

Welcome to your Mission Field

Part 2.

5 Habits of an Effective Missionary

1. Pray
2. Live
3. Tell
4. Serve
5. Give

Review

John 4

1. Pray

Prayer is where we begins...

I love the saying “Don’t preach to them until you have first wept over them in prayer...”

- Your preaching is different when it’s bathed in prayer...
- The tone of your voice is different when you’ve prayed...
- Your eyes look different when you have prayed...

God will turn you into a powerful Soul Winner if you will allow your heart to be broken by God for the lost...

2. Live

1 Peter 2:12

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Actions speak loud

Actions open doors for words

The way you care for people

The way you live out your devotion to God

3. Tell

The Samaritan woman was a Doorway to her City.

You are a Doorway to people that God is wanting to reach...

People are connected to People...

There are people that only you can reach...

John 4:28-30

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

- A Missionary does not fail to share what God has done in their life.
- God will bring opportunities and Divine Appointments like Phillip with the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8.
- We must be ready to Tell...

Part 2.

Serve

A Servant Understands Authority

Matthew 8

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

7 Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

8 The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 **For I myself am a man under authority**, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10 **When Jesus heard this, he was amazed** and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, **I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.**”

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

- Good Leaders are good Servants...
- Good Servants make good Leaders ...

A Servant is Sent

Luke 10

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ 6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages.

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16 **“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”**

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, **“Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”**

18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, **do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

21 At that time **Jesus, full of joy** through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, **Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.**

- There is a divine transfer of authority when we are obedient to the call of God.
- When we go to the place he has called us to go...
- When we do what he has called us to do...
- When we say what he has told us to say...

These seventy two disciples were excited because they experienced something divine.

They were servants of the Lord and with that responsibility came a certain authority.

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

They had authority, not only in the natural but in the supernatural. They had authority over spiritual things. **“Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”**

This is a great thing but there is an even greater revelation...

do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

You walk in authority because you are obedient servants of the Lord...
 You are servants of the Lord because you are his Sons and Daughter...
 Your names are written in heaven...

Jesus, full of joy: This pleased Jesus that the disciples were obedient to the call. They were faithful servants and experienced the delegated authority Jesus gave them.

Note: Many great difficulties are avoided when each of us simply do what God asks of us...

Not only are difficulties avoided but quite the opposite occurs. The Church seems to function as a divinely orchestrated living organism. Prayers are answered. Needs are met. The church no longer looks to the world like organized religion, but becomes a powerful confirming witness to the world that God is alive and working through his body.

When we Serve we join ourselves with the Heavenly Host

Revelation 19

9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

- Heaven is full of Servants
- Servanthood is the Culture of Heaven
- I believe every Citizen of Heaven should be well accustomed to Serving God no matter the cost...

Isaiah 6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**”

9 He said, “Go and tell this people:

A Good servant doesn’t ask how can my master accommodate my gifting?

A Good servant asks how can my gifting accommodate my master?

Closing:

Serve where you are...

When I stand before God I don't think he's going to say:

Well done my good and faithful Pastor...

Good and faithful Preacher...

Good and faithful Husband...

Good and faithful Father...

Good and faithful US Citizen...

Good and faithful Church Attender...

Good and faithful AG Minister...

I hope he says Well done my good and faithful Servant!

It's not **what** you did that matters

It's **that** you did that matters

On that day God will reward our obedience...

Not that we did a bunch of things...

but the we did what he asked us to do...

That is a Good Servant

Train yourself in the art of witnessing.

Gain experience teaching the Bible—even if that's to children Grow in your ability to serve others with hospitality.

serving right where you are

find opportunities to meet needs

look for ways to serve