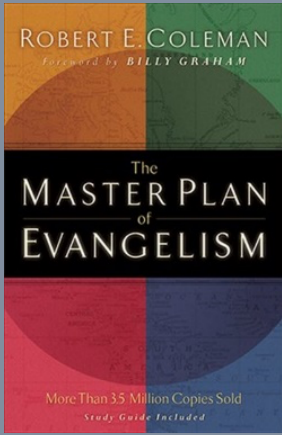
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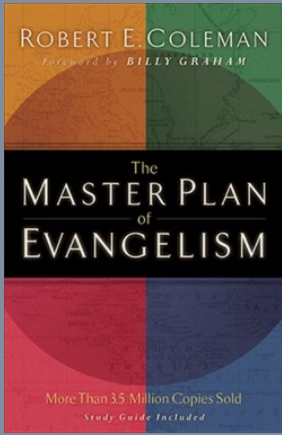
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*What is the first principle?*



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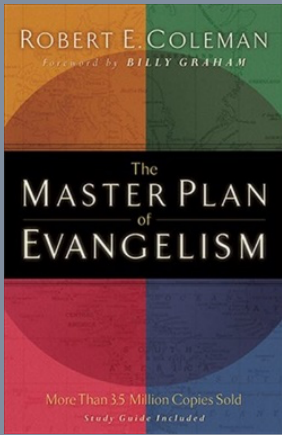
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# Men Were His Method

- Jesus gathered men before he preached a public sermon
- Jesus enlisted men who would carry on his work after he returned to the Father
- The significance of their lives would be felt throughout eternity

*What kind of men did Jesus enlist?*





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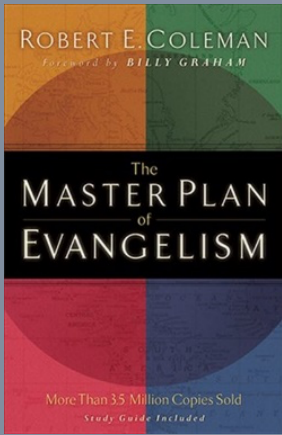
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# Men Willing to Learn

- None of his chosen men were prominent, priests, highly educated, or wealthy
- They represented an average cross section of the society in their day
- They were teachable, willing to confess their need, and sincerely yearned for God
- Jesus can use anyone who wants to be used

*Who did Jesus enlist?*



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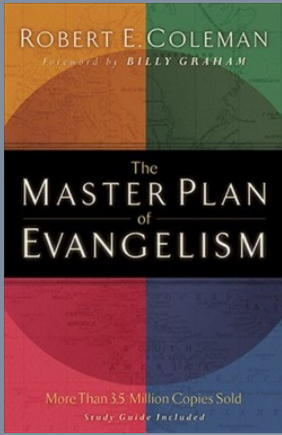
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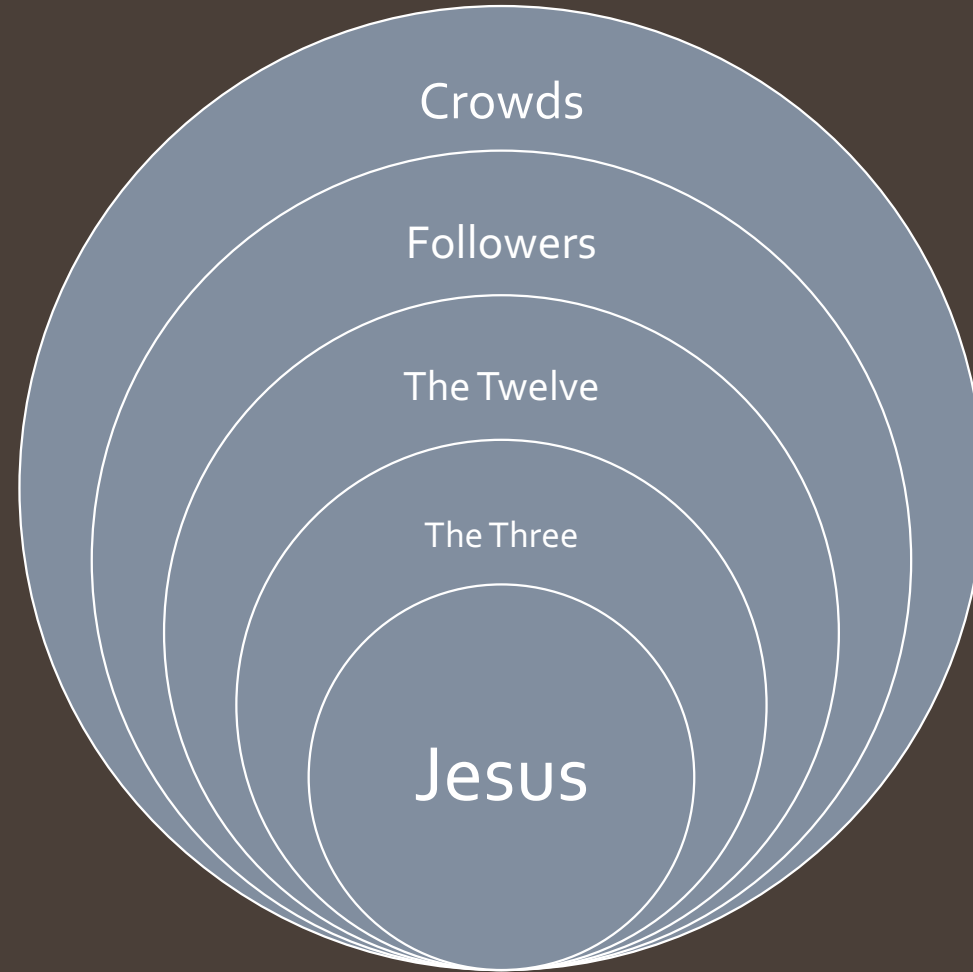
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# Jesus Concentrated on a Few

- Jesus concentrated on those he intended to use
- “One cannot transform a world except as individuals in the world are transformed”
- Jesus kept the group small enough to be able to work effectively with them
- Jesus gave rapidly diminishing priority to those outside the Twelve
- Jesus gave even more priority to the Three (Peter, James, and John)



# Priority Structure of Jesus:



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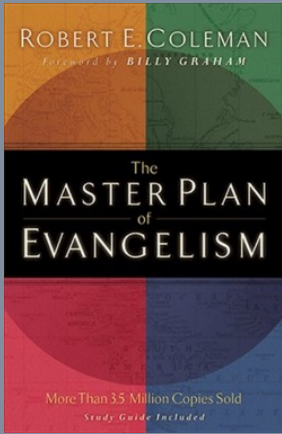
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*How does this compare to 2 Tim. 2:2?*



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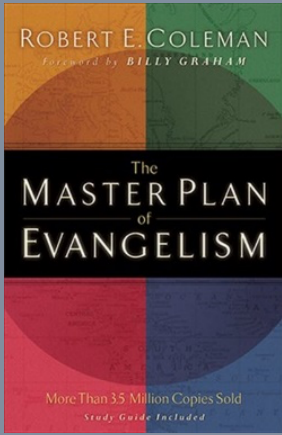
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# The Principle Observed

- The more concentrated the size of the group being taught, the greater the opportunity for effective instruction
- Jesus devoted his remaining life on earth to these few disciples. He staked his whole ministry on them.
- In the high priestly prayer of John 17:6-19, 14 of 26 verses relate directly to The Twelve.

*Did Jesus ignore the multitudes?*



# Not Neglecting the Masses

- Jesus continuously preached to the crowds, he did not shirk mass evangelism

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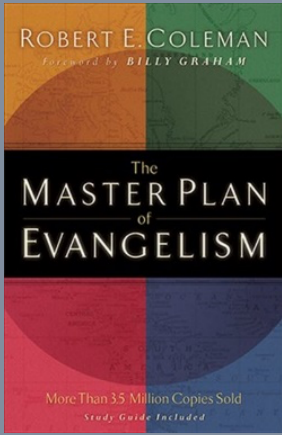
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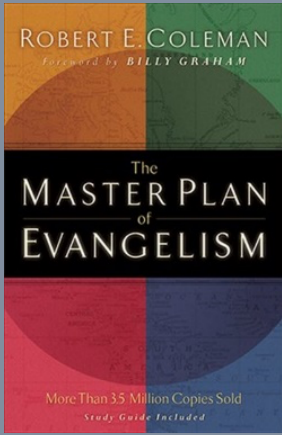
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# Multitudes Aroused

- Jesus did not lack a popular following among the masses (John 6:15)
- Jesus avoided the superficial popular support of the multitudes
- His disciples and family did not understand his strategy

*How many devoted followers did Jesus have at the time of his death?*



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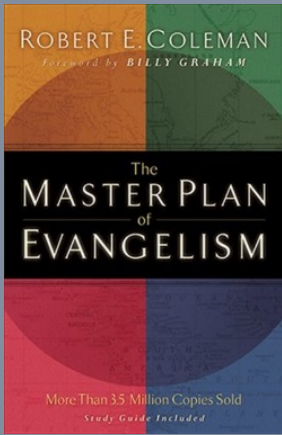
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# Few Seemed to Understand

- Few people were actually converted during the 3 year ministry of Christ
- Only about 500 were present when Christ appeared (1 Cor. 15:5) and only 120 stayed in Jerusalem (Acts 1:15)



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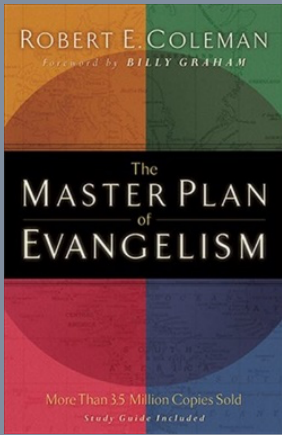
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# His Strategy

- Jesus was not trying to impress a crowd, but to usher in a kingdom. This meant that he needed people who could lead the multitudes.
- Though he did what he could to help the multitudes, he had to devote himself primarily to a few men, rather than the masses, so that the masses could at last be saved.

*What are some issues with this?*





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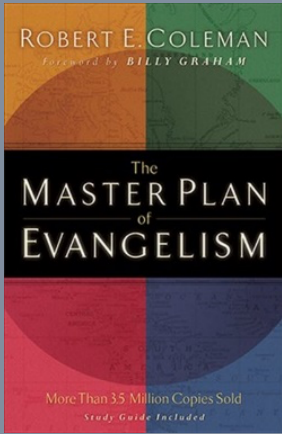
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# The Principle Applied Today

- This will require more concentration of time and talents on fewer people in the church, while not neglecting the passion for the world
- It will mean raising up trained disciplers
- Some may claim that this means showing favouritism towards a select group in the church, but this is what Jesus did
- Everything that is done with the few is for the salvation of the multitudes

*Where else has this been used?*



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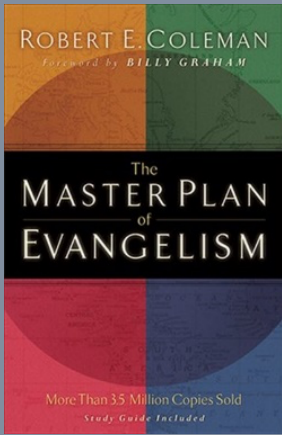
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# Modern Demonstrations

- This principle has been used in business, industry, government, military, etc.
- The multitudes can be won easily if they are just given leaders to follow



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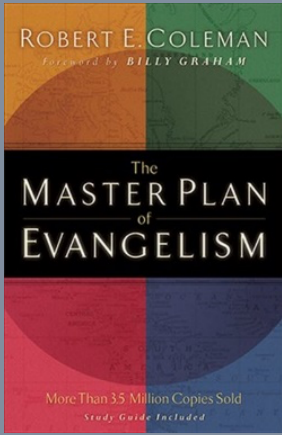
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# Time for Action

- The evangelistic program of the Church has slowed on almost every front
- We should focus on training up those who can lead and disciple others
- We must decide where we want our ministry to count – in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the reproduction of our lives in a few chosen people who will carry on our work after we have gone
- which generation we are living for?



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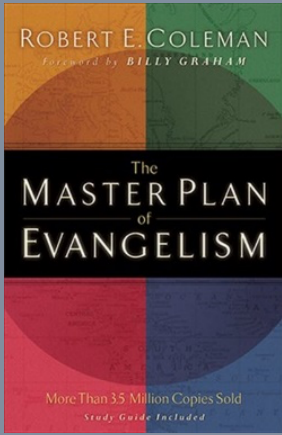
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*Who are you currently discipling?*

*What should you look for in  
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*What would you want to see  
accomplished in their life?*



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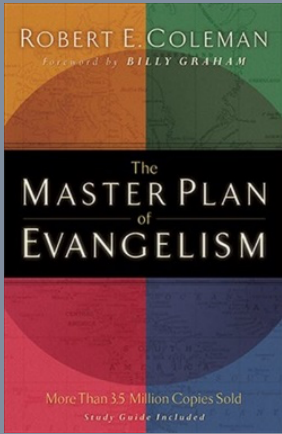
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*What is the second principle?*



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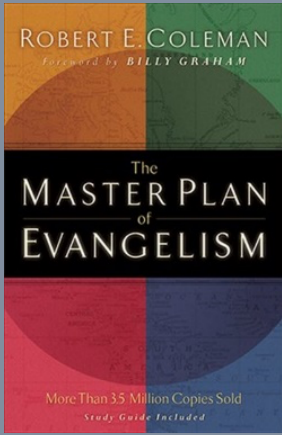
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# He Stayed with Them

- The essence of Jesus' training program was just to let his disciples follow him (the pedagogy of Jesus)
- His disciples were distinguished not by outward conformity to certain rituals but by being with him and participating in his doctrine



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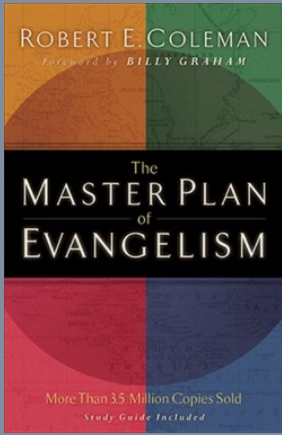
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# To Know Was to Be With

- Knowledge was gained by association before it was understood by explanation
- One living sermon is worth a hundred explanations

*How did Jesus call his disciples?*



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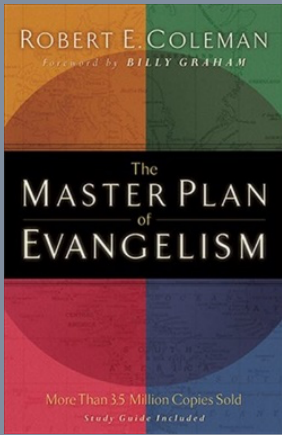
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# The Principle Observed

- By responding to Christ's invitation to "come and see" and to "follow me", they effectively enrolled themselves in the Master's school. In his presence they could learn all they needed to know
- The Twelve were chosen "that they might be with him" (Mark 3:14, Luke 6:13)
- Before they were to preach or cast out devils they were to be with him

*Did they get less attention over time?*





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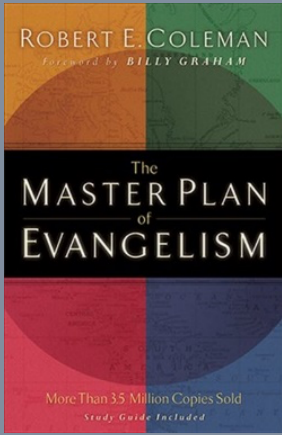
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# Closer as Training Ends

- As his ministry neared its end, Jesus gave more time to his chosen disciples, not less
- As he neared Jerusalem, he “took the twelve disciples apart” (Matthew 20:17)
- During the passion week Jesus was always with his disciples, even when praying in Gethsemane
- Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection to revive their faith so they could take what they had learnt to others

*Did Jesus ignore the multitudes?*



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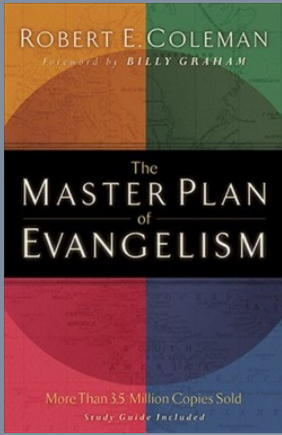
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# Still Ministering to the Masses

- Jesus taught his disciples while ministering to the masses (on the job training)

*What was this like for Jesus?*



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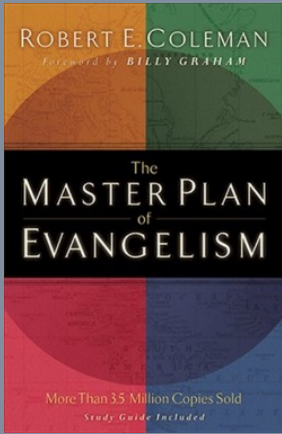
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# It Takes Time

- Jesus had virtually no time to call his own
- His disciples were his spiritual children, constantly interrupting him with their needs
- Jesus wanted it this way
- The only way that a father can properly raise a family is to be with it

*Did Jesus give time to anyone else?*



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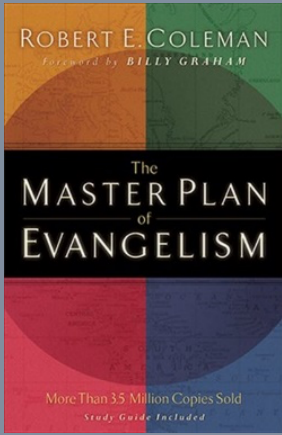
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# The Foundation of Follow-Up

- Jesus had been training men to be his witnesses by being “with them” (John 15:27)
- Jesus gave some of his time to others as well (Zacchaeus, the people in Samaria, Mary and Martha, etc.) but not as much as he did to his disciples
- Jesus did not have time to give constant attention to everyone



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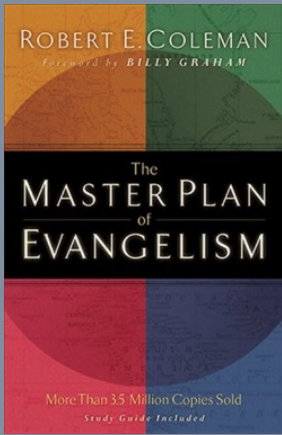
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# The Church as a Continuing Fellowship

- The church principle: one believer is brought into fellowship with all the others
- Most references to the disciples as individuals refers to failures on their part, while the references to the group as a whole more often speak of their joy, understanding, or achievement



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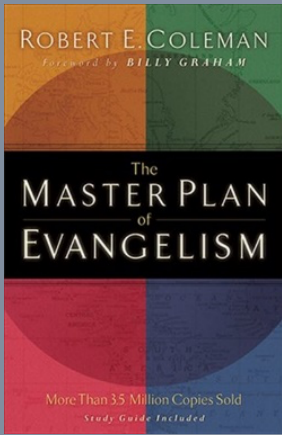
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# Our Problem

- Jesus showed us that training men and women can only be done by staying close to those whom we seek to lead
- We do not have enough concern for personal association, especially when it becomes evident that such work involves the sacrifice of personal indulgence
- New Christians are often left entirely on their own to find solutions to practical problems confronting their lives



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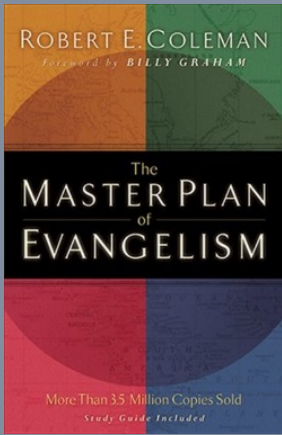
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# Our Problem (continued)

- About half of those who make professions of faith and join the church eventually fall away and fewer still grow in sufficient knowledge and grace to be of any real service to the Kingdom
- “If Jesus, the Son of God, found it necessary to stay almost constantly with his few disciples for three years, and even one of them was lost, how can a church expect to do this job on an assembly line basis a few days out of the year?”



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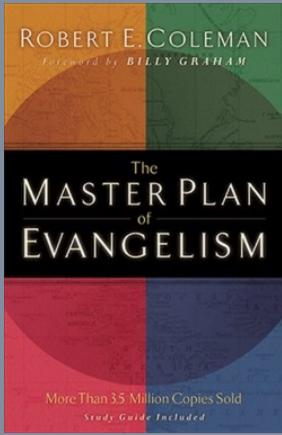
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# The Principle Applied Today

- Churches must have a personal guardian concern for those entrusted to their care
- Someone must stay with every convert as much as possible until they can lead someone else





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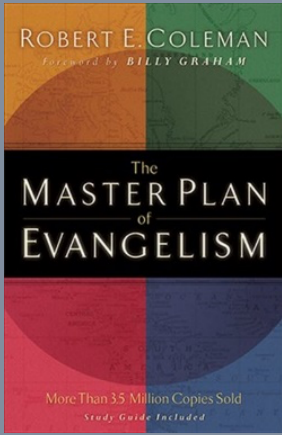
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*Who are you currently discipling?*

*How much time are you spending  
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*Is it only when it is convenient?*



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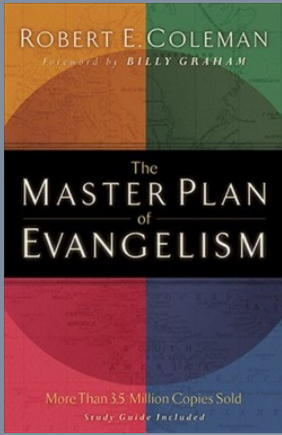
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*What is the third principle?*

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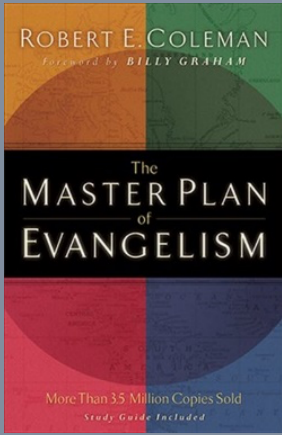
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# *What does it mean to be consecrated?*

“To be dedicated for a sacred office or as an object for sacred purposes.”

Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible



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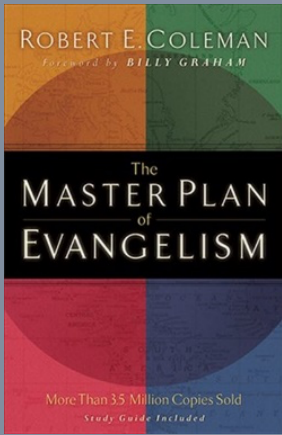
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*What does it mean to be  
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“The devoting or setting apart of  
anything to the worship  
or service of God.”

Easton's Bible Dictionary



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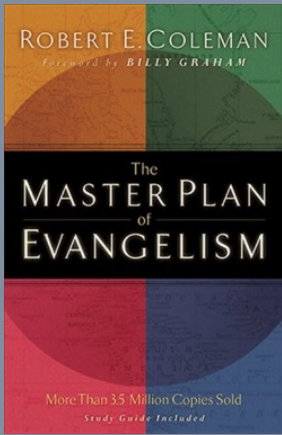
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# Jesus Required Obedience

- Loyalty became the distinguishing mark by which the disciples were known

## *What is a disciple?*

- The disciples were learners, pupils of the Master
- Before all else the disciples were called to follow Jesus, which required faith/trust in the one followed.



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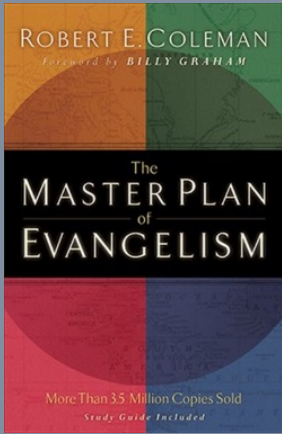
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# The Way of the Cross

- There was no compromise for the disciple. It was full surrender of one's whole life to the Master in absolute submission to his sovereignty.
- There had to be a complete forsaking of sin, and an embrace of Kingdom living.

*How did Jesus respond to those who refused him? How do we tend to respond?*



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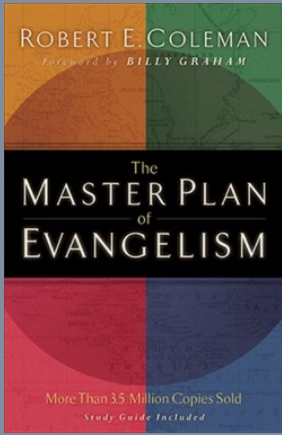
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# Count the Cost

- You could not follow Jesus through the course of life without forsaking the world.

**“The threefold call of Jesus to forsake family and self, bear the cross of discipleship, and renounce possessions is nothing less than the summons to a new identity, not on the basis of genetics, race or social factors, but on the basis of costly discipleship with Jesus.”**

Michael Green – Evangelism in the Local Church



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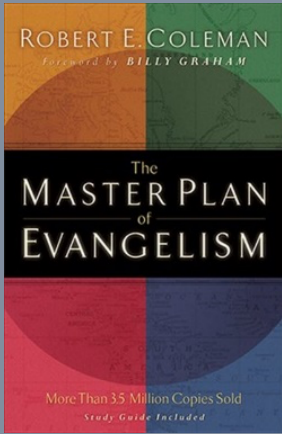
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*How much did Jesus give for his followers?*

*How much does Jesus expect from his followers?*





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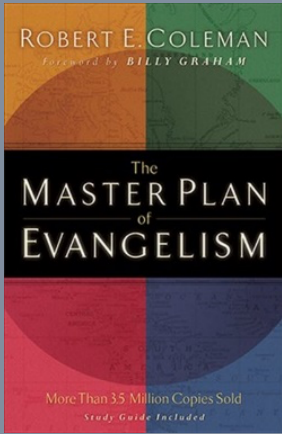
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# Few Would Pay the Price

- It was those who would not go away, but instead believe the Holy One of God that would begin to receive the unambiguously revelation of the Saviour's suffering and death.

*Are you ever tempted to leave? Where would you go? Will you find eternal life there?*



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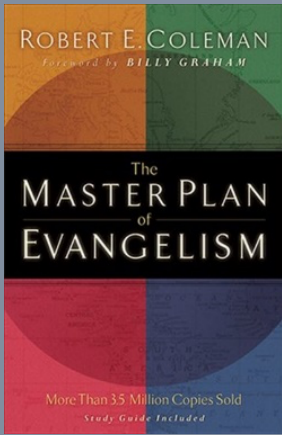
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# To Obey is to Learn

- The disciple's didn't understand everything the Lord said immediately.
- Jesus patiently endured the human failings of his chosen disciples because they would grow in grace and knowledge.
- Obedience to Christ thus was the very means by which those in his company learned more truth.



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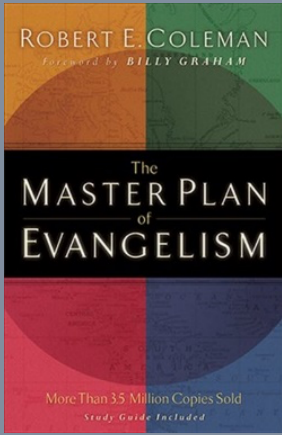
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*Jesus didn't urge his disciples to commit their lives to a doctrine, but to a person who was the doctrine, and only as they continued in his Word could they know the truth.*



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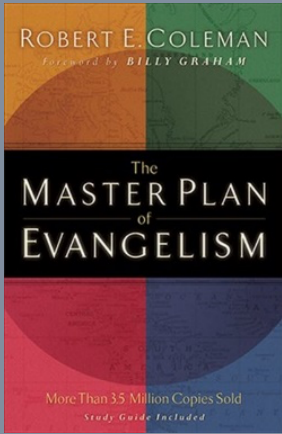
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# The Proof of Love

- Supreme obedience was interpreted to be the expression of love.
- Obedience to his Word validated one's love of Christ, God's love to us, and the ability to love others.



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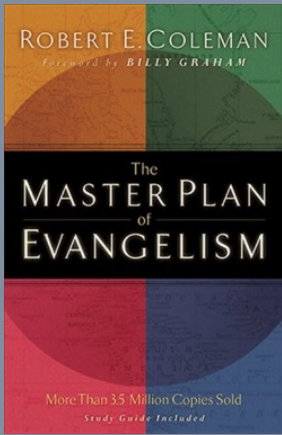
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Current teaching had:

*"subtly changed the thrust of the gospel. Instead of exhorting sinners to repent, evangelicalism in our society asks the unsaved to 'accept Christ.' That makes sinners sovereign and outs Christ at their disposal...This modified gospel depicts conversion as a 'decision for Christ' rather a life-transforming change of heart involving genuine faith, repentance, surrender, and rebirth unto newness of life."*

John MacArthur – The Gospel According to Jesus



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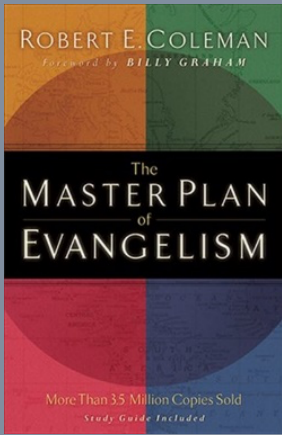
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# The Proof of Love

*"...While there is no question that repentance involves a change of mind, it certainly does not end there. It is a wholesale change in direction, a change in purpose, a change in attitude, and a change in affections. All of this can only be the result of God's gracious regenerating work and is therefore evidence of salvation."*

Burk Parsons, ed., *Assured by God*



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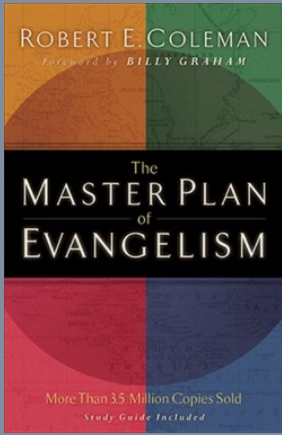
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# Demonstrated by Jesus

- In his human nature, Jesus continually gave consent to the will of the Father which made it possible for God to use his life fully according to its intended purpose.
- The cross was BUT the crowning climax of Jesus's commitment to do the will of God. It forever showed that obedience could not be compromised – it was always a commitment unto death.



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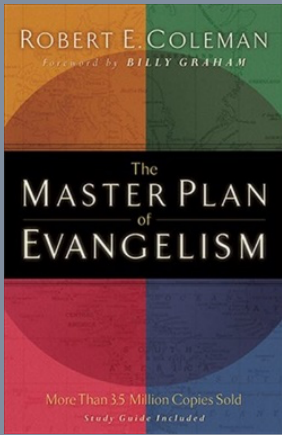
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# The Principle of Focus

- There could be no development of character or purpose in the disciples without obedience.
- No one can ever be a leader until he has learned to follow a leader.
- Absolute obedience to the will of the Master is required.





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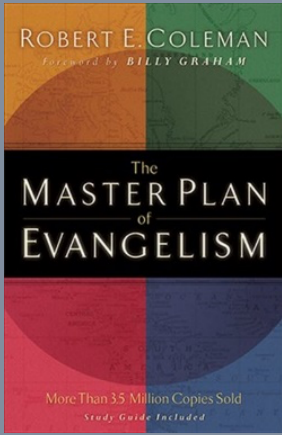
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# The Principle Applied Today

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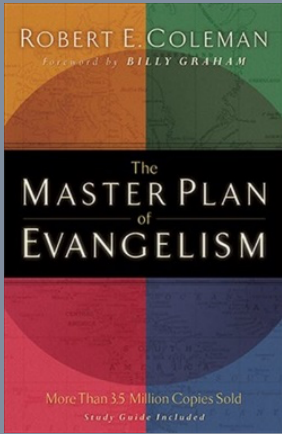
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*Have you become indifferent to the commands of God (maybe contented complacency with mediocrity)?*



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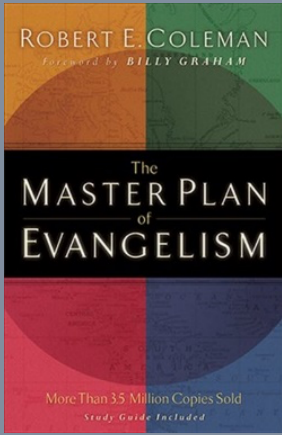
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*If we have Christian friends who seem to be uninterested in obedience to Christ...*

1. I resolve to ask God to develop a Christian friend in the area of obedience:
2. I will cultivate a closer acquaintance with the following person and endeavour to disciple them to lead a deeper Christian life:



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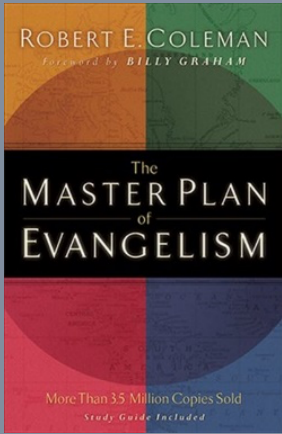
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# How Would You Define “Impartation”?



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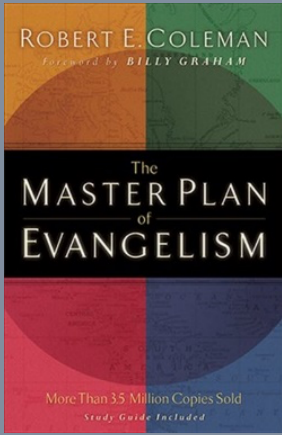
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# Impartation = Self-Giving

*Through Jesus' demonstration, the disciples learned what real consecration meant. The fact that they learned self-giving was to be a factor by which the multitudes were to be convinced of the reality of the gospel.*



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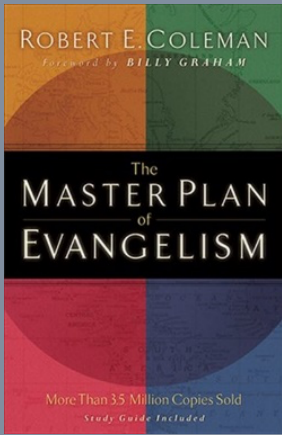
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# Jesus Gave Himself Away

- He held nothing back, nothing withheld not even his own life. Jesus gave. Love is like that. It always gives itself away. God gave all he had to those he loved.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit would facilitate the disciples coming to discover a deeper understanding of the love of God for the world.



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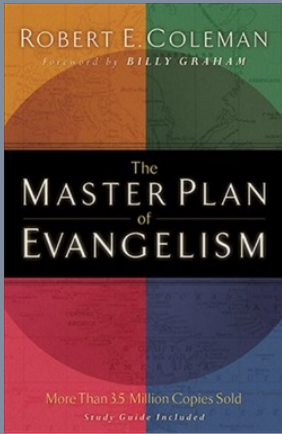
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- The gift of the Holy Spirit gave the ability to grow deeper in our understanding of the love of God for the world.

*Does the knowledge that Jesus renounced his own right of living and gave his life for the world help you to understand the cross better and your life in Christ more?*



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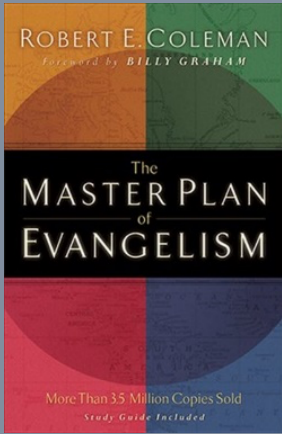
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# The Compulsion of Evangelism

- Everything Jesus did and said was consumed by his consuming passion
- The disciples witnessed their Master deny himself every day.
- No service too small; no sacrifice too great when it was rendered for the glory of God.

*Do we triage what we will do in sacrifice for others based on our estimation of its appeal to self?*





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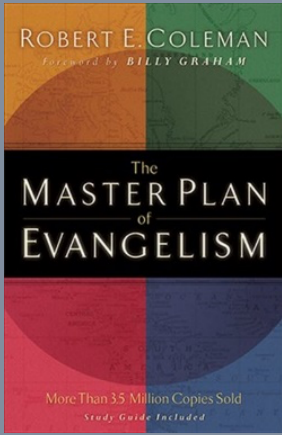
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# His Sanctification

- Jesus sanctified himself to God through committed loving service to others.
- Jesus' sanctification was in the area of commitment to the work of redemption.
- Jesus appointed his disciples to go out and do his work, and thus required a full commitment every day.

*What would this kind of dedication to the gospel mean for your efforts in evangelism? The church's effort?*



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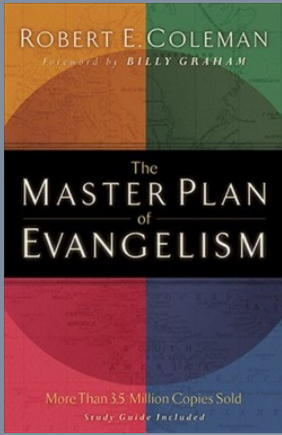
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# Credentials of the Ministry

- Calvary-like love was the ideal to measure one's individual service
- The disciples were to love like Jesus
- Their love validate the gospel for people

*Are we displaying Calvary-like love?*

*Is that kind of love displayed in our lives  
impacting our gospel witness?*



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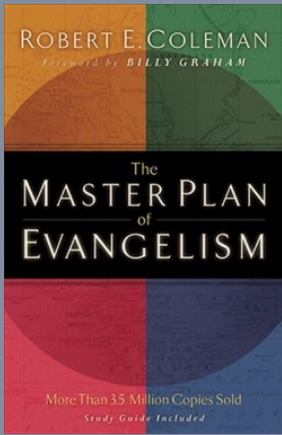
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# The Work of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit makes Christian love possible
- The Spirit regenerates, sustains, enables, and nourishes the believer
- Disciples were empowered to do what Jesus did and more
- One requirement: let the Spirit have control.

*Define your daily relationship with the Spirit?*



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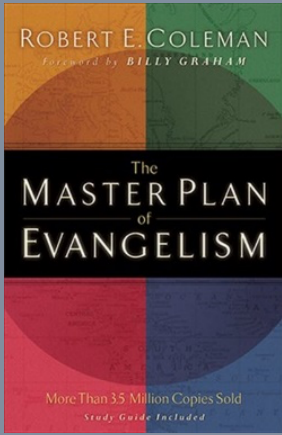
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# Another Comforter

- Jesus needed to help the disciples understand their future and vital relationship with the Spirit
- The Holy Spirit was compensation for the loss of Christ in the life for the twelve
- Having the Spirit instead of Christ in the flesh was a benefit to all disciples

*Is reliance on the engagement of the Spirit of God in your life vital to your life in the gospel?*



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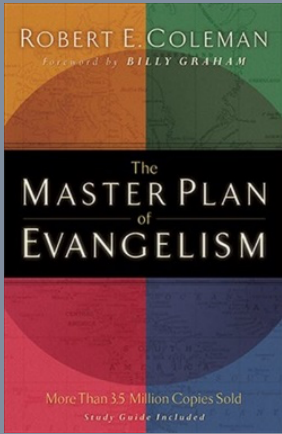
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# The Great Paradox of Life

- ✓ We must die to ourselves to live in Christ
- ✓ We must give ourselves away in service to Christ



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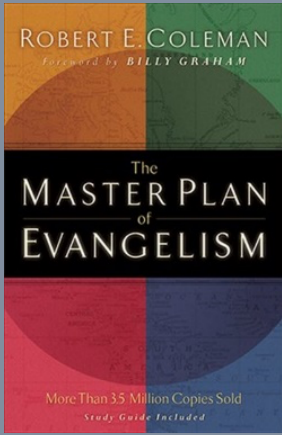
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# Fifth Principle:

# Demonstration

*a practical **exhibition** and **explanation** of how something works or is performed.*



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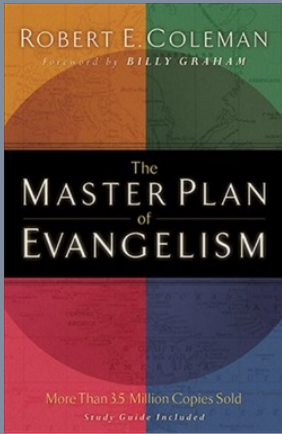
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# *He Showed Them How to Live*

- Jesus ensured disciples learned to live with God and man
- His experience needed to be maintained and shared



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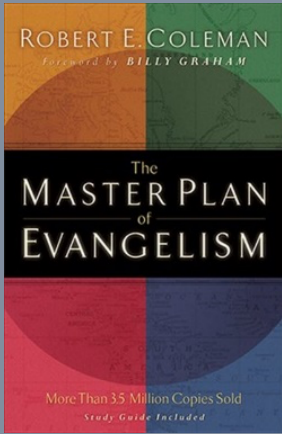
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# *The Practice of Prayer*

- Jesus intentionally had disciples see Him conversing with His Father
- Didn't force the lesson on them, rather kept praying until they asked (hearts ready to receive)
- Communicated basic principles, provided illustration, then modelled prayer
- Unless they grasped the meaning and practiced prayer with consistency, fruit would be limited





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# Luke 11:1-4

**11** Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

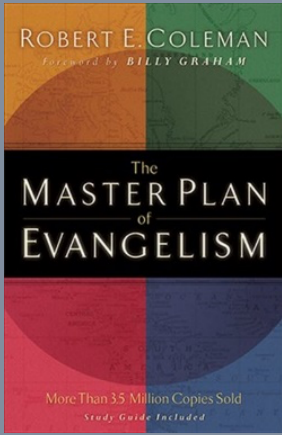
“Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”



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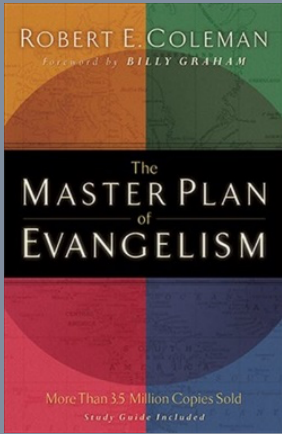
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Am I praying with my wife, children, and others I am discipling?*
- 2. Do I force my will on those I am discipling or do I simply continue to biblically model and wait for their inquiry?*



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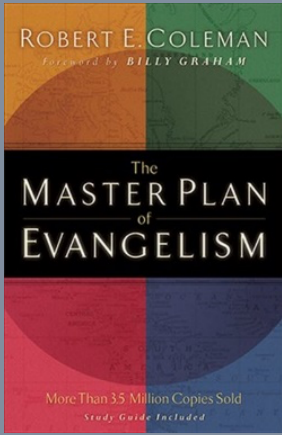
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# *Using Scripture*

- Jesus never ceased to use Scriptures in conversation with disciples
- Modelled basic scriptural interpretation and application
- Written word and word spoken by Christ never in contradiction
- Must learn Scriptures by heart, allow them to give authority to speech



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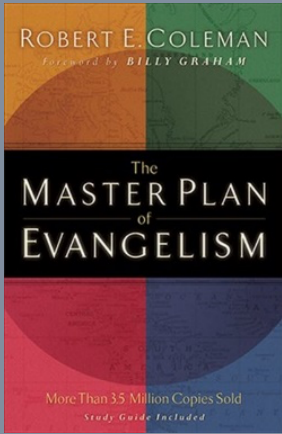
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# John 15:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.



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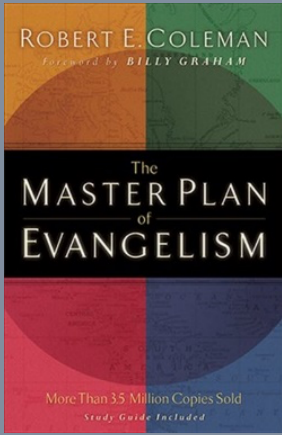
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Do I use Scripture in my daily conversations?*
- 2. Does Scripture give my speech authority? In what specific areas?*



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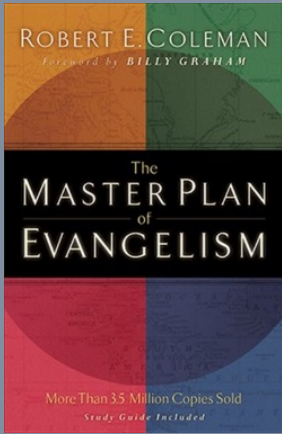
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# *Supremely Soul Winning*

- Everything Jesus said and did had relevance to evangelism
- Explaining a spiritual truth or interacting with others, teaching situations weren't contrived



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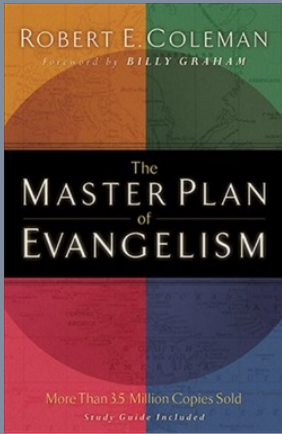
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Do I take advantage of teachable moments?*
- 2. Would my speech, action, and interaction with others be best described as evangelistic in nature?*



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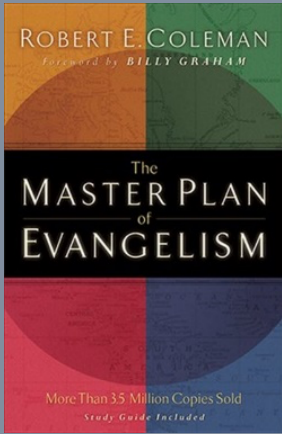
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# *Teaching Naturally*

- Jesus' truth called attention to itself, not the presentation
- Jesus was his method – practicing with the disciples what he expected them to learn
- Drawing people, winning confidence, inspiring faith, opening them to the way of salvation, and calling to a decision





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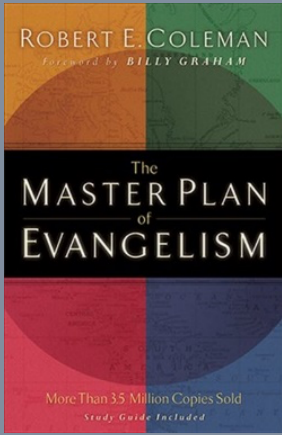
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. In my experience, what professional techniques or gimmicks have I seen the Church employ to evangelize? Have these been successful?*



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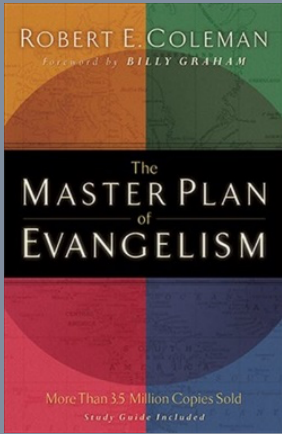
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# *Classes Always in Session*

- Disciples were always with Jesus to observe and seek explanation
- Explanation often took longer than initial lesson
- Jesus commonly explained his reasons/methods without disciples inquiring



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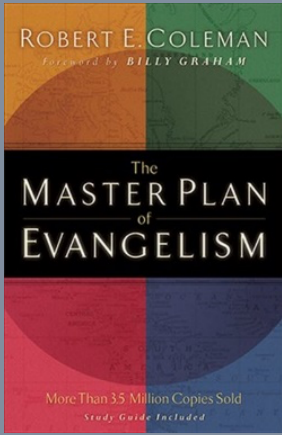
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# Mark 4:10-25

<sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."



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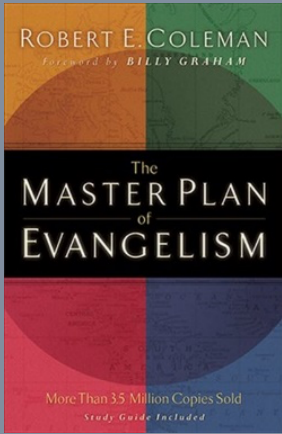
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## *The Principle in Focus*

- Jesus method wasn't a continuous sermon, rather object lessons
- Didn't ask disciples to do anything he had not first demonstrated
- Practical learning at all times
- People are looking for a demonstration, not an explanation



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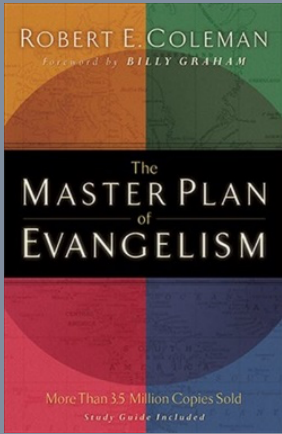
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. In what ways are object lessons and life applications more valuable than sermons in evangelism?*
- 2. How often do I teach according to "Do as I say, not as I do" principle? How is this contrary to what Jesus modelled?*



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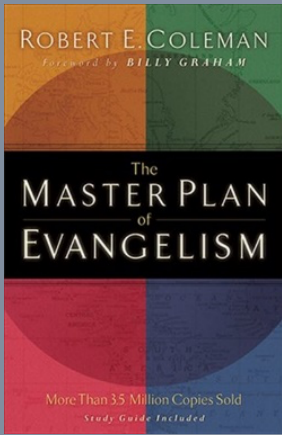
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# *The Principle Applied Today*

- Those who seek to train, must be prepared to be followed as they follow Christ
  - “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” 1 Cor. 11:1
- Cannot evade our personal responsibility to reveal practical outworking in life
- Imperfection requires vulnerability (confession/apology)
- Unapplied knowledge can be a stumbling block to further truth
- Demonstration was part of the Master’s strategy



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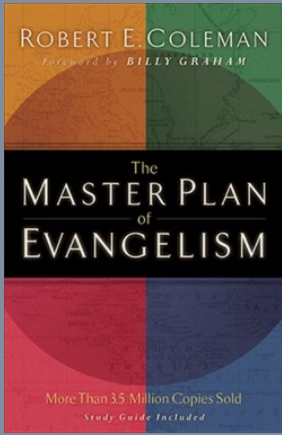
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. How often do I confess sin in front of others?  
Or apologize to those who I have wronged?*
- 2. Do I allow others see my imperfections? Do I  
acknowledge them in my life?*
- 3. How do I view believers who are quick to  
confess sin or acknowledge their weaknesses?*



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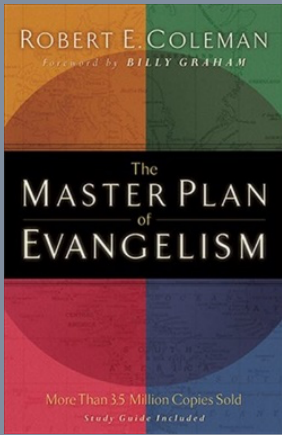
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## Sixth Principle:

# Delegation

- Entrust (a task or responsibility) to another person
- To send or authorize a person sent to represent others





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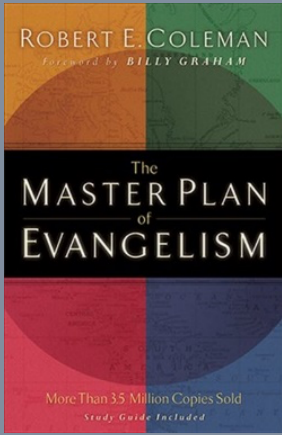
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# *He Assigned Them Work*

- Evangelism assignment was progressive, considering their ability to learn
- Several occasions Jesus asked those helped by his ministry to share
- Besides the occasional opportunity to share, baptize, and help logistically, early disciples primarily observed (demonstration of patience)
- By third tour of Galilee, realizing time drawing to a close, disciples were expected to join in the work (Mark 6:7)



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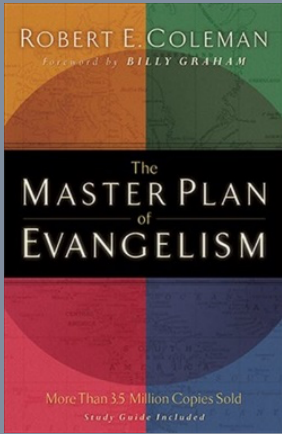
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. How do I exhibit patience with those I am discipling?*
- 2. Am I too quick to delegate and cease discipling? What are the dangers with this tendency?*



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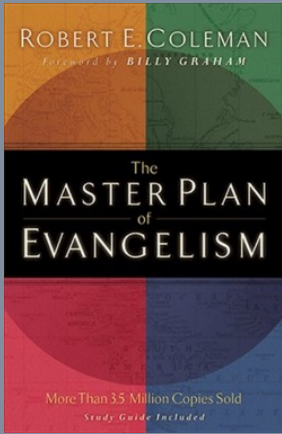
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# *Briefing Instructions*

- Outlined explicitly what He had taught implicitly
- Reaffirmed His purpose (Luke 9:1-2), emphasized immediacy, outlined scope of authority (Matt 10:8), directed where to start, and stated working conditions



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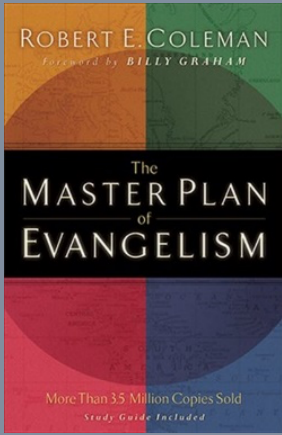
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# *Follow His Method*

- Jesus instructs disciples to concentrate time on most promising individuals (live with)
- This would ensure follow-up once disciples left
- If a leader could not be found, move on (Matt. 10)



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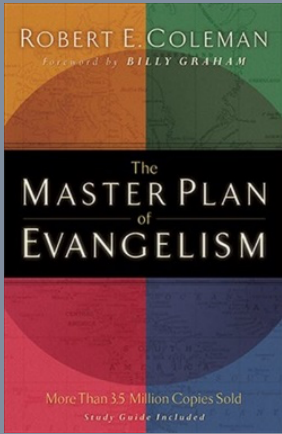
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. How do I identify "promising individuals" in my life?*
- 2. What does this strategy look like in the local church?*



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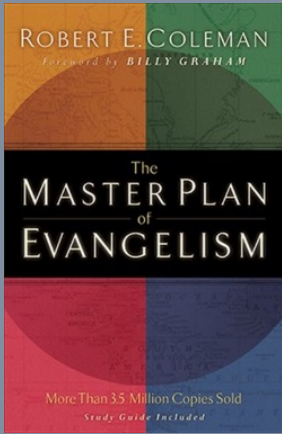
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# *Expect Hardship*

- Jesus warned that some would refuse their message and even hate the disciples
- His way contrary to the “accepted pattern of worldly wisdom”
- Jesus never underestimated strength of the enemy or resulting natural resistance
- Disciples reminded to “fear not”, assured of God’s presence and protection



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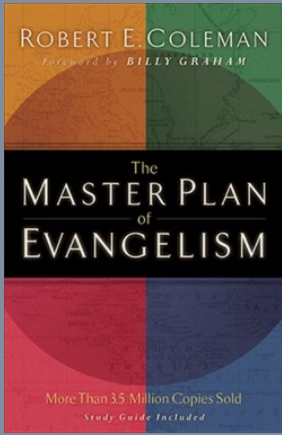
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## Matthew 10:16-18

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.



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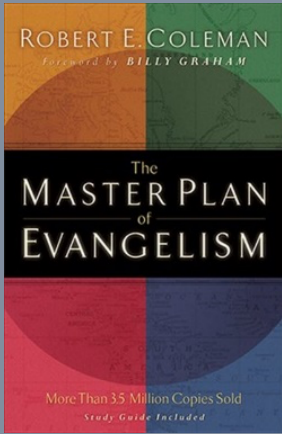
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. What are the ways I underestimate the enemy? Do I acknowledge and pray against the enemy regularly?*
- 2. Have I ever experienced "hate" because of the Gospel? What does this reveal about my personal evangelism?*





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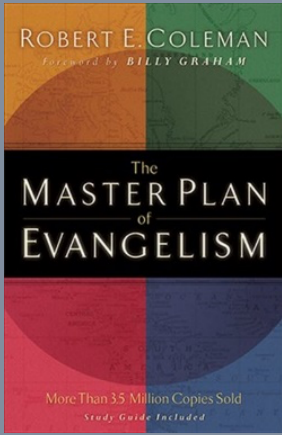
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# *A Dividing Gospel*

- Reminded of divisive nature of gospel message
- Could be no compromise with sin, message would convict/disturb the complacent
- Revolutionary gospel, when obeyed would cause revolutionary change in people and society



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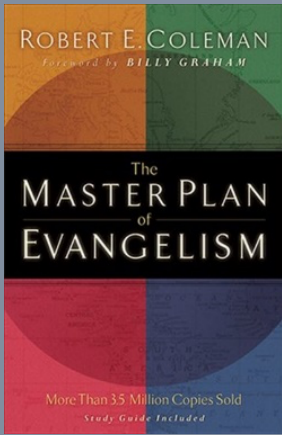
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Am I seeing revolutionary change in people or society? Why or why not?*



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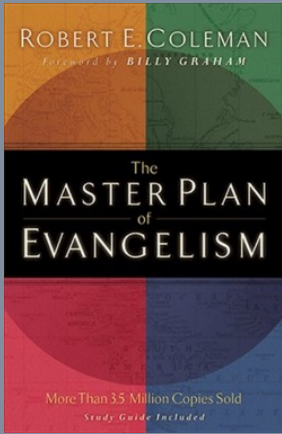
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# *One with Christ*

- Mission of disciples no different in principle or method than that of Christ
- Disciples given Christ's authority and power to do His work



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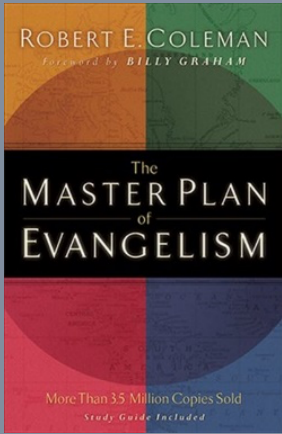
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# Questions to Consider:

1. *Where in Scripture am I, as a believer, given the authority to do the work of Christ?*



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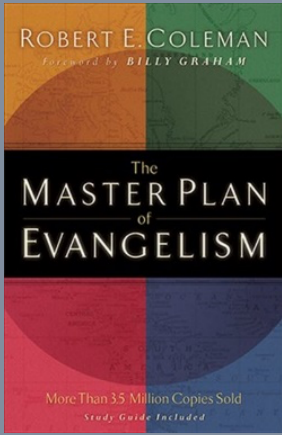
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# *Two by Two*

- Jesus sent out disciples in pairs for companionship (importance of togetherness)
- Started active ministry of Christ on their own



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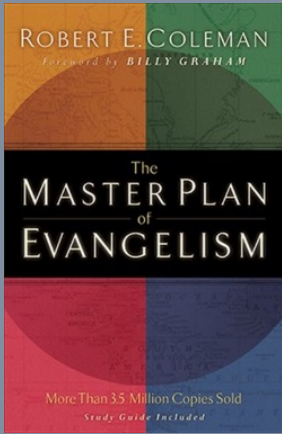
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. When in the early church do I see the "two by two" principle employed?*



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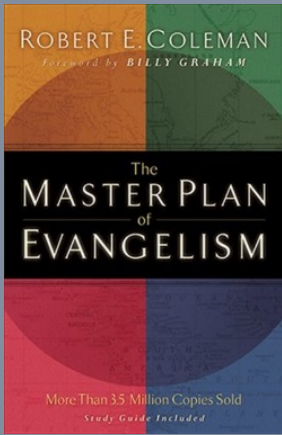
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# *The Mission of Seventy*

- Same instructions given to 70 as original disciples received
- Reminded of their role as forerunners of Christ – part of the Master's strategy



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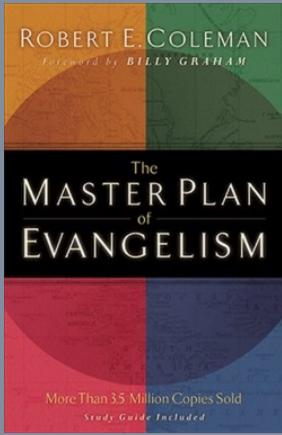
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## Luke 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'





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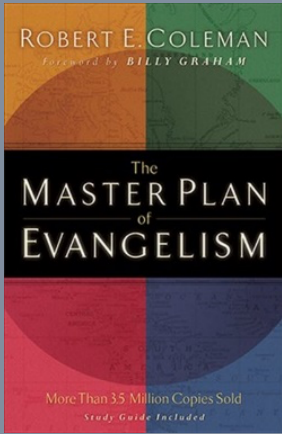
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# *Post-Resurrection Commands*

- Delegating evangelistic work assignments seen 4 separate occasions after crucifixion and resurrection, before ascension
  - Upper room (Luke 24)
  - Sea of Tiberias (John 21)
  - Great Commission (Matt 28)
  - Before ascension (Luke 24)



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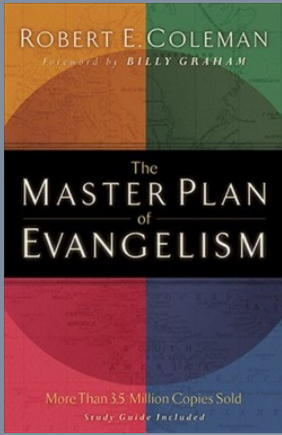
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# *The Principle Is Clear*

- Work of evangelism perceived initially, progressively clarified, finally clearly commanded
- Not an optional accessory to life
- Everything has its justification in fulfilling the mission of evangelism



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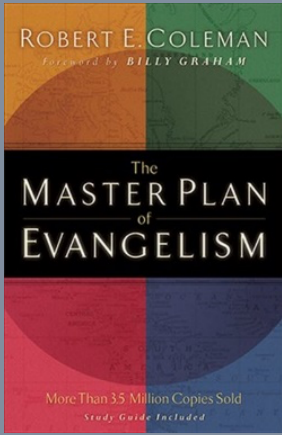
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Do I truly see evangelism as a primary mandate as a believer? How is this manifested in my life?*



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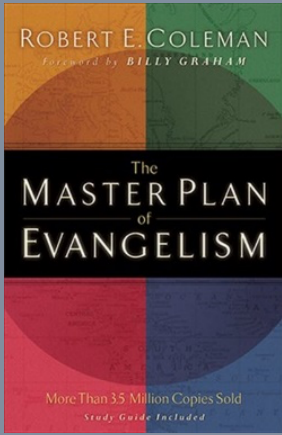
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# *The Principle Applied Today*

- Best to give practical work assignments with clear expectations
- Assignment is not a discharge from training, Jesus had no intention of turning the disciples loose from His personal direction, nor should the church



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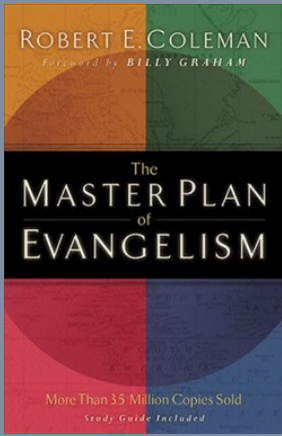
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# Questions to Consider:

- 1. Does Southshore exhibit this discipleship model? If so, what is the evidence?*



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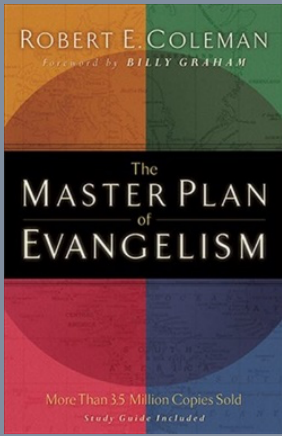
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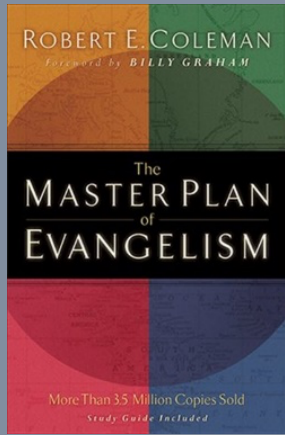
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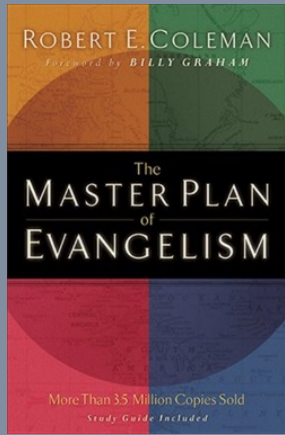
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