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Our Memory Verse

"Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

—Matthew 16:24—



STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

THE DYNAMICS OF MBBE MINISTRIES **LESSON NO. 40 THE DISCIPLESHIP METHODS FOR EKKLESIA GROWTH**

Our Lord Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry never employed any "hit and miss" method. Everything that He did was carefully organized and well executed by the Master-Teacher Himself. He personally chose and called men and women to work for and together with Him. He taught and trained them to be His disciples. He chose them, prepared them for the divine task and even prayed for each one of them. Likewise, in our time, we should also pray for laborers— teach and train them to serve Christ and help expand all our ekklesia ministries and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. **There are three (3) methods of discipleship that we practice here in our ekklesia to ensure growth of all our works here and abroad. We learned and patterned them from the very teachings and example laid down by the Lord Himself (1 Peter 2:21).**

A. The Obedience Campaign

Through Obedience Campaign, we teach and encourage new believers and those who are becoming mature in the faith to obey God and be faithful to Him in all aspects of their new life in Christ. We teach them to:

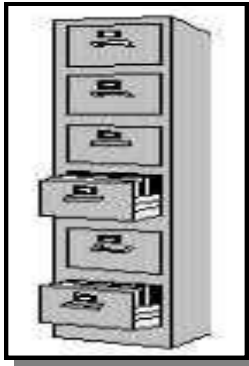
1. Obey God in the waters of baptism [first act of obedience] (Matt. 3:16).
2. Obey God by serving Him and others (Rom. 12:11; Gal. 5:13).
3. Obey God by being faithful to Him (1 Sam. 12:24; 1 Thess. 1:1-10).

B. The New Disciples Class

The New Disciples Class is meant to teach, guide and provide an avenue for teaching and fellowship with the new believers as far as the basics of Christian doctrine and living are concerned. In this class, new believers are required to attend 10 consecutive Sundays of one-hour meeting from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM and learn the Word of God. They are taught here the precious doctrines and fundamental teachings such as Faith, Salvation, Assurance of Salvation, Soul-Winning, Prayer, Ordinances of the Ekklesia, Cheerful Giving, Service, the New Testament Ekklesia, the history and ministries of the MBBE and the personal biography of the Senior Pastor, his life and calling.

C. The YAYA System. This is a ONE-ON-ONE Discipleship method that we use to mentor personally and intimately our new disciples. It follows 3 methods:

Method 1. Each newly baptized believer is automatically ushered in the New Disciples Class (NDC). At the completion of the 10-Sunday NDC Program, he or she will be given a Certificate of Completion. The NDC Director and staff are then tasked to identify the ages of these new baptized believers and turn them over to the Sunday School Teachers and Fellowship Group Leaders where they should belong. For example, a college student who has successfully finished the 10-Sunday NDC Program is automatically ushered in to the BYI group. The BYI Coordinator will then choose and assign a mature BYI'er to disciple that new member. He or she will be the spiritual "Yaya" until the new believer becomes faithful and spiritually mature.



The **BMA** **ARCHIVES**

Dr. Benny M. Abante's
PREACHING MATERIALS

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

OCTOBER 25 1 TIMOTHY 3:16
OCTOBER 26 1 TIMOTHY 4:8
OCTOBER 27 1 TIMOTHY 4:12
OCTOBER 28 1 TIMOTHY 6:6, 7
OCTOBER 29 1 TIMOTHY 6:10
OCTOBER 30 2 TIMOTHY 1:7
OCTOBER 31 2 TIMOTHY 1:8, 9

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verse in every
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memory verses after

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Method 2. The NDC Director and staff are tasked to endorse their new graduates to the Sunday School Teachers so that they will be properly enrolled and be part of the mainstream Sunday School. Age and status are major factors that determine where these new believers should belong. The Sunday School Teacher then will choose among his or her students who will disciple the new members of their class.

Method 3. In order for this method of discipleship to be effective and have lasting impact, our *Yaya* must:

1. Be willing to allocate time for his or her disciple-student. It may be one hour once a week or more.
2. Agree with a common schedule and venue for prayer, study of God's Word and fellowship.
3. Always be ready to offer help when asked and needed.
4. Be an example of spirituality, faithfulness and servitude so that by his or her example, the disciple-student will learn more of the Word and things of God, faithfulness and service.
5. Help his or her disciple-student to know other members of the ekklesia and become friends with them.

6. Always serve as an encouragement and not discouragement to the disciple-student.
7. Have a heart and discipline to teach, reach and train the disciple-student and if necessary, correct him or her in love.
8. Train the disciple-student to become a mature disciple of the Lord. The Yaya must help the disciple-student to see the importance of his or her spiritual growth and progress as a disciple or disciplined follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. The disciple-student must be able to realize that his or her growth depends first upon his or her willingness to learn from the Word of God (Preaching and Teaching) and secondly, upon his or her desire to be used of God for His service and others.

Conclusion

I trust that every mature member of our ekklesia is actively involved in our discipleship program. Everyone must have a new disciple-student under his or her care. We are all duty-bound to help and care for our new members and see them grow and progress in their faith and service. God is surely pleased and honored if He finds us all helping others to know more of Him and serve Him faithfully.