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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

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I want to be a worker for the Lord

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
To be the soul who breaks free from the world.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
And follow faithfully His inspired word.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
And lead the lost to Heaven's room and board.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
Because He has worked to save me from the sinful flood.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
And refuse to serve in Satan's filthy hoards.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
And know the hope of Heaven's sweet reward.

I want to be a worker for the Lord,
For Heaven is where our treasure must be stored.

But what will be our fate when one day He returns?
If the Lord must work then we can't shirk our duty in this life,
For God's reward is to be reserved for those who choose to serve.

—Barry Kennedy

**"I must work the works of him that
sent me, while it is day: the night
cometh, when no man can
work" (John 9:4)**

WHAT CAN MOTIVATE US TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN EVANGELISM?

Roger D. Campbell

Sometimes when we know what needs to be done, we just seem to sit back and wait for someone to come along and motivate us to get out there and "get at it." So it is with teaching the gospel to those who are lost. The Lord Jesus told us to teach the gospel to all men everywhere (Mark 16:15,16). In view of this plain charge of Jesus, it should not take an emotional appeal from elders or a fire and brimstone sermon from a preacher to get us fired up about teaching others. If we are able to read and understand the New Testament, then we know that redemption is in and through the Son of God (Romans 3:24). Just what is there that can motivate us to tell others of His great salvation?

First, there is the love of God. His marvelous love is undeniable: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The parables of Luke 15 (The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, The Lost Son) clearly show God's love, as well as His willingness to accept those that repent and do His will. "For the love of Christ constraineth ["compels," NKJV] us" (2 Corinthians 5:14). Yes, God's love for the lost ought to cause us to imitate that love and try to reach those that are outside of Christ.

Second, there is the example of Jesus. Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Before He went to the cross to lay down His life, Jesus showed Himself to be a preacher with great compassion. Once when Jesus' disciples told Him that all men sought for Him, He said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth" (Mark 1:38). Again it is written, "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things" (Mark 6:34). Yes, the example of our compassionate, preaching Savior ought to move us to teach the lost.

Third, there is the knowledge that people are lost without Jesus. Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). Those that are not in the Christ are without God, without Christ, and without hope (Ephesians 2:12). If people do not obey the gospel, then they "shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord" (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9). Souls are hanging in the balance! Realizing that all men are either going to go into "everlasting punishment" or "life eternal" (Matthew 25:46), surely we want to do all that we can to teach them how to avoid hell and receive the crown of life.

Besides this, our appreciation for what God has done for us ought to motivate us to teach the gospel to others. Jesus once told a man from whom He had cast out demons, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19). If it was proper to tell the news of such relief from physical suffering, how much more so for us to tell others the fabulous news of how to have their sins washed away! Just what has God done for us? He "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all ..." (Romans 8:32). "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). If we really appreciate what God has done for us, then should we not naturally have a desire for others to "get in on such a good thing?" We think so!

Finally, seeing other saints zealously teach the lost can also be a big encouragement to us. Seeing our brothers and sisters put forth a great effort to teach the gospel can be contagious. We are not surprised to read that in the first century the scattered disciples went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4). Why does this not surprise us? Because they had had the opportunity to observe the apostles preach with boldness (Acts 4:31) on a daily basis in both public and private (Acts 5:42). Yes, that kind of zeal tends to "rub off" on others.

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Most of us do not have to look very far to find people that are not Christians. May God bless each of us as we do our best to reach them with the gospel.

ASA CHRISTIAN, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

Ken Mears

Some important conclusions were reached before you became a Christian. One of the first decisions which you had to make was whether or not the Bible is the inspired word of God. Having reached the conclusion that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that all people are accountable for their actions, you concluded that you were living in sin and your souls would be condemn to hell if you should die in that condition. Having accepted the fact that you were lost, you then had to learn what to do to receive the forgiveness of sins. You may have heard many of the theories which are offered by men about how one is forgiven of his sins. Having accepted the Bible as the inspired word of God, only an answer from God's word would be acceptable. Having learned what the Bible teaches about the forgiveness of sins, you made the decision to obey the Bible and nothing else.

As a result of your study, you learned that God had provided a way for man to be saved. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3). You discovered that God indeed had done his part to save you, now you were faced with the most important decision of your life. You had to decide if you were willing to do your part. God's part was providing salvation, your part was obeying his terms of pardon. You made the decision to obey God's will and received the forgiveness of sins. In doing so, you became a Christian and was added to the body of Christ just like the people we read about in the New Testament. Now that you have made all of these decisions and are now a Christian there is another question which you must ask.

The question is "as a Christian, what does God expect of me now?" The writer of Hebrews said, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of the laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment" (Hebrews 6:1-2). Peter ended his second letter by saying, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18). To go beyond the first principles of the doctrine of Christ and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ requires commitment.

God expects Christians to be totally committed to him. The word total means constituting the whole; entire; complete. Commitment is a promise to be loyal to someone or something. Total commitment means that an individual has committed himself wholly and completely loyal to God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). How do we show our love and commitment to God? The same way that Jesus showed his love and commitment to the Father. Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 4:34; 9:4). Paul instructed Titus to, "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1). Paul also said, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him" (1 Corinthians 12:18). God knows what work we are capable of in the kingdom. How will we ever know what our work is in the kingdom if we are constantly saying no to God's opportunities to serve.

The elders have set forth fifteen areas of work which cover evangelism, edification and benevolence. When asked to help in one of these works will you not become a "yes" person? This is what God expects of us now.

