

Evangelism

Reaching the

Lost

2 Tim. 4:1-5

Importance of Teaching

- Mal. 2:4-7 – Obligations of Levi
- 1 Pet. 2:5 – Holy priesthood...to offer up spiritual sacrifices
- Titus 2:11-12 – “instructing us, to the intent”

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 – give them warning: Do you care?
 - Acts 20:17-21, 26-27 – pure from the blood
 - Watchman (Ezek. 3:17)– to guard, protect
 - Heb. 13:17 – “watch in behalf,” i.e., sleepless, keep awake”

Why Attempt to Reach the Lost?

- It is **Mental**:
 - “Affected by or due to the mind” — will cause your feet to move
 - Phil. 4:8-9 – It is excellent
 - Rom. 12:1-2 – It is good and acceptable to God.
- Jn. 1:35-51 - It is a natural response.

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 1:2-7, 12-14 – Consider your ways.

Reasons for NOT Attempting to Reach the Lost

- “I’m 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’m 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

Reasons for NOT Attempting to Reach the Lost

- “People are just not interested:”
 - Acts 17:32-34 – “mocked;” “we will hear thee yet again;” “certain clave unto him.” Which of these were not initially interested in what Paul had to say? You were!
 - 1 Cor. 3:6-8 – Your job is to plant and water...the Lord will give the increase.
- “I’ve tried and failed:”
 - Jn. 6:66 – So did Jesus.
 - Acts 14:19 – So did Paul.

Reasons for NOT Attempting to Reach the Lost

- “I’m 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; Prov. 29:25 – Don't be fearful.
- Rev. 21:8 – Special place for those who are
- 1 Pet. 3:15 – Be ready!