

Eliezer is a picture of a model disciple.

I. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

A disciple is a learner: A large part of learning is following instructions of wisdom

1. **V3 do not take a wife from the Canaanites...**
 - a. You might not understand why this is so important – you still need to follow instructions
 2. Instructions are given by people with greater experience/wisdom/depth of relationship with God
 - a. Abraham had seen things Eliezer had not – had heard from God in ways Eliezer had not
 3. The instructions are often what have the best chance of success – least chance of trouble
- B. An important part of following instructions is clarification
 1. Eliezer asks questions to clarify his mission: **V5 If a girl won't come – do I bring your son there?**
 - a. Some men are too proud to ask for clarification: They will do what they don't understand
 2. You learn to follow instructions now in ways that aren't life/death
 - a. Someday it may be people's lives/souls that are at stake

II. A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

A. It is indispensable that you have your own relationship with God

1. You need to speak to God yourself
 - a. **V12 God help me here...**
2. You need to have a relationship with God – away from the eyes of your Pastor!
 - a. You need to come to prayer/corporate prayer – but that's not enough!
3. There will come a day when you need to find God – all by yourself
 - a. You don't want to start doing that – out on the field

B. Part of relationship with God is trust

1. **V14 I will ask a girl for some water – I will trust you will lead me to the right one**
 - a. He is taking a risk – trying something!
2. You can never grow/develop unless you are trusting God in things the outcome is not sure!
 - a. *Giving* b. *Prayer for the sick* c. *Outreaches*

III. COMMON SENSE

A. A great need in ministry is common sense

1. Good sense and sound judgment in practical matters: Wisdom/discrimenent...
 - a. Some men lack this: They do things that don't make sense
2. **He goes to the well:** The most likely place to meet single girls!
 - a. Some men make decisions that make you scratch your head...Foolish!
3. **He understands what's important:**
 - a. He doesn't pray for a babe with a hot bod...**V14** water for me – and my camels!
 1. A nice girl 2. A worker Character!
4. **He is patient:** **V21 he held his peace...**
 - a. He waited for the right time/right information
5. **He doesn't get sidetracked:**
 - a. They want him to delay – at least 10 days
 1. **V56 And he said to them, "Do not hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master.**

IV. SUPERNATURAL BLESSING

A. God helped Eliezer

1. Guidance: **V27** Being on the way, the Lord led me
 - a. The exact right person
2. Favor: God opened Rebekah's heart – the heart of her family