



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

HOW TO DISCIPLE MEN **SHORT AND SWEET!**

The book *How to Disciple Men: Short and Sweet* (45 Proven Strategies from the World's Foremost Experts on Ministry to Men) was edited by Jay Payleitner for the National Coalition of Men's Ministries. It gets its wisdom straight from the source: men working in the field of men's ministry and discipleship.

RPM is proud to have contributed two chapters to this volume; articles by both Tom Cheshire and Tom Gensler. Here, we present short excerpts from each:

Excerpt from: WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR MEN TO
A MEN'S CONFERENCE by Tom Cheshire

Everyone understands what financial bankruptcy is—you lack the financial capital to pay your debts. But much worse than financial bankruptcy is relational bankruptcy. In the church, we ask men to serve, teach, mow, paint, pound nails, drive the bus, and park cars. We are happy to make withdrawals, but rarely do we make deposits. Eventually men run out of relational capital, and they burn out.

Let's look at relational capital from a slightly different angle. Author Gary Chapman says that a married woman receives deposits in her "love account" when her husband speaks her love language. For example, my wife's love language is "receiving gifts." It took me a while to really understand that while I had properly identified her love language, it really wasn't about the gifts as much as it was about the thought and action it took when I gave her something. Unless I consistently make deposits in her account, I risk getting an "overdraft" notice when I attempt to make a withdrawal.

The men we lead have a similar relational account. Investing a day with your men at a well-organized conference is one of the best ways to make a relational deposit into the accounts of many men at once....

Excerpt from: ALLOWING YOURSELF TO BE DISCIPLED
by Tom Gensler

In good times and in bad times, you need to pursue a plan that feeds your deepest need: to know and receive God's love. To dig

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Ignite Pathway Training
First United Methodist Church
Springfield, IL

NOV 18:

Ignite Pathway training
State Line Christian Church
Paris, IL

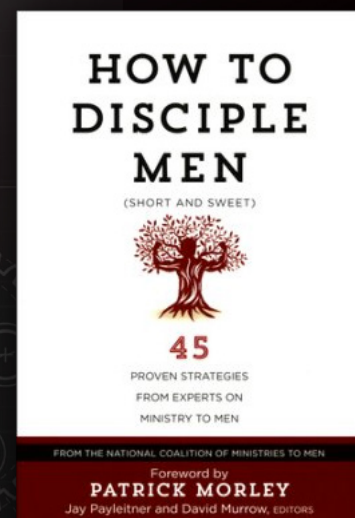
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deep into his truth. To build relationship with your Creator and fellow believers. You need to allow yourself to be disciplined. I'm speaking as a guy who has the privilege of rescuing other men only because I have been rescued myself. I can disciple only because I have been disciplined.

I hope you agree that *disciple* is a verb. It was modeled by Jesus as he spoke into the lives of his closest followers. It's estimated that Jesus spent 85 percent of his time relationally connecting and *doing life* with his disciples. Yes, he spent time formally teaching, but he understood it was more important to connect head to head, heart to heart, modeling life on life....

If you would like a copy of *How to Disciple Men (Short and Sweet)* Contact RPM or find it online.

GENSLER'S CORNER



Well, it's Week 7 for the Genslers in Chicago. Shiloh is doing well with her recovery, praise God. Our hope is that we can be home in a few weeks.

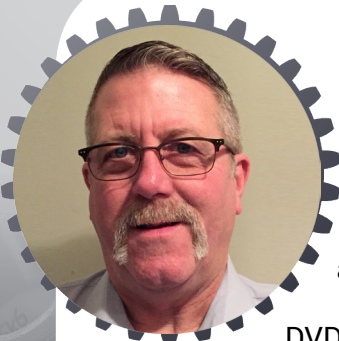
We are living in a Ronald McDonald House just off Michigan Avenue, advocating for our daughter's care and spending time with her.

The kids are having fun. We've gotten to see a lot in Chicago, including a Bulls game, the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium.... Also, the hospital and the house offer classes and activities. The kids hung out with some Northwestern football players, and a piece of Ruby's artwork is going to Anthony Rizzo. The kids have been included in fundraising videos.

Lisa and I are anxious to get home, of course, but we feel blessed by God, who is always faithful.

Tom Gensler

THE MECHANIC



Why use church coaching? I think I've captured the essence of it in this analogy:

Let's say I go into an auto parts store and buy a manual that explains how to break down a 350 small block Chevy engine. I borrow some tools and use the manual to take said engine apart and put it back together again. Odds are, if I finish the project at all, the engine won't run, or will run poorly. But, if I take that same manual to a master mechanic and let him guide me through the process, the engine will run fine.

That's what you find with churches and discipleship. They buy books or DVDs and take the men through a program. They have some level of success, but without a master mechanic, that engine doesn't run smoothly.

RPM is your local master mechanic when it comes to men's discipleship. We have the tools; we have the experience; and we won't try to sell you any windshield wipers.

Tom Cheshire

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