

Date : 16th September 2012
Theme : Biblical values of GOD's Kingdom
Topic : I value life-long Relationships (II)
Key verse : Mark 3:14

He appointed twelve...that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

Review / Introduction

- **S.T.A.Y. mentality**
 - Stayer (not quitter)
 - Testament (covenant-maker)
 - Agreement (values, goal)
 - Yield (as protégé, not prodigal)

I am a STAYER to develop life-long relationships with special / strategic people.

1) I am a STAYER, not a quitter.

- a) Jesus initiated WITH-HIM principle
 - for followers (*to observe mentor*)
 - benefits (*Ruth/Naomi, Elijah/Elisha*)
(not for quitters, eg Judas, betrayal)
- b) Stay to spend time, stay to the end.
Stay in sync, stay in tune.
 - exposure time needed for teachable / defining moments.

2) I am a Testament / Covenant-keeper.

- a) Covenant must be made. *Ruth 1:16*
- b) Covenant must be renewed. *Psalms 15:4*

3) I am in agreement with my church leader.

- a) In core values.
 - Vision (purpose to live for)
 - Cell life (people to live with)
 - Discipleship (principles to live by)
 - Spiritual Disciplines (practices to live out)
 - Submission to Authority (power to tap on)
 - life-long Relationships (people to link life-long)
- b) For growth and change.
 - pursue mindset change to God's mind. *Isaiah 55:8,9*
 - grow in faith to please God. *Hebrews 11:6*
 - fulfill God's purpose to bear fruit. *John 15:8*

- c) **I am a giver and yield to my leader.**
 - a) As a learner. (*Elisha to "see" Elijah*) 2 Kings 2:10
 - b) As an observer. (*Timothy to imitate Paul*) 2 Timothy 2:2
 - c) Results:
 - desire my leader's double portion. 2 Kings 2:9
 - double my leader's impact.
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BC Values

- **I am caught by the Vision (to be fruitful)**
2 Corinthians 4:7
But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.
- **I am committed to Cell Life**
Acts 2:42
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- **I am a Disciple**
Luke 9:23
Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

John 15:8
This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- **I am passionate about Spiritual disciplines**
1 Timothy 4:8
For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Isaiah 55:8, 9
⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- **I am submitted to spiritual Authority**
1 Peter 5:5-6
⁵Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
- **I value life-long Relationships**
Ruth 1:16
But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.