

Sharing the Love of Jesus

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We have the opportunity to share the life-giving truth of Jesus with others, and we can be assured that we are pleasing God when we do so.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 19:10, John 15:16, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Ephesians 4:12, Colossians 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:3-4

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the call for believers to share the love of Jesus and bear enduring fruit in their ministry. He highlights that Jesus appointed His disciples to preach the gospel and make disciples, urging believers to reach out to those around them with the truth of Christ. Many churchgoers may have a distorted view of Jesus, and it is crucial to present the true message of repentance and life through Him. The effectiveness of sharing the gospel lies in the presence of Jesus, which is facilitated by the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, sharing the love of Jesus aligns with God's desire for all to be saved and know the truth.

Transcript

Jesus told his disciples, "I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). Then he quickly added these solemn words: "That your fruit should remain." These words of Christ apply to his disciples right up to this day. He is saying, in essence, "Be sure that your fruit will endure."

The word "fruit" refers to the work and ministry of Christ that his followers do here on earth. As a believer, you are chosen and ordained to "go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ" (see Mark 16:15). This means reaching those around you, wherever God has called you to live your life. Jesus also says, "Go therefore and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). You can do this by standing alongside a new convert, encouraging, sharing your knowledge of the Word.

Millions of people are filling church pews every Sunday, believing they are in God's good graces just because they show up in church. Yet, they have created their own concept of who Christ is -- someone just like themselves, formed by their own blindness rather than by God's Word. When you come along and tell them that they are sinners unless they repent and make a true life-change, they may be very resistant. You come with the truth of the blood of Christ, a new birth, separation from the world, a walk of submission and obedience. You come offering them life through Jesus!

What a wonderful opportunity we have to present the life-giving truth of Jesus to others. But no matter how much we share of the mercy, grace and love Christ, the only thing that will pierce the walls erected by hardened people is the presence of Jesus. And that comes through the work of the Holy Spirit.

"God our Savior ... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Whenever you share the love of Jesus with someone, you have the assurance that you are walking out the desires of your heavenly Father.

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