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# Showing the Love of God

Why do you think the Lord and his disciples fed, and healed, so many people? Why wasn't it always simply preaching the gospel alone? Was it to SHOW and PROVE the love God has for us?... to open up the hearts of men to the gospel? **Showing the Love of God** 

We know the doubting hearts we as human beings can have. And the Lord knew our weakness, and in grace "fed" us what we needed, to open our hearts to the love of God. And we can do the same for others.

#### John 10:27

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

#### USING the time for the Gospel

WE are new creatures in Christ, and God wants to set us free with His perspective.

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God wants to rescue us from being CONSUMED by the things in this world, even "good" things that seem to be innocent.

#### Whose Perspective do you have?

When something takes over your lifestyle that has nothing to do with God or His gospel, what do you think about that??

#### Eph 5:14-17

For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

#### **Perspective for Believers**

God has temporarily left us here for others.

#### It's your turn!

Have you ever thought about life that way? Think of the big picture. Right now, it's your turn on this earth!

#### It's your turn!

Will you let your turn pass you by, without being useful to the Master, especially in regards to becoming a partaker in the Gospel?

# USE the time

Look up, and ask the Lord, "what can I do for You today?"

# A Great Relief

When you actually live for others, you are relieved from being occupied with yourself!

Wake up, while there's still time to be used for God's glory!

# Luke 24:45-48

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things.

Giving the gospel should simply be part of our lifestyles, as believers. It's who we are and it's what we do.

# **Giving the Gospel**

The Gospel becomes us. And we become partakers in the Gospel.

We LOOK for ways to relate to people, as Paul did. 1Co 9

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Acts chapters 2,3,7,10,17 for example.

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The way Paul reached the Corinthians with Christ, and started a church there for them, was by relying on the Truth and the Spirit, not on his own words of intelligence. 1Co 1:17,2:1-5,12-13,4:20

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It takes human effort to have cleverness of speech, to try to sound eloquent and intelligent. But, in freedom, we can drop that garbage and simply stick to the cross of Christ, so that it won't be made void by our many words.

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You might be the quietest person on the planet, but He can supernaturally use you to say the right thing at the right time, and bring someone to Christ.

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The Spirit is the One who helps people believe, even if we don't actually say the word "believe" to others (i.e. Acts 2 & 3). This is why we go out and trust the Spirit in what needs to be done, or said.