

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

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**1<sup>st</sup> POD: Prayer must precede all missionary and evangelistic work.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> POD: Prayer sets God in motion to accomplish what man cannot.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> POD: Since the harvest is God's, evangelism is a work in which the believer must cooperate with God.**

**4<sup>th</sup> POD: Winning or harvesting souls for Christ is a process; therefore, the believer must not get ahead of God in that work.**

**John 6:44** “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.”

“No one **can** come to Me”

➤ **CAN** - δύναμαι – DUNAMAI – “To be able”

“unless the Father who sent Me **draws** him”

➤ **Draws** - ἐλκύω – HELKUO – “To pull, tug, haul in; to attract – to drag by force”

*It is God's responsibility to “attract” or “pull.”*

**Jeremiah 31:3** The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.”

**POD: We cooperate with God in His work of attracting the lost to Christ with the love of Christ.**

				Jer. 17:9		
				Rom. 3:23		
				Rom. 3:10		
				Isa. 64:6		
				Rom. 3:20		
Heb.	Lev.			Jn. 1:29	Heb.	Rev.
9:22	17:11			Isa. 53:1-12	9:27	20:11-15
				1 Pt. 2:24		
				Acts 4:12		
				Rom. 5:8		
				Rom. 6:23		
				Acts 10:43		
				Jn. 3:16, 18, 36		
				Jn. 14:6		
				Acts 16:31		
				Jn. 11:25		
				Eph. 2:8-9		
				Titus 3:5		

*You give out tracts in loving-kindness with the compassion of Christ.*

*You sit down and reason with them in the Scriptures - you give them the Gospel.*

**POD: It is in prayer that God gently reveals His will to the willing soul through the witness of His indwelling Spirit (Rom. 12:1-2 cf. James 1:5; 1 Cor 3:16; Rom. 8:16, 26-27; 9:1).**

*This is a reference to the discernable will of God.*

*When to give the gospel? To whom to give the gospel? Where and in what manner?*

*It is important to follow up with people.*

**POD: Drawing is a process.**

When the Lord leads you to give someone a tract, present the Gospel, follow up with someone – you are part of that process of attracting people to Christ.





**Matthew 10:1 - Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority. . .**

**ἐξουσία** - a reference to His official Messianic authority

*. . . over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.*

The Lord always gives you what you need, in order to do what it is He asks you to do.

Just look at what He has given you!

-  Prayer
-  Faith
-  Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit
-  Word of God

That is all you need to cooperate with Him.

<sup>2</sup>Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:

- He had already chosen them out of hundreds of students prior to the Sermon on the Mount (**Luke 6:12-16**).
- **Mark 6:7** states that the Lord “*began to send them out in pairs.*”
- Matthew lists them in their teams.

**Team 1:** The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother;

**Team 2:** and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

**Team 3:** Philip and Bartholomew [Nathanael];

**Team 4:** Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;

**Team 5:** James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus [Judas, the brother of James];

**Team 6:** Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them:

- **Sent out** - ἀποστέλλω – APOSTELLO – “To send out”
- Noun form - ἀπόστολος – APOSTOLOS – “One who is sent out; missionary”

**Matthew 10:1** Jesus summoned His twelve disciples [μαθητής – students] and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

**Matthew 10:2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:

**POD: One must learn from the Lord prior to being used by the Lord.**

**If He is going to send you into someone’s life or send someone to you, you need to be prepared to give the Gospel.**

Do you know why people have performance issues or confidence issues in giving the Gospel?

- They are focused on themselves.
- They are trusting in their own ability vs. walking by the Spirit.

**POD: Performance issues are solved by trusting in the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.**

**Matthew 10:20** “For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

**Application:** If your trust is in yourself, then it is you who are doing the witnessing, but if your trust is in the living God who draws the lost and indwells you and leads you there is nothing to worry about.

**Matthew 10:1-2** Jesus summoned His twelve disciples <sup>2</sup>Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:

*Students became apostles.*

- The one thing that made apostles out of students was Jesus Christ gave them His official Messianic authority.
- That authority is not given to believers today; there are no apostles today.

The Lord did two things before He sent them out:

1 – He gave them authority (v. 1).

2 - <sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them. . .

- **Instructing** – παραγγέλλω – “to give orders; instruct”

**POD: Effective evangelism requires pre-deployment training by the Lord.**

*The Lord is not physically here today so all training comes through the Word of God.*

**POD: The Lord will provide everything you need in grace to accomplish whatever it is He wants you to do.**

- The disciples needed authority and some instruction, so He gave it to them.
- When it comes to authority today or power to witness – it is provided by the filling ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

- All power to effectively witness comes through the Holy Spirit.
- As Dr. Chafer said - “The Holy Spirit is received but once and He never departs; but there are many fillings as need for them arise” (*Systematic Theology* Vol. VI, 124).

Do not worry about what to say or do when you are in fellowship –

- Rely on the filling of the Spirit.
- Trust that He will be there.
- Depend on Him completely.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; <sup>6</sup>but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- The Gospel of the Kingdom was for those who had entered into a contract with God on Sinai – the Jew.
- The message was for the Jew, once the Jews had an opportunity to accept or reject that message, then the message would be brought to the Gentiles.

<sup>7</sup>“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ “

Did the apostles have a command of the full realm of Bible doctrine when the Lord sent them out? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they need to know the full realm of Bible doctrine? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a spiritual nincompoop? \_\_\_\_\_

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*