

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Practice These Things"

Philippians 4:9

What are the necessary requirements for effectively training a disciple of Christ?

Effective training requires that a disciple be biblically instructed.

The verb "learned" (MANTHANO) is primarily used to speak of learning through instruction.

The semi technical term "received" (PARALAMBANO) in Philippians 4:9 emphasizes that the instruction the Philippians had received from Paul came from the Lord.

Paul personally insisted on thoroughness in biblical instruction (Acts 20:27).

Paul not only insisted on thoroughness but also on accuracy in biblical instruction (2 Timothy 2:15).

Effective training also requires that a disciple be provided a personal example to follow.

When Paul refers to things that the Philippians had "heard" and "seen" he is talking about matters related to his example rather than his instruction.

Valley Bible must be committed to providing an opportunity for the disciples of Christ to follow a positive example.

Valley Bible's growth group ministry provides this church with an opportunity to be trained not only through biblical instruction but also through example.

Effective training requires a call to action.

Those who take advantage of what this church is offering will be effectively trained and the God of peace will be with them.