

Open Your Eyes: Soul Winning!

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Keith Daniel's sermon emphasizes the urgent call for Christians to open their eyes to the lost and engage in soul winning through prayer and action.

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Scripture: Genesis 19:24, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 6:33, Acts 6:2, Romans 1:28, 1 Timothy 2:12, 2 Timothy 3:16

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a powerful testimony of a woman who was equipped with God's word and had a burning passion to share it with others. The speaker observes how people initially seem disinterested in the message, but are eventually drawn in by the magnetic power of the Gospel. The speaker reflects on their own limitations and lack of formal theological training, but realizes that every soul they encounter can be their congregation. They emphasize the importance of proclaiming the message of salvation and being willing to endure personal hardships for the sake of saving souls. The sermon references John 4:35 and quotes Zinzendorf, David Brainerd, and Henry Martin to emphasize the urgency and dedication required in spreading the word of God.

Transcript

1 Timothy 2, verse 1, we read, I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions be made for all men. I love that word all, and I pity any preacher who's scared of it. Oh, her asteroid volume is apologizing that God saved her when he didn't mean it.

I exhort that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions be made for all men. Verse 3, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. Verse 4, who will have all men to be saved? Who will have all men to be saved? And to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Verse 6, who gave himself a ransom? For oh, that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Hebrews 2, verse 9. Oh, and I could go on. 1 John 2, 2. He is the propitiation, the mercy seat, the way to God for mercy.

The mercy seat was sprinkled with blood. He is the propitiation. His blood for our sins, Christians.

Not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I don't know why you don't shout that, sir. Who will have all men to be saved? God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

Do you honestly think he mocked them? Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Don't be scared. You might praise someone into the kingdom that wasn't elected.

God will forgive you, Spurgeon said, if someone got saved that wasn't elected. Whatever that doctrine means, I don't know. But Spurgeon said, sir, don't you touch me.

A few years ago, Roy, as a boy, he startled me with his compassionate reasoning to defend God's integrity toward all souls. Daddy, he said, we dare not question or challenge God or doubt his love for the millions of souls across this world who have never heard and never will hear the gospel of Christ. We dare not challenge God or doubt his love for them.

Because if every Christian on earth had been rightly related to God, Daddy, and done everything they could and should have to share the gospel, to spread it across this world and our lifetime, every soul on this earth would have beyond doubt heard the gospel. In John 4, verse 35, Jesus said, Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the field.

They are white already to harvest. Now, I've never heard a man ever say this, but I'm daring to say this. Lift up your eyes is literally, open your eyes.

This is a fearful rebuke from God, beloved. Open your eyes. Don't say somewhere there'll come opportunity.

Open your eyes. Now, souls wait everywhere for the gospel, sir. But you walk past without a care for their soul.

Revelation 14, verse 14, I looked and behold a white cloud. Upon the cloud one set like unto the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, in his hand a sharp sickle. Another angel came out of the temple crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, thrust in thy sickle.

Reap, for the time has come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle unto the earth, and the earth was reaped. But, brother and sister, I need to ask you, I need to ask you this fearful question.

What will he reap that was the result of your life, your fruit, to bring souls to salvation? What do you want, sir, God? Proverbs 11, verse 30, the fruit. I love this word, fruit, that God has throughout the Bible. It is the most staggering, not confrontation, condemnation Christians will ever face, if they just take a concordance and read every verse in the Bible about fruit.

That God speaks of the fruit of the righteous. Someone rightly related to God is a tree of life. You say you've got a testimony, that means nothing today.

They say 80% of America has a testimony, that they were born again somewhere, somehow, of which I think most of them don't know. Do you know the Jehovah Witnesses are so adaptable? They are talking now about when they were born again. Be careful of that term.

But to be rightly related to God, you are a tree of life. Now is that your testimony? Are you looked upon in this world by everyone who has come near you, or comes near you, as a tree of life? The fruit, there has to be fruit if you are rightly related to God. You cannot be rightly related to God if there isn't fruit.

That is obnoxious. That is totally obnoxious. It is outrageous.

There is fruit if you are righteous. The fruit of the righteous, if you are rightly related to God, is a tree of life. What is God saying? Oh, the verse hasn't ended.

He that winneth souls, he that winneth souls, is that you? He's wise. That word wise, oh, it's staggering. It's also in the book of Daniel, chapter 12, where Daniel speaks again of soul winning.

But what does he say? They that be wise, in Daniel 12 verse 3, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. They that turn many to righteousness, they will shine as the stars. Oh, when you're in heaven, don't doubt this.

God's word teaches it. You might be there by grace, incomprehensible grace. I think we'll be astonished at the grace of God and the incomparable, because of the blood of Christ alone.

You might be there, but for eternity. The soul winners will always be known, that it wasn't just their souls that mattered. You'll be there, brother, sister, but you will not shine like the soul winners.

In its context, there's no verse to contradict it in Bible. You will know who cared for other souls and poured out their life to reach. They that turn many to righteousness.

Have you turned many? How many? Have you stopped in your track of busyness and your goals and stopped long enough until they got saved? They that turn many to righteousness, they shall shine as the stars of the firmament forever. There's something about the soul winners, God says, that for eternity will shine in a way others will not shine. Otherwise, if you disagree with me, please cut that verse out of the Bible.

Does God look upon you, what you did with your life, your time as wise, or a wasted life, though you're saved? The question is not, am I called? The question is not, am I called to the mission field? The question is, where do I fit in God's plan for the mission field? I want to repeat that. The question is not, am I called to the mission field? The question is, where do I fit in God's plan for the mission field? Charles Spurgeon said, What does God want of my life in the great mission, no, the great commission, to everyone that's saved, to take the gospel to every creature, that means to every single soul on this earth, or God wouldn't have said it, if it was an unreasonable command. The world is my parish, John Wesley said.

He couldn't be restricted to denomination, so he fought that the Methodist ever became a denomination, it wasn't in his heart. He couldn't be restricted to a denomination or a culture or group of one language. He couldn't restrict his heart, his throbbing heart, as he's talked himself in the Bible, to some group, some culture, some land, some denomination, some persuasion, some walled building, this is mine, this is what my responsibility is, no, the world is my parish.

You think he was presumptuous? Very few in the history of the world, and some say none. Many of our greatest historians and writers have said and agreed none ever brought so much of the world's population to God as John Wesley. That is why you hypocrites write books against him, because it's not your doctrine.

When will you bring so many? He was not presumptuous, for God has staggered this world through him, probably more than any other man in history. I was touring through your country last year, and I was astonished when I came to a group that was not a one of the fundamental, historically fundamental churches established with the big buildings, you know, the traditional following, but his group, I believe, was the largest gathering in that whole community, that town, I would say a city, near a city if not a town.

To us in our country, that's a city, and I stayed with him outside of the city on a farm, but that was his origin, and I asked him about where this group came from, but I had the privilege to stand and preach to of the godliest young people, these young men, young women, shining faces, modesty, and zeal for Christ, godly people.

Oh, I began to look at this man in his humility, and I asked him about the origins of this whole building that had no special, unique name that's known in established churches, and he said, brother, I was not saved as a young man like you. I was a farmer, but when I was saved, I suddenly plunged my life into the Bible, and a burning heart, almost from the day I was saved, but it just began to burn more and more for God to use me, for God to give me the right to be used. I wanted to preach.

I longed to preach. I longed to share, and I thought to myself, I have no education. They won't allow me in a theological seminar, let alone in a pulpit.

I'll never be ordained. I will never be allowed into the pulpits. In my lifetime, I can't start now going back to schooling at my age.

I thought to myself, I will never be able to preach. I will never be able to cry out to the world because I have no theological seminar, no degrees, no acceptance for any pulpit, for any denomination in this country. No one would accept me, but I had this burning heart, and my heart just broke as it burned, and the days were going by, and I was walking down the streets of the town, and then I walked down the street with this broken heart, just looking at all these faces.

It was like one moment, the Holy Spirit impressed in my heart this verse, open your eyes, open your eyes. Look, suddenly, something came in my heart. Every pavement can be my pulpit.

Every single soul of these hundreds that were just streaming past that I was agonizing for can be my congregation, and he said I bought a little loudspeaking system, and I stood all alone with my Bible, and the things that were burning in my heart that I wanted to cry out on the pulpit, and suddenly I began to see how deep conviction fell on them. Oh, many turned in disgust and walked away at some man standing there, but how many stopped and backpedaled, and soon they started coming to Christ. Soon I started praying, and brother, this is the result.

The largest evangelical church of the entire community. Open your eyes. Don't say somewhere along the line, before I die, harvest will come, I can do something for God.

Look, just open your eyes. It's a rebuke. It's not a command.

It's a rebuke. Before I left your country, at the end of the tour last year, I went to New York, to central New York, to Manhattan. I just can't, after nearly ten weeks of preaching, every third, fourth day, sorry, flying to the next state, I just can't suddenly, after all those weeks of flying, three, four flights early in the morning, getting up to get to the airport, and then one airport after the other, because you can't just fly directly to every single place you go to, especially today, and then pouring myself, and I can't just get on a plane when I stop preaching the next day, and travel over 20 hours back to the other side of the world.

Kill me. I'm numb. I'm not complaining.

God, please don't ever change it while I live. Let me die in the pulpit, please. I'm not wasting my time in a rocking chair.

So, I go to New York. It was Denny Keniston. What was that man's name in Atlanta? Jenny's gone.

I don't blame her. She lived. Well, it was different people who put us in this missionary home, and let us thaw out as a family when they first brought us and me, and I walk.

I walk through Central Park. I walk, oh, I enjoy it, but I thaw out, but I arrived there in Central New York the end of last year. I had my suitcase on wheels, my other bag, that's all I have in life, most of my life, that's all I have, my clothes, and my office, and I walked down the streets of Manhattan now to get to the missionary home, but when I dropped off.

So, I'm walking, and there are, of course, there's thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands. That's Manhattan in the day, but something made me stop, because as I was walking, there was a little lady, a lady all alone, no groups, with their amplifiers, and their guitars, with their long hair, and their devilish faces. What are those faces? Godly? I thought you'd say, but there she was all alone, and she was standing with a little loudspeaker, and a little microphone, and this modestly dressed young lady had not one other person with her to say amen, hallelujah.

All she did was quote the Bible, the King James. How can you quote another version? You get mixed up, and people don't even know it's a Bible, but there's no one on earth that doesn't know that's God's Word, if it's the King James. Trust me, there's no one that won't know there's something here that understands that it's from God, the moment they hear it.

Oh, she had memorized every verse that you could imagine you will find after going through the Bible hundreds of times, that relates to confronting a lost man and woman on their road to hell. She had these in her heart burning. She stood there and cried out every text I had memorized over the years, that I would stand on a street corner and cry, or give an unsaved person to show them their plight.

I stopped when I realized this woman is in touch with God. This woman's only quoting the Bible. She isn't saying another word.

It's just God's Word. You want to condemn her for that? For quoting? Oh, we don't ordain women preachers, brother, in Africa. When we take them into our theological seminars, we equip them to become soul winners.

This woman was equipped with God's Word, burning in her heart, burning from her lips. And as I stood there conscious of what she was doing, I was stunned, because I was the other side of the road in this very busy, but I could hear. I was stunned watching the people streaming past her.

Now nobody knew I was watching. Most people streaming past her, like they're not interested, stopped, turned around and started walking past her again. I watched them, you know, too proud to stop and say, help me.

Here they are, looking in the windows, and then they walk past her again. I saw some, I saw one anyway, walking backwards. It was almost embarrassing, but he couldn't walk back to here, so he's walking backwards.

You see, they gripped by the magnetic power of the Gospel of Christ, of the Word of God. They couldn't get away. That's what God's Word does.

That's what this book does. He honors His Word above all things. We should also.

That woman was standing there, not ordained, thank God, but anointed with the thing God anoints above everything, no matter who takes it up, that opens their eyes. It doesn't say, no one will have me. No opportunity will come.

I haven't got money to go and be a missionary in China. I just stood there in this city and quoted God's Word, and while I stood there, hundreds couldn't walk past. They were so staggered by the power and the authority of God's Holy Word through a young lady, all alone, but with God, the powers of hell were trembling because she opened her eyes.

In John 3, 7, Jesus said to Nicodemus, marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, where it wishes, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth. So is every one that is born of the Spirit, Nicodemus.

The work of the Holy Spirit, beloved, to save a soul is beyond human comprehension. I want to repeat that. The work of the Holy Spirit to save a soul is beyond our human comprehension.

But brother, sister, you put up the sails. You put the sails up and go where the wind bloweth. No, let me rephrase this.

You put the sails up and watch how the wind bloweth, how God will honor you, that you of all the multitudes of Christians are attempting something, young lady. Though no one is there to shout hallelujah and praise you, but God waits for you to open your eyes, farmer, who will never be ordained. It's too late to go through theological seminar, but it burns in your heart.

God waits for you, young lady, to open your eyes, to put the sails up and watch, watch how the wind blows, how God will honor your efforts. I was in New Zealand. I was in New Zealand at the beginning of this year.

We, Jenny and I, have felt that we could not go to between 80 and 90 percent of every country that ever asked us to come and preach. We will never go there. I wouldn't have a family.

I wouldn't have a wife. I would have killed her leaving her there all the time. I wouldn't have a life.

I would have been burnt out if I wanted to be a globetrotter. No, we came to America and we felt it was God, so we continued to come back as we saw these doors of the conservative pulpits, thank God. Never a liberal church.

The closest I boarded on one liberal church, thank God, they never asked me back. Not after what I see. But this old man, this man in New Zealand, he is going to hear this, so I better be careful.

He, on the phone, said you need to pray about it. When I said, I don't think so, sir. It just doesn't work.

He said, no, you have to pray. I phoned again, and I believe God will have changed your mind, sir. Okay, so you don't just put the phone down on such a good man.

And he began to say New Zealand is so different from the rest of the world. It's so hardened against the gospel. He said there's such anger shown and resentment if you confront a soul in the street or if you confront people with the gospel and truth.

It's a country that somehow has closed its heart as a nation generally to the gospel of Christ, the true gospel. Apart from one or two megachurches that entertain the crowds, of course they get the unsaved. Of course they will.

Give them what they want. They'll go to the nightclubs, they'll come to you. But the churches generally who preach the gospel across the entire land, if you get a hundred people, brother, that's revival.

Fifty is amazing in this town, across New Zealand. And the only convention we know of, he said, that is in this entire land, on the islands of New Zealand, that is conservative, uncompromising, unapologetic of the standard of God. Drawing from every one of the churches where there's conservatism is the convention we are asking you to come to preach to.

Please brother, don't you say no to me. So we went. I went.

Jenny's coming with me at the end of the year now, at the beginning of next year. Now this man has a beard, but you don't know where it comes from, or where it's ending. I'm rather at the beards.

Some there's no moustache, and there's a moustache. Some there's shroom, and some there's... I don't know. But anyway, it's modest, I think.

I'm not too sure how to relate to that, but anyway. Beards. You dare not go there, Keith.

I heard a man saying, it makes a man look like a woman. Save him. Effeminate.

Anyway, who was he saying it to? Well, there was one man there that really, even Darwin had something to grab. No, this man really was big, and hairy, I suppose. But save him.

And this man said, you telling me I look effeminate? Maybe not you. Anyway, he lost his argument, having that man close by, so thank you. But this man has his beard, oh, and he's very bold for God.

And I was a bit stunned when I saw him. But oh, what a godly man he is, and what a godly family he has. What a godly wife and children.

And he has been a priest for many, many years, but they grew so disillusioned, so discouraged, because there's just, no one wants the gospel. Such hardness, such animosity. They're ostracized by generally everyone when the truth, an uncompromising presentation of truth, is presented.

And then he, one day, read in the newspaper that the government of New Zealand was crying out for the farmers, because it is a farming community that sends its produce, basically 90-something percent of the land's economy is farming. The rest is tourism. But the government said, the tourists are there, there's so many tourists, and we want to try and accommodate it, to build up tourism, so we're asking all the farmers who can do this, to invite the tourists, the backpackers, to their homes.

Let them work for a few hours, even if it's two hours, to give them accommodation, so they can go up the mountains, the most beautiful mountains, Taranaki mountains, way, some, but somehow let's try and give them accommodation to encourage. So, he said, my wife and I thought, well, let's do this. So we built a few rooms, we sewed everything up, went and got this little farmstead outside the town, we built extra rooms on, we renovated things, and we advertised that we were available, so phone calls come, and we couldn't believe how many people wanted accommodation.

But we said this, you're welcome, you can labor on the lands, no other cost needed for you to stay here, but you stay for an hour, hour and a half a day with us, and go out, and you climb mountains, and you see the unique beauty of New Zealand that is like another planet, the vegetation alone, it is just too beautiful. But, he said, there's one condition that you can stay in our home, the meal in the night. We read the Bible, and we require everyone that comes into our home, at the end of that meal, to sit right through our Bible reading.

Is that okay by you? And then we pray as a family. Yes. So, he said, we couldn't believe how many came, but what astonished us, the majority were Jews.

The majority of the Jews were Orthodox Jews, they actually traveled, they loved it, especially the young ones, they travel, see what they can, and New Zealand was somehow attracting tourists in their multitudes. Not necessarily the wealthiest tourists in the world, who like to go to London, of course, and Paris, but there's a staggering, amazing amount of people. He said, we had so many Jews, and we'd always have this condition.

Now, we learned faster what to read the Bible study in the nights, the verses concerning the Messiah from the Old Testament, and of course, we didn't preach at him, but we related with our prayers, but oh, they began to get angry. Wait! Stop! I need your phone. I want to phone our rabbi back in Israel.

Now! Yes, there's the phone. Please, come back and tell us what he said about this verse, about this Messiah, who we believe was Jesus. No, we all wait.

He comes back. Rabbi says he doesn't know what to say. He has no answer.

He said, brother, we were staggering, every Jew that came through that door, and for a few days stayed in those rooms, but had to sit with us. There was not one that was not stunned and became fearful as they listened, and then the fruit came. The amazing fruit, how many of those Jews still phone them almost daily, and look upon them as a mother and father, spiritually, as God began to honor them, why they have in the rooms, even the room I stayed, just everything about the Messiah, and then it's Jesus.

A Jew cannot survive with all this around him. He escapes the dining room and has to be confronted with every plaque in the room about Jews. It is wonderful, and even books.

Oh, praise the Lord. Beloved, Israel's population is 6.2 million, but an estimated 9 million Jews are dispersed around the rest of the world. There are more Jews outside of Israel than in Israel.

In our city alone, we have a few hundred thousand Jews living, mostly in their own areas, in the predominantly wealthy areas, but Jews. Certain of the wealthiest areas of southern Africa, which are estimated amongst the wealthiest valued houses on earth, and most of them are Jews. We have full-time workers for Jews in our land who've never been to Israel.

Their whole full-time ministry is to reach the Jew. 6.2 the entire population of Israel, but 9 million around the rest of the world. You can be a full-time missionary to the Jews with more opportunity and less restrictions imposed on you, and less danger outside of Israel, than if you went there full-time missionary, and found such restrictions you probably will leave like most have, with a broken heart.

The gospel is so cramped down in that country when it comes to touching the Jew, but not outside of that country. Most Jews you can reach with no restriction at all, but open your eyes, open your eyes, like they

did. A verse that staggered me in this holy book, nothing shall be impossible to you Keith, nothing Lord, nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Beloved expect great things from God, attempt great things for God, William Carey said. The Almudy said, the world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to him. These words were cried to him from the English butcher, the lay preacher Henry Varley, as they left an all-night prayer meeting.

The world has yet to see what God will do with a man who becomes fully consecrated to him. Moody couldn't sleep, a man? Varley surely meant any man, he didn't say yet to be educated or brilliant, any man. By the Holy Spirit in me and the grace of God, I will be that man, and from that time, from that time, God staggered this world through Moody, that he became one of the five greatest soul winners in the history of the church, not when he went through a theological seminar, he never did, he only had a stand at six, because of poverty and hardships in those days.

It was Torrey that became the educated, eloquent, and refined speaker behind Moody, but Moody staggered the world, as few men have in history. Scotland turned from Rome to John Knox, but it didn't turn to God. Scotland, for the first time in its history, turned to God as a nation through D.L. Moody, an American without, with a stand of six, and no other ordained qualifications, but that he wanted to be that man, and therefore became fully consecrated to God, to the degree that this world history changed, and from that time forth, Scotland became known as the most evangelical.

They need another Moody, another American to go there, so on fire. Oh, Moody so staggered Oxford and Cambridge universities that never before and ever since in his history was there such a staggering and a great hold of the combined universities, a response of brokenness and shattered people across the floors, the future leaders of the Empire, from the best homes in the world of the Empire, on their faces sobbing after five minutes of D.L. Moody preaching. Spurgeon you never saw that, but Moody you did.

He knelt beside Queen Mary, a letter to Jesus Christ. What can I do to serve Christ in my prison? Give out a tract, Moody said, safety, certainty, and enjoyment, the tract he gave out. Queen Mary gave 200,000 tracts on salvation out personally in her lifetime because of Moody, to presidents, dignitaries, politicians, royalty, and said these words, read this for your soul, for your soul's sake, in the light of the devil, and because she was a queen I believe many, many people found Jesus.

Mary's husband gave his life to Christ as a result of her life, but Moody's knelt beside George. He led kings and queens, he turned nations to God, but the turning point was when he said I will be a man God will I would be that man by the grace of God. Proverbs 10 5 states that he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causes shame.

He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. Of course in its context it speaks literally of the shame of a father who farms, whose son sleeps and will not help while they could be making their income by harvesting when there's time. Of course the context must be looked at, but I would ask you here today to apply it to your consciences as Christians concerning the harvest of souls.

I would ask you today to apply it. 2nd Samuel 1 verse 1, it came to pass after the year was expired, that's the spring, at the time when kings go forth to battle, David didn't. He tarried still in Jerusalem.

I don't believe anything is recorded in the Bible as an historical record, though it is historic history of God dealing with the people. It is the living throbbing vital heart of God to communicate to you or me or it

wouldn't be written in the Old Testament. It is as vital as the new.

Don't tell me two-thirds of the Word of God are not divinely inspired to be illuminated and taken by God's heart to get you ablaze and to warn you. Those warnings were to you when he warned those nations and those individuals. Those promises were for you and me to survive.

The heart of God is revealed. This is written for you and me when kings, the time when the kings went forth to battle, David tarried still in Jerusalem. I'm reminded here of Numbers 32 verse 6 where Moses said to the children of Gad, the children of Reuben, shall your brethren go to war and you sit here.

Tell your countrymen go to war while you sit idle. But you see the next verse of 2nd Samuel 11 verse 1 tells me why God let this be recorded in the Bible that David didn't go when he should have done what was expected of a king. It tells of the tragic staggering result.

The next verse, the Holy Spirit puts to us, it came to pass in an eventide that David arose from of his bed, walked upon the roof of the king's house. From the roof he saw a woman washing herself. The woman was very beautiful to look upon, and he became an adulterer and a murderer.

This man up to God's own heart. When? When he withdrew from what was expected. When he withdrew from the battlefield, he fell into tragic sin.

Beloved, I fear that if a Christian we withdraw from the battlefield, we will fall into shame. I believe this is a warning from God, not a recorded history for us to seek God's heart in every verse we read, never out of interest or knowledge, but to hear God initially speaking by His Holy Spirit through His Word. Idleness was the cause of Sodom and Gomorrah's depravity.

We harp on all sorts of things, one thing particularly, to the degree that most of those people don't feel they can be saved. They're so more evil than everybody else. So we touch on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Brother, there are 28 damnable sins in Romans 1. For God's sake, when you point, how many of your fingers point back to you about the other sins that God forgave you for, and you repent them? Don't make anyone in this world feel they're unreachable. Be careful. Idleness was the cause of the depravity of Sodom and Gomorrah.

But be careful now, busyness with things that don't matter in the light of eternity is as much of a danger to you spiritually as idleness will be. Busyness with things that don't matter in the light of eternity is a terrible danger. Acts 6 verse 2, the Apostles, the disciples cried, is it not reason that we should leave the Word of God to serve tables? We will give ourselves continually to prayer, to the ministry of the Word.

Here they began agonizing at the diversions from the things that mattered. Don't be diverted from God's blueprint for your life. Don't be diverted from God's best.

Have a single heart, a single mind. It is not compromise and conscious sin that will divert you from God's blueprint, from God's heart, from God's best. It is legitimate, meaningful, noble, sensible, thrilling, exciting things.

But they were to you a diversion from the perfect will of God. If you've been separated by God to preach, don't give your attention and time to things that other people will look upon as legitimate, even other preachers who waste their lives and never mean anything for God. Things that will make you bury God's

specific calling.

Don't die without shaking this world, young man, young lady. Don't die without staggering this world by giving yourself wholeheartedly with a singleness of mind, consumed in being the sharp weapon and instrument God requires you to be and will make you. If you don't waste, but you redeem every opportunity and reject what's legitimate, what people say unnecessary to stay sane.

No! You give yourself wholeheartedly to what you know is the blueprint of God for your life, and watch how this world is staggered. The greatest honor you could ever be given on earth is for God to separate you to preach. But that does not mean, if you haven't been separated, that you cannot win more souls to God than any preacher.

My daddy, and this was not my words, this was the words of the most well-known, renowned, evangelical, English-speaking preacher in southern Africa. My daddy brought more souls to Jesus than most preachers in the history of southern Africa, though he never preached a sermon once in his life, because every soul he agonized at the thought of passing without trying. Oh, let's leave this, Keith.

You have one business on earth, you have one business on earth, Christian, to save souls. John Wesley, I am destined to proclaim the message, unmindful of personal consequences to myself. I am destined to proclaim the message, unmindful of personal consequences to myself.

Zinzendorf said, I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ. David Brainard, I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ. Now, let me burn out for God, Henry Martin cried, and he did.

Can we stand, please?

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