

EIGHT SUBTLE TRAPS THAT WILL FRUSTRATE GOOD DISCIPLING

1. **Making discipleship a program** that one simply goes through. Just "add water and mix" will not do the job. Interaction, prayer, Bible reading and study, hands-on ministry, spending time together, and vision sharing all take time.
2. **Trying to mass produce disciples.** Two or three committed people will do more in eventually helping get everyone disciplined than "covering the water front" with a super program in the next six months.
3. **Making or even calling your Discipleship Encounters a "class."** They are really encounters between you, the disciples, and the Lord.
4. **Meeting only at church.** Meet in a home, a restaurant, or other place where your disciple(s) could easily repeat the process with others.
5. **Trying to hurry** through the outlines too fast, or **going so slow** that no visible progress is felt. Nine months seems to be a comfortable time for many. The first time through you will probably finish in 4 to 6 months. You will probably take time out for Christmas, vacations, etc.
6. **Majoring on content** to a degree that "formation" is minimized.
7. **Meeting alone** in a Discipleship Encounter with a person of the **opposite sex.**
8. **Deciding too quickly** whom you will approach to suggest a discipling relationship - if time is limited one must be strategic and chose "reliable" people for discipleship.