

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS (THE GOSPEL)

As you know, sharing the Good News is telling others about what Jesus has done for you, and what He's presently doing in your life. In essence, you are sharing your faith with others. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

Maybe the thought of sharing the Gospel with strangers makes you wince, or maybe you presently don't have a vision for the lost. With regard to the latter – having a vision for the lost - can be birthed and developed within you. First off, ask God to help you have a strong spiritual hunger and desire to see that lost souls will come into His kingdom. You and I both need to feel as He does when there is a sheep missing from His pasture.

Please seize each and every opportunity to point others to Christ, to the glory of God our Father. People are always watching us. Even our countenance, attitudes and "body language" can attract the lost to us or drive them away. Time is running out to take others home, to heaven, during our lifetime. My pastor reminded his congregation, early this year, of the Scripture that reads, "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:14, NIV).

For such a time as this, in all of creation, you were born to point others, as John the Baptist did, to Christ alone. Your and my mission (i.e., the Great Commission) is to *plunder hell to populate heaven*. Yeah, that's what it's really all about.

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