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INT: * MATT. 10:1-16. (Let's PLAY-LIKE!) Envision yourself in this era 1964 yrs. ago. WHERE?..... HOW?....would you fit into this exciting period of the church....? -period of PREPARATION-----early stages. Laying the ground-work for Pentecost !!!

* This scenario was played-out beautifully six years later by the Jerusalem church of Christ. Acts 8:1-4. QUESTION: Who? did this? CHRISTIANS !! Men preached or gospelized. Women and children SHARED or TAUGHT others. WHAT PART WOULD you HAVE BEEN PLAYING THEN? Talking and telling.....?

QUESTION: If you would have DONE IT then, are you doing it now??? *Conditions* NOT THE SAME?

WHY NOT THE SAME? Then: They had the SAME message, same power, proof, same challenge, same reality, same promise, same results. (Matt. 28:20) (Mark 16:16 = obey-saved. Disbelieve-lost.)

(Setting for Lesson !!!)

I. CAN WE EVANGELIZE A LOST WORLD TODAY? 2nd question: Will we ???

1. STATEMENT: "It's the greatest thing in the world-to be a Christian!!" T__ F__? WHAT condition better??? NONE! THIS IS THE GREATEST.....

2. HOW MUCH DO YOU APPRECIATE ~~being saved~~ BEING A CHRISTIAN? Very much!

3. THEN....WHAT SACRIFICES ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE AS PROOF OF THAT APPRECIATION? BUT FIRST.....what are the blessings in being a Christian? *Sacrificing now?*

- a. Matt. 6:33. Ample food, clothing and shelter for self and family. Physical
- b. Eph. 1:3. All spiritual blessings. A Savior. A Bible. The church. PRAYER. PROVIDENCE. PROMISES. POWER. (Life & G...) Spiritual

II. WHAT OBLIGATIONS ARE INHERENT IN BECOMING A SAVED.....CHILD OF GOD? First.....!

1. An un-emphasized role: EVERY Christian is a MISSIONARY for Christ.

Missionary defined: "One on a mission." Foreign? Yes. National mission? Yes. State missionaries? Yes. County missions? Yes. City? Yes. Neighbors? Yes.

2. THE CORE-PRINCIPLE OF EVANGELISM: "THE CHURCH GROWS ONLY BY CHRISTIANS CONTACTING PEOPLE."

Start with Book Mark 2nd Cor - 1st Tim 1st Cor

III. QUESTION: CAN I DO IT? ANSWER FROM JESUS: "YES, YOU CAN!" HOW ???

1. First, get into the Evangelism Mode. METHOD OF: an great-alert for prospects. Sensitive to souls. "Nose for opportunities." -- THEN AGGRESSIVE!

III. TEX WILLIAMS: St Petersburg, Fla. In resturant. Asked waitress where went to church? Just quit my church-various reasons! GREAT PROSPECT !!! She promised to investigate the church of Christ down on the corner. P.to P. (people)

2. Second, develop a life-syndrom for personal-evangelism. Syndrom: a pattern of characteristics which characterize a peculiar, alert, active, assertive and caring Christian person. "In the mood at all times to REACH OUT!" What characteristics? Light of world. Salt of the earth. Influential !! (over)

Don't interfere with any PE program before or to come.

ILL. Take off from ED MATLOCK'S experience on plane from Seattle to Nashville. Briefcase open on seat. Bookmark partially visible. All in view were the words, "I LOVE MY... Steartsess very curious. Showed interest. Ed showed her the book mark: Said, "I LOVE MY DADDY" Signed by his two boys---who wanted their daddy to know they loved him and wanted him to return home safe to them. SEewartess was impressed: Complimented his family.

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Ed.....happy and sad about this. Wished he had displayed (partially) a bookmark saying, "I LOVE MY LORD-Jesus." Then, when had her attention, speak of Jesus and give her a tract about the church Jesus died for. **HIS BODY!**

His comment: "I don't tell people enough how much I love and appreciate Jesus. I can do it. And I shall do it more."

CLOSE: That's the lesson: WE ARE NOT TELLING ENOUGH PEOPLE HOW MUCH WE LOVE OUR SAVIOUR.

BUT.....YES YOU CAN. If you want some "I love My Lord" bookmarks tell me tonight. We'll get them and an appropriate tract.

can give book marks to: grocer, waitress, postman, ser. station (or cards) cashier, cafe - cleaners, - say nothing, just leave it!

INVITATION: What did Jesus die for? You and me! **+**

He died for sinners. *too!* Mark 16:15-16.

He died for erring bros. & sis. Repentance & prayer

Come....

Imagine 100. 58 are doing this. Church identified!

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2) Hypothetical

parable:

parable: what if?

He lays you gently down in death.

angels won't be the party you talk to.

Jesus has one question in His heart.

How many are you bringing with you?