

Self-Reflection: What am I trying to accomplish?

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Every Christian should be able to answer the question. The question in the title echoes in my mind as I read the social media postings of others and observe their lives. The question echoes in my mind, in my social media posts, every activity, the fabric of my daily life. What am I doing? What am I most passionate about? **What is my goal?** What will success look like?

My goal is to help God's people make more disciples, make better disciples. My goal is to help the ministries and mission work of the church become more eternity-focused, designed to make disciples, and grow disciples spiritually.

To reach the goal requires honesty, self-evaluation, a self-check.

I must remind myself continually of things that are NOT the goal.

- To promote myself or make a name for myself; for example, to have more social media followers, to have the most popular website, YouTube channel, or the most "likes," or the most posts; to become an influencer.
- To judge whether people are or are not successful, to criticize or critique.
- To get stuck in a cookie-cutter approach to ministry or missions.
- To build monuments to be admired—churches, teachings, visibility, popularity.

What I am trying to do is...

- Glorify Jesus Christ.
- Make disciples, convince all disciples that their top priority is to make more disciples.
- Help with the development of churches that model God's plan and methods.
- Equip churches to model New Testament ministry and outreach, baptizing and teaching.
- Teach skills for evangelism, discipleship, and leadership.
- Help every member become a minister.
- Share warnings about common challenges and problems.

Will you join the journey? Throw off the temptations that the world throws at us. Help people become disciple-makers. Model disciple-making, build up local churches through evangelism, and help mission churches learn evangelism and discipleship.