

- six pages of the latest, most practical resources for enhancing your small group and personal ministry.

Some readers say it's worth subscribing to DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL just for DJ Plus. If you're involved in a small group, you'll probably feel the same way.

Each issue also includes a leader's guide with suggestions on how to use the articles in your small group or Sunday school class. Plus many articles end with questions for personal reflection and discussion.

You'll love the parts - and the whole - of DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL, including how it looks. We work hard to make each issue as visually attractive as it is spiritually meaty. Crisp graphics and descriptive, original illustrations make DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL a treat for the eye.

It's a publication you'll want to save to return to again and again. Some of our subscribers tell us they have every issue since our first, published 20 years ago. In fact we number each issue because it's timeless.

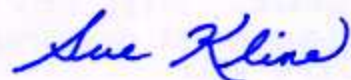
After all, the basic struggles you face as a believer are timeless, too. Being faithful in prayer, Bible study, witnessing and growth in character and integrity are life-long challenges.

There's no time like now to respond to the hunger to grow deeper in Christ. No time like now to fan the ember into a flame. No time like now to try DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL.

Just mail the enclosed card to tell us, "I'm not satisfied yet." We'll send you one issue. Read it with no risk or obligation. Pray. Then decide if you want to subscribe.

May God bless you. I look forward to your reply.

Your fellow disciple,



Sue Kline  
Editor

P.S. George Verwer is Director of Operation Mobilization, one of the world's largest missions organizations. He wrote his ministry partners something you should read, too:

"One of the greatest magazines I subscribe to is DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL. Last year I got so excited about one issue I ended up buying a thousand copies. Why not subscribe?"

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## DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL

*You are invited to receive  
ONE COPY, RISK FREE,  
of the award-winning, bi-monthly  
magazine for Christians who aren't  
yet satisfied with their  
spiritual growth.*

Dear Reader,

Perhaps you've run smack into it yourself, as I have.

I mean the frustration that seems inherent in being a Christian seriously committed to spiritual growth.

You know: the sometimes yawning gap between the reality of what you are spiritually . . . and the ideal of what you feel you could be. Or should be.

Strange. It's almost as if the decision to really get down to business about growing in Christ comes with a certificate, suitable for framing, that reads

### Dissatisfaction Guaranteed

Have you ever felt that way? If so, take heart.

First, you're normal.

No less a disciple than the Apostle Paul admitted he struggled to hit the mark spiritually. He did what he didn't want to do. He didn't do what he wanted to do. If he felt that way, then it's no wonder you and I do, too.

Second, there is help.

It's called DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL, a unique magazine that sees your spiritual dissatisfaction as positive - a glowing ember that can be fanned into the flame of a warmer, deeper, and more intimate relationship with God.

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL will help you fan the flame.

We'll help you regard whatever spiritual dissatisfaction you might feel as a gift from God. His design. Like hunger that

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makes you eat. Or thirst that makes you drink.

I invite you to accept a no-risk trial issue of DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL today, and subscribe later if you wish. There's no obligation, and nothing to lose.

If you decide to subscribe we guarantee you'll find something in every issue that will help you grow in Christ. If not, let us know and we'll extend your subscription by one issue, no questions asked.

But based on the continual reader feedback we receive, I'm confident you'll be satisfied - like these Christians:

"Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the pursuit of excellence I've seen exhibited in your magazine. I have no doubt Jesus smiles with every issue. I know He has used DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL to remind, encourage, and often gently rebuke me in my walk with Him. Keep up the good work!"

- A subscriber in Oklahoma

"I have been a faithful reader for 10-12 years and DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL has been very critical in my own spiritual growth.... You truly use the creativity God has given you for His glory."

- A subscriber in Thailand

"I only just started reading DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL last Spring and I wanted to let you know I absolutely love the publication. I wish it were out monthly because I love it so much! DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL writes about real issues in the Believer's life, and I have already learned so much from it that there has been a very real change in my own life."

- A subscriber in Virginia

Do you want change in your life? DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL can help you make encouraging progress in the days ahead.

But not because our writers are spiritual superstars with all the answers. They're disciples like you. Honest seekers after God. Men and women who pray, study, witness, and feel the same measure of success and failure in all these spiritual disciplines as you.

They share insights with you from their own pilgrimage - what God has been teaching them. Some principles they've discovered that have helped them grow, and could help you, too.

So when you read DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL you don't feel like

someone is preaching at you from a distance.

You meet friends who come alongside you to encourage and challenge you to dig deeper and go further in your walk with God.

Who are these writers? We think they're the best:

Insightful contemporary writers such as Walter Wangerin, Max Lucado, John Piper, Gordon MacDonald, Paul Thigpen, Jerry Bridges, Joni Eareckson Tada, Charles Colson, J.I. Packer. And many others who are less-well-known but just as articulate and passionate about pursuing God.

Plus reliable voices from the past including C.S. Lewis, John Wesley, Amy Carmichael, Dorothy Sayers, John Calvin, Thomas a' Kempis, George MacDonald, and A. B. Simpson, to name a few.

As you can see, these writers are from many church backgrounds. That's because, as a publication of The Navigators ministry, DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL has no denominational or doctrinal axes to grind.

Every writer, every editor, has one desire: to seek hard after God and help you do the same.

Past issues have explored topics such as:

- \* How to beat the spiritual blahs
- \* Ten questions to ask when your prayers are unanswered
- \* How to talk about Jesus without getting weird
- \* Five myths about discovering God's will
- \* What Jesus would do if he led your small group
- \* How to love your neighbor to Christ
- \* How to tell if your anger is righteous.

And half of every issue is devoted to articles on a single theme to help you take an in-depth look at one aspect of spiritual growth. Themes such as:

- \* Overcoming guilt
- \* Taming the tongue
- \* Accepting God's will
- \* Loving the poor
- \* Building spiritual endurance
- \* Finding rest in a hectic schedule

Every article is anchored in scripture and connected to reality. No ivory tower exercises. No fluff. No pat answers. Just meaty, useful writing to keep your eyes fixed on Christ as you juggle work, family, and ministry demands.

And DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL will help you and others grow in Christ, too. Perhaps the most popular regular feature is DJ Plus

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