

# Investing In People

People Matter | Part 2 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23, ESV**

## What It Takes To Make Effective Spiritual Investments In People

### 1. Willingly and selflessly GIVE YOURSELF AWAY.

“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Mark 10:43b-45, ESV**

- Share:**
- Helpful personal STORIES.**
  - Effective life STRATEGIES.**
  - Real everyday STRUGGLES.**
  - Your absolutely SURE HOPE.**

### 2. Learn to relate to ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

**1 Peter 3:15, NIV**

### 3. Be prepared for INEVITABLE CHALLENGES.

Isaiah's message was vastly resisted **see Isaiah 6:11-13**

Jeremiah's message was fought against **see Jeremiah 1:17-19**

John the Baptist's message led to his death **see Matthew 14:3-12**

Even Jesus was crucified for His message **see Matthew 27:11-26**

*"Sharing with others is declaring the Good News of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God."*

**--CRU Ministries**

#### **4. Never lose sight of the ULTIMATE REWARD.**

After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Yes, you are our pride and joy.

**1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, NLT**

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

**Philemon 6, NIV**

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**All people matter to God, and they matter to me.**

