IF ONLY WE WILL GO, THEY WILL COME
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Mark 16:15-16  

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. It is a direct command from God to us (New Testament Christians). We would be honoring God with our lips if we claim to be Christians in words only but not in deeds. Matt 15:8

If we can fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2, He would use us to do His will. Christ Jesus was evangelistic and as Paul says we should imitate him as he also imitate Christ. We should emulate their evangelistic attitude.

People must hear, before they believe, then comes faith. Romans 10:17. How will the lost get the good news if there are no preachers to preach and clarify things to them? Romans 10:14-15. Therefore, preachers must be out there to help them understand the true word of God. If only we obey the commandments of God, we will not shirk our responsibility of spreading his world so that all humanity will have saved. Romans 10:1-Pual says it is his desire that the people of Israel be saved. In similar manner, we should take it upon ourselves to teach the people to accept Christ Jesus as their Lord and personal savior. We must preach in and out of season.2 Timothy 4:1-2;

We will all one day stand before the judgement seat of Christ where we shall give an account of how we lived our lives on earth. Having knowledge of this, we must persuade people to surrender their lives to Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:9-10, Hebrews 9:27. Take a look at this scenario, Mr.A has a friend, Mr.B who passed on and he knows Mr.B was not a new testament Christian. He becomes sad because he knows Mr.B did not live an upright in Christ during his life time and he feels remorseful for he had the truth but he did not teach Mr.B to accept Jesus into his life. In short, the greatest tragedy in life is to know that your friend who escaped into eternity, was not a Christian. Invariably, that is how we are, we have friends who are not New Testament Christians. If he care about their salvation, we must tell them the good news. I believe that when someone passes on and we know that person was on track with God, though the break in the physical relationship causes us pain, we have a cause to be full of joy because we know, he will find eternal rest for his/her soul.

As the prophet Hosea says in Hosea 4; 6; with lack of knowledge, my people perish. That is not the case today, we have the knowledge. Why do we sit and allow people to perish? Let’s get up, preach and live the rest upon to God.1Corinthians 6:3. We cannot be true disciples of Jesus Christ unless we bear fruits.

John 15:8.Every living creature grows and multiples (Genesis 1:22).Bearing fruits is the litmus for determining true and real disciples.

As we are commanded to put on the full armor of God. Ephesians 6:11-17. Putting the full armor entails we embracing all the things Christ commands us to do as Christians of which evangelism is no exception. If we love God, then we must pay heed to his commands.1 John 5:3
The bible record tells us that men risked their lives for the cause of Christ. Acts 15:26. Paul had to endure cruel and inhumane treatment for the Gospel’s sake. Can we simply move out of our comfort zones and do God’s work. 2 Corinthians 11:23ff

We seem to be busy with the hustles of life, but we must put God first and then all other things must follow. Many people go like this. In their teen ages, ooh! God, I am trying to finish up school after that I would serve you fully. When this time comes, they go like this - God, I have to get time for my family and work, when I retire, then, and I will devote my life to your service. When this time sets in, they go this way, God, I am weak and weary so I cannot do much in your kingdom. We sometimes naively think our lives is under our control. It is not so because the bible tells us that our life is like a vapor, it can escape within a picosecond (just a blink of the eye). James 4:14-15.

As Christians, we must fulfill the great commission of God. God will add those who hear the good news and surrender their lives to Jesus Christ to his church. Acts 2:42

If only we will go, the sleeping folks will wake up.

If only we will go, the perishing will be rescue.

If only we will go, the lost will be found

If only we will go, then we are not indeed ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

If only we will, we will be much happier for having involved ourselves in God’s work.

And if only we will go, they will come and they will be added to the Lord’s church.

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