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## Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

In recent years, banter about 'discipleship' has again become the rage in church circles. As Verlin's Father drove home, "What goes around, comes around." (See Ecclesiastes 1:9, 3:1, & 12:1.) Our sharing that statement is not meant to minimize the importance of discipling others. We do that! Instead, it relates the cyclical nature of how God's Kingdom spreads truth across generations: He initiates organized churches through the families of any given culture. The cycle (like the circle) has remained unbroken since Israel left Egypt as it commenced with the Tabernacle. A more detailed explanation of the cycle explains the reforms Jesus began in synagogue worship that evolved into the many denominations we have today. The reforms reinforced the basic D6 principle for their and future generations: consider and apply God's Word in every action of life you take and word you speak. (See Deuteronomy 6; Romans 8:4.) The God-initiated cycle of discipleship assures that truth for life gets passed generationally within homes by God-collaborating parents to their participating heirs. As Protestant Reformers recognized, God ordained an institutional triad of home, state, and church that cooperates for the end of heartfelt obedience in all of a nation (Researched Example). The problem with the banter is that many doing the talking today do not know how to walk the walk in our time. For God, that's not really a problem. Our creative Creator made it so circumstance forces that His word and our deeds eventually come to match. The wise follow His narrow way in their time while leading others to evade heartaches during the cycles that collapse and renew families until Jesus' rule in-person returns. For any dedicated believer wanting to evade the fad and produce the consistent staying power of a practice that maintains cross-generational discipleship, that person must distinguish the 'fad' from the 'faith.' To do that, a believer must meet people who walk the talk today. Discipleship remains 'caught more than taught.' It's more personal and regular than the fad movements that Malcolm Gladwell traced in *The Tipping Point*.

## Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

We count <u>Pastor Jean-Marc et Dr. Martine Fritsch</u> as friends caught through Community Health Evangelism (CHE). They are among many using CHE to start new churches and church-planting movements from scratch while assisting other groups to revitalize or revive. They recently added several videos to the "<u>II l'a dit</u>" (FR) Youtube (EN) site to ease distribution while instructing others directly. This humble and unassuming French

couple has led and championed CHE with Disciple-Making Movements (DMM) for decades, seeing remarkable results in Africa, France, and other European nations. Each "Il l'a dit" video gets posted in French, then dubbed into English and German (DE) to bless others they train. "The Integral Disciple" (EN) (click this link or the image for viewing) is one of their newer offerings. As one beggar tells another where to find bread, we pass to you helpful material imbued with life-changing principles



from CHE and DMM movements that integrate approaches that pass enduring faith through every generation. The videos contain little 'faddish' instruction and pass along bedrock understandings. Being an **integral disciple** of Jesus remains essential for all believers in all places at all times. Families who personally know the Truth for life navigate the rise and fall of church movements that grow irrelevant for lack of basic obedience to God. This obedience is what CHE strategies mentor. Every believer needs reminders of our role as pilgrims making progress. May the three imperatives of being an **integral disciple** help you refocus, too. On the news from last week, our Ivorian brother, who pursues appointments with officials to rectify the registration of private lands, continues to get the runaround. He and Verlin did not meet with the regional prefect this week. Continue to pray for timely appointments and progress for him in proving his land rights. Debbie made good progress on the university CHE lessons this week. Plodding is the essence of the process. Verlin continued trainer prep for the CHE university training and handled some computer issues and finances.

## Prayer & Praise

- Pray for a CHE trainer who has not been paid for work for nearly six months. He expects a contract to continue the work soon but also needs reimbursement for work completed at his own expense.
- Ask our Father to intervene for our Ivorian brother needing government appointments for property rights.
- Pray again for Corbin, our youngest offspring, to find housing near his new engineering job.
  Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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