

Do It Right

Description

Deuteronomy 6:10-19.

Organizations interested in serving their clients or customers well often state their key objectives clearly. What's interesting is to examine those objectives to see if they are shaped and formed out of the elements of their core values. Objectives without values may result in failure unless corrective measures are taken.

Often in the letters Paul wrote to new believers in the churches he planted, he urged his readers to follow him, as he followed the Lord. We must quickly add that there was no trace of arrogance or pride in what he was writing. He knew that values are most often "caught" from example, rather than taught from principle.

Our primary conversation about Christian discipleship centers on the context of the community of faith. This is what we refer to as the body of Christ. However, individual people make up the community of faith (the church) as well as the body of Christ. The core values we profess can be taught. Their most effective and efficient means of expansion, however, is the model and pattern of individual examples. In such settings, others may "catch" the kernels of values.

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