

## Praying the Lost into the Kingdom of God

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(**Luke 19:10**) for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Primary purpose when Jesus came is to seek and save the lost.

So what do you think Jesus expect the church to do?

(**Matthew 28:19**) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

(**Matthew 28:20**) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Evangelism is always in the center of God's heart.

So Christians need to make evangelism as part of their life style.

### 3 keys to soul-winning...

#### 1. **Spiritual Fruitfulness:** Spiritual Birth

(**Genesis 1:26**) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

(**Genesis 1:27**) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

(**Genesis 1:28**) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Two things you see:

- 1) **Spirit Being** – you are to be like God.
- 2) **Be Fruitful** – be productive in your life.

God is a creator. God created everything.

From dust of the ground -> Adam -> that's a miracle!

Out of man (Adam) -> Eve -> that's a miracle!

Mary (Virgin) -> Jesus -> that's a miracle!

Man + Woman -> Boy & Girl -> that's a miracle!  
Man + God -> Eternal Life to all - > that's a miracle!

God hates unfruitfulness!

**(John 15:2)** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

**(John 15:6)** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

## 2. **Spiritual Adoption:** Praying in the Spirit

Learning to pray in the spirit till someone comes to Christ.

**(John 3:6)** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

### **(a) Commission = "Co" - "Mission"**

Means you are not told to work alone. "Co" is two or more.

**(Matthew 16:18)** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**(Matthew 16:19)** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Notice Jesus repeats Himself...

**(Matthew 18:16)** But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'

**(Matthew 18:17)** And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

**(Matthew 18:18)** Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

**(Matthew 18:19)** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

**(Matthew 18:20)** For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

**Body of Christ -> Group of 2-3 -> Offices; Schools; Homes; Societies; Families**

### **(b) Work in partnership with the Holy Spirit**

**(Matthew 9:37)** Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

**(Matthew 9:38)** Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

"Send" in Greek *Ekballo* = to eject, to drive out, to expel, to cast out

"Send" in Greek *Apstello* = sending forth of the official sending out of the disciples.

### **3. Spiritual Empowerment: Working with the Holy Spirit**

**(Genesis 1:2)** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The Holy Spirit was present at the start.

"Hovering" is like incubating. Waiting for the right environment to hatch.

With you work with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit can do things you cannot do.

The Holy Spirit is your helper.

**(1 Corinthians 12:3)** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

You can plan everything, spending time and energy on the plans yet get no result out of it. Simply because you failed to pray. Prayer is everything!

**(1 Corinthians 2:10)** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**(1 Corinthians 2:11)** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

No one knows the mind of God except the Spirit of God.

When you have a prayer life, you will be so bold to take on new task.

Once you see the picture in your mind, then you will get it in the natural. Whatever you can see in the spiritual, it will come to you in the natural.

### **Conclusion...**

You need the help of the Holy Spirit to win the lost.

Do not give up, as you keep praying, the Holy Spirit will do the miracle.

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