

No. 81 Who Are Qualified to Make Disciples?

PLEASE NOTE: Help new ones to gain confidence that they can become teachers of God's Word, and build in them a desire to do so. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

JESUS WANTS ALL HIS FOLLOWERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES (7 min.)

When people think of a Bible teacher, they may think of someone with higher education or an honorary title

What qualifies a person to teach God's Word to others? Can you qualify?

Jesus wants all his true followers to make disciples [Read Matthew 28:19, 20] [Image 1]

Making disciples requires both preaching and teaching (w21.07 2-3 ¶3-5)

Worldwide, Jehovah's Witnesses are obeying Jesus' instruction

Jehovah God sets the requirements for becoming a disciple-maker [Read 2 Corinthians 3:5]

God trains and equips those who want to share in this vital work (w02 2/15 24 ¶3-4)

JESUS WAS TRAINED AND APPOINTED BY GOD (6 min.)

Jesus was trained for his earthly ministry by his Father, Jehovah (Isa 50:4, 5; kr 182 ¶4-5)

Jesus did not need to attend a religious school to be qualified to preach and teach

He knew the Scriptures well, and he based his teachings on them (Joh 7:14-16; cf 100 ¶6)

Before starting his ministry, Jesus got baptized, indicating his readiness to do God's will [Image 2]

At his baptism, Jesus was anointed with holy spirit and appointed by God as the Messiah (Lu 3:21, 22; Ac 10:38)

God gave holy spirit to Jesus, and this empowered Jesus to fulfill his commission (Lu 4:17-19)

HOW CAN YOU QUALIFY TO BE A DISCIPLE-MAKER? (14 min.)

Anyone who is humble and willing can qualify to teach God's Word (Ac 4:13)

This includes both men and women and both young and old

Like Jesus, his true followers are well-trained and led by holy spirit (Ac 1:8)

Does a person qualify merely by claiming to be a Christian? No, he must take specific steps

Step 1: Acquire accurate Bible *knowledge* (1Ti 2:4)

A disciple-maker must be able to teach basic Bible truths accurately (2Ti 1:13)

You do not need to know everything; your knowledge will continue to grow (Col 1:9, 10)

Step 2: Exercise *faith* in Jesus' ransom sacrifice and in God's promises (Ro 10:9, 10)

A disciple-maker must firmly believe that what he teaches is the truth

Step 3: *Reject wrong conduct*, and *do what is right* (Ac 3:19; Ro 12:2)

A disciple-maker must practice what he teaches (Ro 2:21; Php 1:10)

Step 4: *Preach* with the congregation (Ro 10:14, 15; 2Co 4:13)

Step 5: *Dedicate* yourself to God (Mt 16:24; 1Pe 4:2)

Step 6: Get *baptized* (1Pe 3:21) [Image 3]

At the time of his baptism as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, a person is recognized by God as being fully qualified to make disciples

THE DISCIPLE-MAKING WORK IS A SOURCE OF GREAT JOY (3 min.)

Becoming a disciple-maker brings blessings—a rewarding life now and everlasting life in the future (1Ti 4:16)

The work of teaching others will continue after Armageddon (w20.08 16 ¶6)

Seize the opportunity now to become God's fellow worker (1Co 3:5-9)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.
Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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