

GROWING IN MY MISSION

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THE 5 GREAT COMMISSIONS OF JESUS

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you." Mt 28:18-19 (NLT)

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Mk 16:15 (NLT)

...this message of salvation should be taken from Jerusalem to all the nations... Lk 24:47 (TLB)

Jesus said, "...As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Jn 20:21 (NIV)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Ac 1:8 (NLT)

LEVEL 0: ARTIFICIAL

Check up on yourselves. Are you really Christians? Do you pass the test? Do you feel Christ's presence and power more and more within you? Or are you just pretending to be Christians when actually you aren't at all? 2 Co 13:5 (The Living Bible)

LEVEL 1: NATURAL

So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." Ac 4:18-20 (NLT)

LEVEL 2: INVITATIONAL

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who...followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus... Jn 1:40-42 (NLT)

LEVEL 3: RATIONAL

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 Pe 3:15 (NIV)

LEVEL 4: INTENTIONAL

For I owe a great debt to you and to everyone else...So, to the fullest extent of my ability, I am ready to come also to you in Rome to preach God's Good News. Ro 1:14-15 (The Living Bible)

Telling the Good News does not give me any reason for bragging. Telling the Good News is my duty—something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News. 1 Co 9:16 (NCV)

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? Ro 10:14 (NLT)

LAST THOUGHT:
Am I GROWING or SLOWING God's kingdom?