

# Seven Reasons Why You Should Go - Part 5

by George Verwer

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*George Verwer emphasizes the importance of prayer, discipline, and love in being effective in God's work, and encourages listeners to be totally committed to God's will.*

**Duration:** 7:44

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:19, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Ephesians 6:10-11, Philippians 3:14, 1 Timothy 4:7-8

**Topics:** "Faith And Obedience", "Spiritual Discipline"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of taking steps of faith and being willing to move towards God's calling, even if others may follow in your footsteps. It highlights the need for prayer, study, discipline, and daring to be different in a world filled with materialism and promiscuity. The speaker urges the audience to develop strong discipline in all areas of life to run the race set before them and to be committed to living a life of purity and power for the kingdom of God.

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## Transcript

Seventhly, and the last reason why you should consider going is because as you begin to go and move, others will follow. You can be God's spiritual decoy. You may never go, but in your college, in your hometown, in the area where you are, through the prayer meetings you're organizing, through the enthusiasm you're spreading, as you begin to move, and then maybe you're not able to go for health reasons or some other reason, you'll find that some of the people in your cell group in your prayer triplet, they'll go.

They'll go. I believe some of you have already been used in that way. How can all of this become a reality? There's got to be a lot more prayer on every level.

There's got to be a lot more study, and what a privilege to have the books that we have available this summer. There's got to be a much greater emphasis on discipline, on denying self, taking up the cross, and following Him, and the sooner you can start to get into a really strong discipline, in terms of what you eat, in terms of what you watch, in terms of bodily exercise, in terms of what you think upon, in terms of the Word of God, in every area of your life, developing seven-day-a-week discipline, then the higher the possibility that you'll be a long-term marathon runner in God's race. Fourthly, all of us need to recruit and win others, making love our aim and our method, and fifthly, we've got to dare.

We've got to dare to be different. Too many of us, too many of us are going with the tide. The tide of materialism tells us all exactly how we should live.

The tide of unbelief, the tide of lust and of promiscuity, and you know, I share this with you, you may wonder why I say this, but God dealt with me through an article I read a couple hours ago, to say to people wherever I go, I'm so burdened about this, that if you have been sleeping around in the last seven years, you need to get an AIDS test, and this is going to be one of the biggest points of discussion in our nation in the next six months. President Reagan has just changed and increased his stance on this. It is major news in the newspaper, 1991, 175,000 dead with AIDS.

It's a simple test, it just takes some courage, and I know that some of you were not saved out of the Sunday school picnic, and it would be a courageous and a loving thing, in the light of the future, doesn't have to be right away, but in the light of the future, to have that test. Promiscuity is destroying our nation at its very center. I have not just started speaking about this, you know, because of things in the last month, I have been crying out for 31 years, since I stood before my high school, and called them to repentance, and cried out for revival, since I read, as a baby Christian, Billy Graham's powerful message on the subject of sex in the Bible, which changed my life and my attitude.

Billy Graham speaking at the great Urbana Convention, back in 1957, and speaking about the sex battle, said if you lose this battle, you lose the greatest battle in the Christian life. I've listened to the tape 20 times, and I will tell you, unless some of you reinforce your armor, and your discipline, and your use of the Word of God, and you're dealing with your mind, until you, and unless you do that, in a greater way, you will become, it may take some years, but you will become one more evangelical casualty. Yes, you can bounce back, and you can be forgiven, even as David, and restoration can come, as Buck Singh wrote in his book, David recovered all, but you'll never be the same.

And so it's better now, as a young man, as a young woman, to get God's preventative program, and to develop the stamina, and the stability, and the reality, that will enable you to run in power, and purity, all of your life, for the kingdom of God, that His name may not be dragged into the mud, as it so often is. May we face the Word of God squarely, as we hear those words of Paul, who said, flee, youthful lusts, which war against your soul. I believe God is calling many of you, to be absolutely, total committed, totally committed, world Christians, and I believe He's calling and leading many of you, to become career missionaries, at least as long as you're able to stay out there.

Many have to come back now, after 10 years, or 15, children's education, visa complexities, health complexities, but at least give, give the Lord, 10 of the best years of your life. You'll have plenty of time later, to settle in dear old America, and you'll be able to probably give another 30, or 40, back here, or maybe return again, as quite a few, so-called, retired people are doing. Praise the Lord, that Jesus Christ walked, that day, along the Sea of Galilee, and said, to those ordinary men, follow me, and I'll make you fishers of men, and immediately, they left their nets, and they followed Him.

What about you? As you hear His voice, what about you? Let us pray. Lord, you see each person standing before you, and we believe, we're all standing, in a sense, in weakness, in inadequacy, and we know, that as we begin to move, toward the end of the earth, you may stop us. We're human.

We can't throw away the clay factor. We're responding, because we love you, because we have heard your word, we want to do your will, the need is there, the resources are there, we've had so much light, we want to respond to it, and so Lord, we're taking steps of faith, fill us afresh, right now, with the Holy Spirit,

O God, that we may be your men, that we may be your women. Go where you want us to go, and do what you want us to do.

Lord, we refuse to be discouraged, by the events of our day, but we will be encouraged, by the divine working of your Holy Spirit in our lives, and the power of your Son, His resurrection power, in our lives. So we cast ourselves upon you, and we're going to begin moving forward, in a greater way, as a mighty army, in Jesus name, Amen.

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