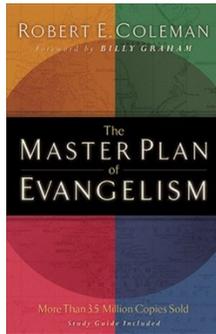


I. Reading Roll-call



Coleman, The Master Plan of Evangelism.
Chapter 5 & 6
Pages 63 - 80

II. Companies

III. Teaching

Chapter Five: Demonstration

He Showed Them How to Live

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Principle Applied Today

- Those who seek to train, must be prepared to be followed as they follow Christ
- 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

Chapter Six: Delegation

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)

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

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)

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

A Dividing Gospel

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

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

Two by Two

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

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

Post-Resurrection Commands

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

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

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

IV. Discussion Questions

1. In terms of evangelism, how am I following Christ's example in the following areas:
 - a. Living Life
 - b. Practice of Prayer
 - c. Use of Scripture
 - d. Emphasis of Soul Winning
 - e. Use of Teachable Moments

2. In reference to a specific individual I am discipling has my (or is my) evangelistic delegation:
 - Progressive?
 - Outlined both implicitly and explicitly?
 - Focussed on a few?
 - Resulted in hardship?
 - Developed through partnerships?
 - Repeated to emphasis importance and clarity?