

Go Do His Will With Your Life!

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1. The apostles were sent out 5 These twelve **Jesus sent forth,** and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles,** and into *any city of the Samaritans* **enter ye not:**
 - a. The first truth to remember is that these are the apostles.
 - i. They were the original 12, the apostles
 - ii. We can learn principles from them but we are not apostles and our ministry is different today
 - iii. We go forth sent but based on what God's Word says and not on hearing the actual voice of God
 1. You should be careful not to even think in terms of hearing God speak

2. Anytime you believe that God is talking to you be careful that what you are hearing is in agreement with the Word of God
3. Too many people say God said something and there is nothing to confirm that
4. Too many people step out based on a feeling, a prompting, thinking God said it and when it doesn't work out they want to blame God
5. God has spoken. It is written. It is clear. Trust the Word of God

- b. We know from parallel passages that Jesus sent them out in pairs **Mark 6:7** *And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;*
 - i. Having a friend with you makes all the difference in the world
 - ii. Being lonely, tempted, fearful is more easily overcome with a friend that helps encourage you as you encourage them
 - iii. Going in pairs protects from false accusations—my friend was arrested falsely for witnessing

- c. Obviously they were sent on a mission, an assignment, that we will further discuss later
- d. Today all of God's people are sent on a similar mission
Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.
- i. The Great Commission as we call it was not given to the apostles but to the church
- ii. We find it through out the Bible for the church
I Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: **I speak *this* to your shame.**
- II Corinthians 5:18** And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and **hath given to us the ministry of**

reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and **hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.** ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, **as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead,** be ye reconciled to God.

- e. How can we know if God is sending us out to His ministry?
 - i. God will place a desire in you **Philippians 2:13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. **I Timothy 3:1** This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. **Psalm 37:4** Delight thyself also in the Lord; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
 - 1. As you seek to love God and serve Him He puts His desires in you

2. He directs your heart. Your hunger to be used of God is not normal it is divine
 3. It is normal for some one that is loving God, enjoying serving Him to want to do something in His service
 4. The more you walk with God the more you are going to want to do something
- ii. Others will see in you what God is doing in your life
1. This is the importance of your local church
 2. Your gifts and talents are tested in family
 3. The church will see that you meet the qualifications found in [I Timothy 3](#) and [Titus 1](#)
 4. Your church family knows you. They can see in you often before you know it that God is doing something special in you
- iii. God will open a place for you to serve
- [I Corinthians 16:9](#) For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are many adversaries.*

2. Jesus gave them specific directions about where to go and not to go [5](#) *These twelve* **Jesus sent forth,**

and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles,** and into *any* city of the Samaritans **enter ye not:** ⁶ But **go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

- a. The gospels are transitional books. We are moving out of the Old Testament into the New Testament
 - i. God has been using the nation of Israel and now will begin using the church
 - ii. The church is made up of all the saved today, both Jew and Gentile
 - iii. God obviously wants all to be saved but right now begins with reaching out to the Jewish nation
- b. Why else might Jesus have limited the apostles to the nation of Israel
 - i. The Jews had been God's special, chosen people.
 - 1. Remember **John 4:22** **Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.**
 - 2. God had used Israel to give us all that we have as His people

- a. The Jews gave us our Bible
 - b. They gave us Jesus
 - c. They even started the church
3. Had the Apostles gone to the Gentiles first it would have caused the Jews to hate the church even more
- a. There was a built in prejudice towards others that was deeply rooted in their culture
 - b. Even Peter did not really want God to come on Cornelius and his house like he did
 - c. His report back to the church shows just that
4. Probably it was a good thing to get started doing ministry among their own people
- a. They knew the culture
 - b. They knew how to talk to them
 - c. They understood them
 - d. Cross cultural evangelism is much harder
5. Very likely if you spread yourself to thin you do not accomplish your purpose
- a. So the Apostles go to a limit number of people
 - b. You can't do it all so you must work where you are and where you can

6. No strong ministry was done among the Gentiles until God raised up Paul

c. God loves the world and will get the message to them

d. But even Jesus limited His ministry mostly to the nation of Israel

e. God loves Israel, He has not left them, He still has plans for them and will use them again in the future

3. The message was that the kingdom of heaven is at hand

7 And as ye **go, preach,** saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

a. The Jews might want to get rid of Rome and Roman rule but that was not His purpose

b. His purpose was for them to know Him as King

c. When we obey Him, submit to Him, believe Him we are born again and He becomes our king

d. This world is not our home we are just passing through

e. This country is not my country, my citizenship is in heaven. My president, my governor, and my king is Jesus

f. We manifest this attitude when we pray from our heart what Jesus taught them to pray **Matthew 6:9** *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For **thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.** Amen.*

- g. We want Him to rule over us. We joy at His being our Lord and King
- i. We willing submit to Him and whatever He wants to do in our lives
 - ii. We want to use our money, our talents, and our time for Him

iii. He saved us, He owns us, He loves us, we owe all to Him, and we gladly serve Him

4. The signs of an apostle **8 Heal** the sick, **cleanse** the lepers, **raise** the dead, **cast out** devils: **freely ye have received, freely give.**

- a. Remember this verse when you speak about apostles **II Corinthians 12:12** Truly the **signs of an apostle** were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.
- b. When John the Baptist questioned if Jesus were the Messiah Jesus answered by showing Him the miracles He was working **Matthew 11:4** Jesus answered and said unto them, **Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:** **5** The **blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are**

raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

- c. God gave the apostles special signs to confirm who they were
 - d. Today God confirms for you that you are His but it is not by these signs
 - i. He gave you His Word
 - ii. He blesses your ministry by allowing you to see some fruit
 - iii. Others can see that God is working in you and encourage you
 - iv. Much of the time you will just have to man up and do what you know God wants you to do without any feelings or thanks. You are in the ministry to spend and be spent. **II Corinthians 12:15** **And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.**
5. God's people were to take care of God's men **9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,**

nor yet staves: **for the workman is worthy of his meat.**

- a. As God's men traveled they were not to provide for themselves. God's people would do that
- b. Jews knew to take care of the men of God. It was part of their culture
- c. The men of God were never to go charging or seeking money **8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have**

received, freely give.

- d. Every thing mentioned in our verse here was something that they would need
 - i. Food
 - ii. Clothes
 - iii. Money for travel and expenses
 - iv. Even walking sticks
- e. Today God's people are supposed to take care of God's men **1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18**

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, **The labourer is worthy of his reward.**

i. The Lord actually commanded that those who preached the gospel should live of the gospel

I Corinthians 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which **preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

ii. Those who receive the teaching should take care of the teacher **Galatians 6:6** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

f. No true man of God would ever serve God for what he could get. He serves to give and love not get and take

6. Working with people **11** And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. **12** And when ye come into an house, salute it. **13** And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your

peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

- a. Find a place and do your job 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there **abide till ye go thence.**
 - i. Often we will not see the fruit we want immediately
 - ii. It takes long, faithful work
 - iii. It is like planting a crop or building a building
 - iv. Get a ministry, get in, stay in, work, improve yourself, and wait on God
- b. Find those that want to hear 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
 - i. There will be people that look for your ministry
 - ii. Work with them
 - iii. Give them all you have

iv. Bless them

c. Know there comes a time to move on **14** **And**
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dust of your feet. 15 **Verily I say unto you, It shall be**
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the day of judgment, than for that city.

i. They wouldn't be interested

ii. The apostle was to know that he was to move on

iii. He was acknowledging that they would be judged by
God

iv. Their judgment wasn't for rejecting the messenger
but the message of salvation

d. Remember it is not your ministry but His

e. He is the Lord of the Harvest

f. If He isn't working then that might be a sign for you

7. How do you apply this to your life

a. Know that God is still calling people out to do His work

i. Decide to love God and serve Him with all of your
heart

ii. Find where you can fit in and make a difference

- iii. Check out your gifts and talents
- iv. Follow your heart to love Jesus and serve Him
- b. Work where you are and among your people
 - i. If you do that and God blesses then maybe He has more for you to do
 - ii. Prove your work right here in your family
 - iii. Let teaching and preaching make a difference in your corner before you ask God for a large room to work in
- c. Make sure that He is your king
 - i. Do you love Him and desire to serve Him?
 - ii. Is it your heart's desire to see Jesus magnified in your life, your family, your children?
 - iii. Are you sharing what you know with others so that your life can make a difference?
- d. Can you see God blessing your efforts?
 - i. It maybe that God is confirming to you that you should take another step
 - ii. Do others look to you and see you as a spiritual leader?
- e. Are you willing to trust God to take care of you as you serve Him?

- i. Do you do your part to take care of God's men as they give their lives in service?
 - ii. Do you see the correlation between hearing and giving?
- f. Are you working with people
- i. Have you gotten a ministry and stuck to it?
 - ii. Have you worked when it was hard and you were tired
 - iii. Have you given your best effort to reach people with the gospel
 - iv. Are you watching to see Him work?
 - v. Are you expecting His blessing and power on what you are doing?