

Reaching the Lost

God's Grace — Man's Blessing

Eph. 2:11-22 – The greatest blessing we have in life is access to the Father through Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 4:13-14 – The greatness of this blessing should well-up within us.

Psa. 116:1-19 – Thanksgiving for deliverance

1 Tim. 4:8 - The Gospel, the good news, is beneficial, i.e., has promise for this life and that which is to come.

The Word of God Will

2 Cor. 5:9-11 – (when believed) stir up a spirit of urgency in persuading men.

2 Tim. 2:24-26 – (when obeyed) deliver a man out of the snares of the devil.

Prov. 14:34 – (when followed) exalt a nation.

2 Chron. 17:9-10 – (when taught) cause nations to take notice of the supremacy of the laws of God.

2 Tim. 2:2 – (when received) encourage the faithful to take the message to others.

What is Your Greatest Desire?

Matt. 5:13-16; Prov. 29:2 - If you want to help yourself, your family, your city, state, and nation... as Paul said...

1 Thess. 4:1-8 – “even as ye do walk,— that ye abound more and more”

Two Ways to Govern Life

Prov. 21:2 – “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the hearts.”

2 Chron. 29:1-2, 3-11 – Hezekiah: “he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done” and restored that which had been neglected.

Jer. 10:23 – “O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

Gospel — “A good message”!

Matt. 22:2-14 – As there were many who made light of the master’s marriage feast, so it is said, “Many are called, but few chosen.”

Jn. 3:19-21 – The reason? “men loved the darkness rather than the light.”

Can You Relate?

“Our most earnest revival efforts will often end in comparative failure, and we shall wonder that, after all our prayer and weary toil, religious thought is not awakened, the masses are not reached and interested, and our churches cease to grow.”

(I, pg. 6) (Hard Things of the Bible, James Roy, M.A., 1876)

Matt. 7:13-14; Lk. 22:36 – “that (which, ret) leadeth unto life” requires a battle.

Importance of the Study

Mal. 2:4-7 – “The priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth;”

1 Pet. 2:5 – “ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices...”

Titus 2:11-12 – “instructing us, to the intent”

Curse of Negligence

Jer. 25:9 – Nebuchadnezzar is referred to as Jehovah’s “servant” to destroy all the nations.

Jer. 48:10 – Refers this destruction by Nebuchadnezzar as “the work of Jehovah” ... and if done negligently would be cursed.

Spiritual Battles are to be Fought

1 Cor. 16:10 – Paul and Timothy were charged with doing the work of the Lord.

2 Tim. 4:1-5 – This work was a ministry to be fulfilled.

1 Tim. 6:12 – A fight of the faith

Eph. 6:10-20 – The Lord provides all the armor necessary to overcome.

2 Tim. 2:2 – Paul told Timothy to take what he had heard and commit it to faithful men who would be able to teach others also.

Why Attempt to Reach the Lost?

Prov. 11:30 – It is an indicator of wisdom.

Acts 17:30-31 – The message prepares man to meet his Maker.

1 Tim. 2:3-4; Jn. 17:17-20 – God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth and has appointed man to deliver the message.

Heb. 5:14 – It promotes maturity.

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It is moral:

- Ezek. 3:16-21; 33:1-9; Heb. 13:17 – Do you care?
- Watchman – guard, protect
- Watch – to be sleepless, keep awake
- Acts 20:17-21, 26-27 – “Pure from the blood”

Jn. 1:35-51 – It is natural.



Any Great Work Cannot Be Compromised

Neh. 6:3 – “I am doing a great work.”

Lk. 19:10 – It is a work Jesus came to do.

Matt. 28:19-20 – It is a work Jesus commanded the apostles to do.

2 Tim. 2:2 – It is a work the apostle Paul told Timothy and others to do.

Haggai 1:5 – “Consider your ways.”

Reasons for NOT Attempting to Reach the Lost

“I am too busy:”

- Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:14 – If you are a people of God’s own possession, you have work.
- Jer. 48:10 – Consider the Master’s view of negligence.

“I am helping to pay the preacher:”

- 2 Tim. 4:5 – The preacher is responsible for his own work.
- “More time” – 168 hrs. a week allotted to all men

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“People are just not interested:”

- Acts 17:32-34 – “mocked;” “we will hear thee yet again;” “certain clave unto him:” would you have been interested?!
- 1 Cor. 3:6-8 – Your job is to plant and water...the Lord will give the increase.

“I have tried and failed:”

- Jn. 6:66 – So did Jesus.
- Acts 14:19 – So did Paul.

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“I am not good at talking to people about religion:”

- Rom. 1:16 – Are you ashamed of the gospel?
- Jn. 1:40-41, 45 – I’ve yet to find a man that was not eager to talk about what excites him.

“I will be asked questions I cannot answer:”

- Say, “I don’t know...but I will find out.”
- Heb. 5:11-14 – “For when by reason of time...”

Prepare Yourself

Matt. 10:28 – Don't be fearful.

Rev. 21:8 – Special place for those who are

1 Pet. 3:15 – Be ready!

What Saith the Lord?

Deut. 30:19 – Moses said, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed...” What will you choose? And if not now, when?

Mal. 2:1-7 – “For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of Jehovah of hosts.”