

# Maximizing Opportunities To Glorify God

## (Part 2)

*John 15:1-8*

### Series Objective

Glorifying God is the intentional deliberate act of honoring God through various means of expressions! We Glorify God through our: Acclamations, Acknowledgements and Accomplishments. Our goal is to be instruments to do things through God's ability that will bring Him glory and honor! This teaching will be to maximize the Manifestation of Fruits of Righteousness

**Subtitle: The Intentional Sacrifice of Evangelism – Rom. 12:1-2**

### Objective

This lesson is to prepare us for the greatest harvest in years. My goal this morning is to get you stirred in faith to use each day as an opportunity to touch the lives of others.

### Review

1. Fruit in the Bible reference many things among them:

- a. More Souls *John 15:16*      b. Manifested Scripture *Mk 4:20*      c. Maturing Spiritually *Gal. 5:22*

2. The harvesting of any type of fruit requires sacrificial effort for success *Luke 13:6*

3. When it comes to the Pursuit of Souls, through compassion we are moved to sacrifice

*\*Def.: Sacrifice is going above initial expectation, going without desired experiences, going beyond derailing emotions and to go outside your reasoning paradigm to accomplish or acquire better! Mark 10:38-30 James 1:2-5 When we sacrifice, we attract the supernatural!*

4. The “Urgency of the Saints Witnessing” births the willingness to sacrifice *Acts 1:8*

*\*Def. Lifestyle Evangelism is the promotion of lifestyle and love of Jesus in and around the unsaved, the untaught, the unchurched and the uncommitted through genuine relationship to allow the Holy Spirit to coordinate a moment to witness and share the Gospel message!*

5. The “Ultimate Strategy for Witnessing” requires the willingness to sacrifice

*John 20:21*

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- a. Witness of the Demoniac
- b. Witness of Good Samaritan
- c. Witness of Woman of Samaria

## **Emphasis: The Model of The Ministry Witnessing - *Prov. 11:30***

### **Introduction**

We have discovered that life in the Kingdom of God is characterized by sacrifice. Nothing of significance in the kingdom comes to pass without some measure of sacrificial effort. With the renewed mindset on sacrifice we will engage in sacrifice with expectancy and see it as a seed faith effort that pays off. In the midst of sacrifice many feel deprived or discouraged which teeters on depression instead of having joyful confidence in an investment that is being made. We can only accomplish kingdom objectives by overcoming the fear that our sacrificial endeavors will not pay off! The most important kingdom assignment given to men is that of witnessing to others about the grace of God which requires sacrifice. Our church will be exceptional if we sacrifice! We must be willing to share the good news of Jesus becoming our sacrifice, securing our salvation and giving us abundant life. We are saved by His marvelous grace! GOOD NEWS *Rom. 10:9*

### **I. Establishing The Truth of Sacrifice For Supernatural Payoff *Heb. 11:6***

#### **A. The Definition Of Spiritual Intentional Sacrifice**

1. Going Above Initial Expectations
2. Going Without Desired Experiences
3. Going Beyond Derailing Emotions
4. Going Outside Of Secular Reasoning

#### **B. The Dynamics of The Supernatural From Intentional Sacrifice**

##### **Ps. 126:5-6**

1. The Examples of Kingdom Sacrifice – Tapped the Supernatural
  - a. The Widow of Zaphat
  - b. Hannah
  - c. Mary & Martha
  - d. Lad's Lunch
2. The Exhortation on Kingdom Sacrifice
  - a. Though it may go unnoticed by man, it always gets God's attention
  - b. He will use my sacrifice as an object lesson to teach others
  - c. Sacrifice triggers the supernatural response I need to make a real difference

### **II. Empowering Truths For Samaritan Spiritual Portrait *Acts 14:17 22:15***

#### **A. The Lordship Established The Motivations To Witness I John 5:4**

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*\*There are different states of our lordship commitment which really determines our consciousness to reach out to others.*

1. The Resentment Mentality
2. The Contentment Mentality – passive irresponsible stagnant satisfaction
3. The Entitlement Mentality – selfish, “what’s in it for me” attitude of demanding
4. The Excitement Mentality – the overflowing excitement and appreciation that births:
  - a. Not optional extra curricular activity
  - b. Gross misplaced values of what is important to God
  - c. Negative nay-Sayers who look for opportunities to condemn & discount

### **B. Lifestyle Evangelism of The Good Samaritan *Luke 10:30-37***

*\*This theological debate yields a tremendous lesson on compassionate caring which is at the very heart of Lifestyle Evangelism! The Master’s Matrix for Maximized Ministry!*

1. He Recognized The Suffering

*\*We must pray that God make us sensitive to the sufferings and problems of others*

2. He Rearranged His Schedule

*\*He did not allow his schedule to rob him of an opportunity to serve*

3. He Rallied (Rushed) To The Site

*\*The essence of the evangelism mandate is that we go into the world – operative word is “go”*

4. He Responded With Sensitivity

*\*He addressed the man’s brokenness without rebuke but dealt with him compassionately, the object of compassion become the subject of the testimony when the power of God is released into the situation! The Operation Of Compassion **Jud. 1:22** – It makes the difference!*

1. It moves the power of God on the scene in every area of life (home & church)
2. It causes the power of God to snatch another one!

*\*Compassion reaches to the place of need pass the superficial symptoms to bring lasting deliverance! **Acts 3:1-10** Such as I have....*

5. He Rendered Some Service

*\*He treats him with value by providing quality ministry – Oil / Wine. Oil symbolic of the ministry of the Holy Spirit who authored the Word & Wine symbolic of Joy that good news brings!*

6. He Removed Him To Safety
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*\*He took it upon himself to see that his restoration would take place in a secure safe place – Acceptance is always important. This speaks of establishing a relationship to assist in recovery!*

7. He Received Some Support

*\*He brings him to a safe environment so others could help care & restore. This is the purpose of church. When we bring others here we do so to receive support in helping others. Work Together!*

8. He Released Some Silver

*\*He arranged for future care by making a financial investment in his care! The purpose of our giving is so that there can be meat in God's house to make ministry possible!*

9. He Would Be Rewarded Supernaturally – **John 15:16**

*\*Joy is in heaven, therefore there should be great joy in the earth – **Luke 15:10***

10. He is Recommended By The Savior – Can God recommend you? **Luke 10:37**

## **Conclusion**

I continue to believe that real witnessing is the overflow of focusing on the goodness of God. In closing I borrow the word of the writer... Said I wasn't going to tell nobody but I couldn't keep it to myself what the Lord has done for me...

Listen we have been waiting on you. This is a special day! It marks a time of celebration and the beginning of a new lifestyle commitment! For the saved and for the lost!

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