

Welcome to Your Mission Field

Part 3 “Give”

1. Give Yourself to the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God has power ...

Power to break through Spiritual Strongholds...

There are many ideas and opinions...

But Ideas and Opinions don't have Power...

God's Word has Power...

Jesus used the word of God when he was hungry and vulnerable in the Wilderness...

When you are witnessing to someone think on the Word of God...

The Word of God is like a Light being turned on in a dark room...

Jeremiah 20:9

But if I say, “I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,”

his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

The Word of God will change you
It will change your trajectory
It will change your value system
It has the power to make you a different person

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered *them* from their destructions.

Psalm 119

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How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.

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I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.

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I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

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Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

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Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

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Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

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Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

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Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

Give Yourself to the Word of God...

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

I'm so Glad Paul didn't say Preach whatever you want

Preach what is popular...

Preach only what your passionate about...

Paul said Preach the Word...

2. Give Yourself to Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 14

1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. **2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. **3** But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. **4** He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. **5** I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied;

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desire spiritual *gifts*...

Vs. 2

he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God

Vs. 4

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

A Person who pursues fellowship with the Holy Spirit is strong in Spirit...

When you Pray in the Holy Spirit you build up your Spirit ...

When You Prophesy you build up others...

The Holy Spirit knows exactly what to say...

The Holy Spirit knows exactly what to do...

3. Give People Jesus

Mark 2 Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. **2** They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. **3** Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. **4** Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

This man needed Jesus

It seemed impossible to get the man to Jesus

These 4 men figured out a way to get their friend to Jesus

The Challenge we face is a question:

How will you give them Jesus?

To give them Jesus, you will need to be determined

To give them Jesus, you will need to look for opportunities

To give them Jesus, you will need to put forth time and energy

But can you imagine how it must have felt for those 4 guys to see their friend stand up...

1 Corinthians 9 ESV

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.