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Showing the Love of God

Why do you think the Lord (and his disciples) fed, and healed, so many people throughout His ministry? 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.

Hobbies or Hindrances?

Are our "hobbies" blocking out our opportunity to live for God's purposes while we still have time?

USING the time for the Gospel

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

Perspective for Believers

God has temporarily left us here for others.

It's your turn!

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

1Co 9:23

A Great Relief

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

Our Lord designed life so that the only way to find TRUE life is to live for Him and others. That's how He built us!

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

And this is a faith issue, not a works issue!

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.

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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.

"Of The Spirit"

Part of a demonstration of the Spirit's power is us being open to what the Spirit wants us to say.

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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, if you are willingly humble.

Salvation and the Spirit

- Isn't it the work of the Spirit that convicts someone and saves them?
- Isn't it super-natural, for a person to turn from self and turn to Christ in their heart?

Salvation and the Spirit

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.

Salvation and the Spirit

When we get out of the way, the Spirit puts words into our mouth. And by God's grace, we will find ourselves "combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words" that we had no intent of putting together.

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Our job is NOT to be crafty with our words, it's to share the heart of Christ, to reveal to others that you care enough about them to share the good news with them, and let the chips fall where they may.

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People don't need to hear fancy words, they need to see that you care. THAT'S what motivates them to listen to the Good News. That's the love of Christ in you.

The Fullness of the Gospel

We know the Gospel includes such things as repentance, turning from sin and self to Christ, trusting in Christ with one's heart, and believing in His resurrection from the dead.

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If we would just get out of the way, dropping our personal insecurities, which is really our arrogance, then sharing the gospel would be easy, as the faith of a child would share it!