

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.

Proverbs 14:4 (New American Standard Bible - NASB with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Judges 4-5; Luke 22:35-53; Psalm 94; Proverbs 14:3-4)

4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, But much revenue comes by the strength of the ox.

What did I learn about God?

God values revenue from something that causes a mess, instead of cleanness with no production.

What difference does this make in my life? *It feels as if my life lacks the cleanness I like at times, but the production for God's kingdom from all that causes the messiness makes it worthwhile.*

How can this reading help me disciple men? *I'll encourage men to evaluate our lives in terms of what we actually produce for God and His people more than how calm, organized or clean we keep our lives.*

Luke 10:1, 4-5, 7-8 (Holman Christian Standard Bible - HCSB with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Deuteronomy 21-22; Luke 9:51-10:12; Psalm 74; Proverbs 12:11)

1 After this, the Lord appointed 70 others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He Himself was about to go. 4 Don't carry a money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals; don't greet anyone along the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer, for the worker is worthy of his wages. Don't be moving from house to house. 8 When you enter any town, and they welcome you, eat the things set before you.

What did I learn about God?

God uses those who hear about Him to provide His Gospel workers what they need for food and anything else needed for them to keep making Him known.

What difference does this make in my life? *I can trust God to provide through our ministry what my family needs each month while I minister fulltime to men.*

How can this reading help me disciple men? *I'll encourage Christians to not let a fear of funding keep them from considering fulltime Christian ministry.*