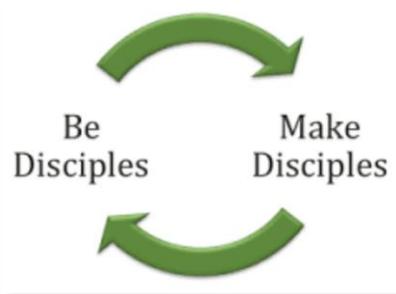
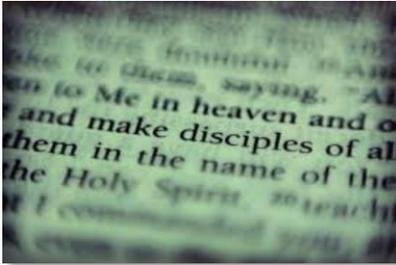


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**LET'S GET
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A few weeks ago the National Football League conducted its annual draft. Professional teams had the opportunity to pick college football players who finished their college careers and had aspirations of playing professional football. There was one defensive player who professional scouts were very impressed with during his college days. There were some ex-professional football players who questioned his work ethic. Someone said he seemed like a player who would not put in the extra effort to fine tune his craft.



Sometimes as Christians, we can become guilty of the same thing. We do not want to exert extra effort to fine tune our craft of saving souls. As disciples of Jesus, we are in the business of making disciples. It takes work and dedication to learn how to save souls. Christians do not obey the gospel and automatically become soul winners. It has to be cultivated and taught. When the church was first established, the apostles spent a lot of their time teaching and grounding the new saints. Persecution rose against the church and the members were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. When the church members were scattered abroad they went every preaching the word (Acts 8:4). It is interesting in the text, the church members were scattered and the apostles stayed in Jerusalem. During the time the apostles and Christians were in Jerusalem, I wonder what the apostles were teaching the Christians to do? It is evident the apostles taught them how to evangelize because when they were scattered abroad that is exactly what they did.

It is my hope and prayer that each of us as Christians will work on our craft of evangelizing. More people need to sign up for evangelism classes so we can assist in teaching the church how to teach the gospel to lost souls. Are you willing to exert extra effort to work on your craft?

-K.A. Pugh