M A C H A I R A CHRIST COMMONWEALTH-COMMUNITY

The Love-Life Agency



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DISCIPLESHIP IS A CRUCIAL MATTER

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you." (John 15:16 Amplified Bible)

The Lord didn't just send us out there to bear fruits. God purposeful planted us to bear much more fruits which will remain and be lasting. We are not to just scatter the seeds of Christ's love with others. There is no fruitfulness until the fruits remain on the branches. When a tree bear fruits, the fruits remain on the branches. Fruits are not kept elsewhere apart from the branches. For souls or fruits to remain in the Vine (the Lord), there are organic systems to engage. Discipleship in the Church is a crucial factor for souls to remain and last. Discipleship takes place within the Church. Every soul won must be put under a shepherd for effective and consistent nurturing. Just as we are not designed to operate in isolation from the Lord, we are also to practice our communion with the Lord by how we commune with the saints. All through scriptures we see that, anytime souls are won, they are added to the Church.

God takes interest in souls being added to the Church. God gets involved in this work as well.

"...The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved." Acts 2:47 (TLB).

Those who were being saved were not just added as members to the Church and left alone. From the subsequent verses we see how the souls saved were involved in discipleship.

"And those who believed Peter were baptized—about three thousand in all! They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings." Acts 2:41-42 (TLB).

Now we see that:

- 1. They joined with other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching meetings.
- 2. They joined in communion services.
- 3. They joined in prayer meetings.

You one cannot be a lasting fruit in Christ, until he

or she is consistent in these meetings. It is not just about attending services on Sundays, but being involved in the community of the saints. That determines and influences your growth. See some additional thoughts in the same chapter.

"And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other, selling their possessions and dividing with those in need. They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness" Acts 2:44-46 (TLB).

- 4. We also see that, they shared everything with each other. A true expression of love and prove of discipleship. (John 13:14-15).
- 5. They met in the big meetings and also met in small groups.

In Christ Commonwealth -Community, we call the small group meetings, Life Connect. Your souls don't remain as effective fruits just by how they

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attend main gatherings. Their fellowship with Christ

is deepened at the small group meetings. Beloved,

don't win a soul and ask them to attend a "Bible

Believing Church".

How can a new soul tell or know a Bible Believing

Church?

When you win a soul, follow them up to bring them

to the Church where you are nurtured.

Selah

DIG DEEPER

(Acts 5:12; 14, Acts 1:13-14; Acts 20:7)

WE PRAY

We are praying for the grace to follow up on new

souls to establish them in the Church we are

nurtured in.

BIBLE READING

Day 157: Esther 4-6

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DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I bear lasting fruits.
- My fruits (new souls) remain committed to Christ.
- I establish many in the Lord.
- I take the discipleship of souls serious.

Hallelujah!!!