

## Selection

Avoid committing to a discipleship relationship with someone you should just be shepherding. Don't say "yes" just because someone asks you to disciple them. Instead, shepherd them in love and *prayerfully* watch their lives. Without being perfectionistic, consider the following questions:

Go through example of selection criteria for a disciple:

Good		Bad	
Asks questions	Not necessarily good. Could be unwilling to act on what they know. Smokescreen	Complainer	Not necessarily bad
<i>Reads books</i>	<i>Good sign</i>	<i>Man-pleaser</i>	<i>Bad sign</i>
<i>Evangelism</i>	<i>Good Sign</i>	Goes home quickly	Not necessarily bad
Obedient	Could be a man pleaser...	<i>Liar – regarding sin and in other areas</i>	<i>Bad sign</i>
Enthusiastic	Warning: not necessarily a sign of a disciple.	Passive	Not necessarily bad
Humble	False humility	Self-centered	Not necessarily bad, could be redirected
Attender	Maybe for the wrong reason	<i>Will not Evangelize</i>	<i>Bad sign</i>
Volunteers sharing	May want to be the center of attention	Divisive	Not necessarily bad, could be redirected
<i>Availability</i>	<i>Probably a good sign. Available to do ministry, follow-up, serving others in the BOC</i>	Arguer	Not necessarily bad
<i>Honest about their sin</i>	<i>Good sign, also must be willing to be corrected</i>	<i>Will not respond to good discipline</i>	<i>Bad sign, point out they are divisive, self-centered whatever...</i>
<i>“Doer”, delivers</i>	<i>Good sign, we can depend on them to get the job done</i>	<i>Poor attendance</i>	<i>Bad sign</i>
<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Good sign – see availability</i>	<i>Chronic complainer</i>	<i>Bad sign</i>

- *Do they ask spiritual questions and respond to good answers? Or do they only seem want to spend time with you without expressing real interest in spiritual things?*

- *Do they take initiative in ministering to others? Or do they always have to be asked to serve? Are they interested in people, forming relationships with people in the group, etc.?*
- *Do they respond properly to God's discipline (through others and directly from God)? Or do they always have to be corrected by people, agree but don't act, etc.?*
- *Do they take challenging steps of faith (EXAMPLES: financial giving; confessing sin; witnessing; confronting)? Or do they usually stay in their comfort zone?*
- *Do they have/make the time to commit to the group? Or are they chronically preoccupied with other matters (see 2 Tim. 2:4).*

Picking the right person is more important than leadership ability.

We should be interested in what people do, not in what they say. Many things that are apparently bad/good just throw us off and do not really determine a good discipleship candidate/attitude.

We will not find someone is all good or all bad, there will be a mix. Be skeptical, but not overly negative on people. Remember it is God who is at work Phil. 2:13; 1 Cor. 3:7

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews with key stakeholders. Secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The analysis phase involved identifying trends and patterns in the data. Statistical tools were used to quantify the relationships between different variables. The findings indicate that there is a strong correlation between the variables studied, suggesting that the factors identified are significant in explaining the observed outcomes.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations based on the research findings. These recommendations aim to address the identified issues and improve the overall process. It is suggested that regular audits be conducted to ensure the accuracy of the records and that there be a focus on enhancing the data collection methods to capture more comprehensive information.