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THE DISCIPLE STUDY BIBLE SCHOOL

The following is an exciting historical statement that was made by the Holy Spirit concerning Bible lovers in the first century:

These were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

(Acts 17:11)

MATTHEW 28:19,20

True discipleship involves a collective study of the Bible by those who truly love the word of God. This is what we would call a “school.” We refer to the preceding statement by Luke as the first historical statement concerning a **Disciple Study Bible School (DSBS)**. Consider the following that explains what possibly took place on that historical occasion, in order to carry out the mandate of 2 Timothy 2:2:

» A DSBS is a study discipline that focuses on the word of God. It is designed to spiritually enhance the gospel living of those who encourage one another in the shadow of the Scriptures.

» A DSBS uses the *Disciple Study Bible (DSB)* as the **textbook** to establish the curriculum of study. Those who are enrolled study through selected subjects of the **Encyclopedic Bible Study Guide (EBSG)** in the back to the *DSB* textbook.

» Each participating student must study the section of material that has been assigned to be discussed in discussion session.

» In his or her use of the *DSB* textbook, each participating student must, before the assigned group discussion, read all the

scriptures that are listed with the designated, or assigned reading. This would include all the associated scriptures that are listed in the footnotes with a particular text of scripture.

» After the classroom discussion of any particular subject, each participating student must share with another person(s) what he or she has learned from their study of the discussed subject of the *EBSG*.

THE FACILITATOR

» Every student (participant) of the DSBS must complete all assignments under the guidance of a DSBS facilitator. The responsibility of the facilitator is (1) to clarify all the assignments that each student must study, (2) record the attendance of each student at each collective study, (3) finalize and graduate each participant at the end of a designated period of study, (4) finalize the collective study of the “school” with the presentation of an award.

It is suggested that an annual graduation from studies be conducted in order to recognize publicly those who have participated in a DSBS session. Such a ceremony will encourage others to participate in a coming DSBS session. Normally, DSBS run for a period of **ten months**, after which the graduation ceremony concludes the session. It is imperative that each student possess a *DSB* for their personal studies, and continued teaching of others after their graduation. Each graduate should consider starting their own DSBS in order to encourage the study of the Scriptures in their community.