

The Blueprint of Faith

A structured guide to the four pillars of discipleship

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Four pillars from Acts 2

Learning and community

Acts 2:42: Devotion to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

Unity

Acts 2:44: All the believers were together and held all things in common.

Communication

Acts 2:46–47: They met together daily, praised God, and enjoyed the favor of the people.

Pillar 1 Learning

Devotion to the apostles' teaching. Active engagement with Scripture and sound theology to navigate life's complexities.

Deepens understanding

Insights into God's character. 2 Timothy 3:16

Promotes spiritual growth

1 Peter 2:2

Transforms lives

Renewed minds for discerning choices.
Romans 12:2

Equips for service

Ephesians 4:11-12

A rhythm of learning

Develop a consistent habit

Set aside dedicated time daily or weekly for reading and reflection.

Use reliable resources

Explore sound commentaries, books, and study tools.

Participate in group discussion

Engage in small groups to study more deeply alongside others.

Seek expert guidance

Connect with pastors and mentors grounded in Scripture.

Pillar 2 Community

Support and accountability

Bear one another's burdens in love. Galatians 6:2

Fellowship

Share spiritual practices, joys, and challenges. Acts 2:42

Stronger faith

Motivate one another toward spiritual growth and service. Hebrews 10:24

The biblical model

Generosity and joy in shared life. Acts 2:46

Community in practice

Connect with a small group

Build meaningful, deep relationships.

Practice hospitality

Open your home and life to offer fellowship.

Get involved in church

Attend regularly and participate in ministries.

Serve others

Demonstrate God's love in action within the broader community.

Pillar 3 Unity

Reflects God's character

One in Spirit and purpose, showing the unity within the Trinity. John 17:23

Builds a strong witness

A testimony to Christ's transforming power. John 13:35

Overcomes division

Break down barriers and celebrate diversity. Galatians 3:28

Encourages mutual edification

Grow and flourish together. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Unity in practice

Humility and love

Seek to understand differing perspectives.

Forgive and reconcile

Actively work through disagreements or conflicts.

Celebrate diversity

Recognize the unique gifts each believer brings.

Focus on common ground

Work together based on core uniting beliefs.

Pillar 4 Communication

Facilitates relationship

Intimacy grounded in reverence. Matthew 6:9

Strengthens bonds

Unite believers in intercession. Acts 1:14

Empowers believers

Receive peace, provision, and wisdom.
Philippians 4:6

Cultivates a responsive heart

Hear God's voice guiding to truth. Jeremiah
33:3

Rhythms of prayer

Set dedicated time

Schedule specific daily blocks for focused devotion.

Develop variety

Pray through Scripture, use prompts, or practice contemplation.

Practice gratitude

Express thankfulness for blessings big and small.

Pray for others

Lift up family, friends, church, and the world.

Hear God's voice

Create quiet space for reflection and listening.

The relational axis

God speaks through Scripture

Learning: the vertical relationship between God and us.

Coming together in shared life

Community: the horizontal relationship with others.

We speak to God in prayer

Communication: the vertical relationship between God and us.

Staying together through love

Unity: reconciliation in the horizontal relationship with others.

The discipleship diagnostic matrix

Pillar	Core focus	Relationship	Biblical origin	Action
Learning	Mind	Vertical: God	Acts 2:42	Study
Community	Heart	Horizontal: people	Acts 2:46	Gather
Unity	Will	Horizontal: people	Acts 2:44	Reconcile
Communication	Spirit	Vertical: God	Acts 2:42	Pray

A SMART discipleship goal

“I will dedicate 20 minutes each morning for the next month to read a chapter of the New Testament with a devotional guide.”

Specific: a targeted area of focus. Measurable: a daily metric.
Achievable: a realistic scope. Relevant: deeper understanding.
Time-bound: a clear deadline for review.

An example discipleship framework

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Goal: Become a more engaged and knowledgeable disciple of Christ.

Pillar	Goal	Action steps	Review
Learning	20 minutes morning New Testament reading	Buy guide, set alarm, take notes	Weekly
Community	Connect with a small group in 2 weeks	Talk to pastor, attend meet and greet	2 weeks
Unity	Connect with a different background at church	Introduce self to newcomers	2 Sundays
Communication	10 minutes nightly prayer	Find quiet space, express gratitude, pray for others	Daily

My discipleship framework

Name: _____ Date: _____
My overall goal: _____

Area for growth	SMART goal	Action steps	Review
Learning			
Community			
Unity			
Communication			

The foundation is laid. The pillars are defined. Now it is time to build.