

# ***From Disciple to Disciple-Maker***

A New Year's Promise



# ***A Little-Known Promise***

- ★ Mark 1:17
- ★ Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
- ★ Paraphrase: “You be my disciple, and I will turn you into a disciple-maker.”
- ★ ***The ultimate proof of your being a disciple is that you also become a disciple-maker!***



# ***2 Examples – Joshua & Peter***

- ★ Observed the example of a godly life
- ★ Answered the call to become disciples
- ★ Were empowered with God's Spirit  
(Numbers 27:18; Acts 2:4)
- ★ Were tested and approved in God's time  
(Numbers 27:18-23; Matthew 16:18-19)
- ★ Became disciple-makers while young  
(Exodus 33:11; Acts 2:14)



# ***The Approval Process***

1. The test of priorities
2. The test of submission
3. The test of faith
4. The test of obedience
5. The test of diligence



# ***The Approval of Joshua***

## 1. The test of **priorities**:

- ★ had a hunger for personal revelation of God (Exodus 33:11)

## 2. The test of **submission**:

- ★ began as a servant (Exodus 24:13, 33:11; Numbers 11:28)
- ★ never rebelled even when rebuked (Numbers 11:29)
- ★ remained a servant to the end (Joshua 24:15)



# ***The Approval of Joshua***

## 3. The test of **faith**:

- ★ did not allow the majority to sway his faith  
(Numbers 14:6-10)

## 4. The test of **obedience**:

- ★ firm in obedience even when facing persecution  
(Numbers 14:40-45)

## 5. The test of **diligence**:

- ★ faithful and bold in his ministry  
(Exodus 17:13-14)



# ***The Approval of Peter***

## 1. The test of **priorities**:

- ★ had a hunger for personal revelation of God (Matthew 4:18-20)

## 2. The test of **submission**:

- ★ began as a servant (Luke 5:8)
- ★ never rebelled even when rebuked (Matthew 16:23)
- ★ remained a servant to the end (II Peter 1:1)



# ***The Approval of Peter***

## 3. The test of **faith**:

- ★ did not allow his failures to cause his faith to fail (Luke 22:31-32, John 21)

## 4. The test of **obedience**:

- ★ firm in obedience even in the face of persecution (Acts 5:29)

## 5. The test of **diligence**:

- ★ faithful and bold in his ministry (Acts 10)



# ***The Approval of Every Disciple***

1. The test of **priorities**:
  - ★ have a hunger for personal revelation of God
2. The test of **submission**:
  - ★ begin as a servant
  - ★ never rebel even when rebuked
  - ★ remain a servant to the end
3. The test of **faith**:
  - ★ do not allow your failures to cause your faith to fail
4. The test of **obedience**:
  - ★ be firm in obedience even in the face of persecution
5. The test of **diligence**:
  - ★ be faithful and bold in your ministry

