

Dear Friends, In making disciples in accordance with Matthew 28: 18-20, we've observed certain disciplines used by people of all ages and backgrounds as ways to follow Jesus Christ consistently. We've especially noted the benefit of spending undistracted time alone with God (UTAWG as Darin likes to describe it!). Darin emails morning devotionals like these below as samples from the **One Year Bible**, which we'd like to send you for using in any way that helps you model having daily time in the Word.

Luke 6:27-29; 35-36 (New Living Translation Bible -- NLT with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Deuteronomy 2-3; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67; Proverbs 11:27)

27 "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. 35 "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. 36 You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

What did I learn about God?

God rewards His hurt people who actually pay back with goodness those bringing them pain and problems.

What difference does this make in my life?

By the power of God's Holy Spirit in me, I'll have the compassion of Jesus Christ.

How can this reading help me disciple men?

I can encourage Christians to pray for and actually to good things for those who hurt us.

Luke 8:21 (New Living Translation Bible -- NLT with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Deuteronomy 9-10; Luke 8:4-21; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 12:2-3)

21 Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God's word and obey it."

What did I learn about God?

God wants His people to hear God's Word and obey it.

What difference does this make in my life?

I need to consider what I've learned lately from the Bible that has changed my life into the image of Jesus Christ.

How can this reading help me disciple men?

I'll encourage Christians to share with others the Scripture we've recently heard and obeyed.