

Do Something

by Ray Comfort

Ray Comfort emphasizes the importance of taking practical steps to evangelize and serve others for the Kingdom of God.

Scripture: Proverbs 16:3, Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:23, 1 Peter 3:15

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Description

Ray Comfort emphasizes the importance of taking action to spread the Gospel and win souls for the Kingdom of God. He provides practical suggestions such as joining evangelistic organizations like Gideons International or Youth With A Mission, investing in advertisements, visiting hospitals, starting a drama group, writing tracts, and initiating children's clubs. Comfort encourages using one's talents and gifts for evangelism, reminding believers to humble themselves, thank God for their abilities, and use them for His glory.

Transcript

"Brethren, do something, do something, do something!"

While societies and unions make constitutions, let us win souls."

- Charles Spurgeon

You may be asking the question as to what you can do in a practical way to reach people for the Kingdom of God. Here are a few suggestions: There are a number of evangelistic organizations you may like to join. I was in Gideons International for seven years, until I became a pastor, as they don't allow pastors to be involved, only lay people. It is such a blessing to be involved in an organization that gives away copies of God's Word. Then there is Youth With A Mission, Youth For Christ, Campus Crusade for Christ, and many others you could become involved in. Perhaps you could invest in a small advertisement in the personal column of your local paper saying something like "Find reality, read John 8:31-32." Get a cost quote before you commit yourself. I wanted to buy a full page in the L.A. Times during the Gulf War in 1991. I thought it would be around \$6,000, and figured I could probably raise that amount of money.

I called the Times and the gentleman gave me the cost: "A full page is \$61,023." I thought he had slipped an extra number in by mistake. Wrong. I dropped that idea quickly.

Perhaps you could visit a hospital once a week, with the purpose of finding and befriending someone who doesn't normally have visitors. If you have a flare for drama, start a drama group. How about writing a tract? Don't say, "But I can't write," say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Write out your testimony, and have a friend or two read it, and give their opinions. Then print out the edited copy, and have it typeset at your local printers. Remember to get quotes before you do anything, so that you won't get burned. When it is printed, keep copies in your wallet or purse to give to old friends or people you meet, with the words, "You may like to read this when you have a moment, I wrote it myself." Put copies into the envelope when paying bills.

Back in the late 70's I had 40-50 children in my garage every Friday for a 20-minute "Good-time" Club. I remember praying that God would send me someone who could play a guitar to give the music a bit of a lift. One Friday evening, my brother-in-law walked into our living room knowing nothing of my prayer, and said, "For some reason I feel the Lord wants me to give you my guitar." I hadn't thought of me. I was never able to play a guitar, but now I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (I just have trouble convincing those within earshot).

You could easily start a club through your local church. When I decided to start mine, I just took a marker pen and wrote, "KIDS CLUB, FRIDAY 4 P.M., (ADDRESS), CANDY, PRIZES, STORIES AND SONGS," gave out photocopies at a school gate, and had a crowd of children eager to learn about the things of God. Nowadays, with all the allegations and accusations of child molestation, etc., it would be wise to have both male and female leaders. Start with a firm hand, sing some lively songs, tell a Bible story, teach a memory verse, give out some candy, then tell the kids, "It's all over, see you next week." If the children don't say, "Ohhhhhhh!" you've probably gone on too long and they may not be back the following week. I found 20 minutes was adequate for most.

Sometimes talented Christians don't feel right about using their gift of music or writing, etc., to reach the unsaved. It is often because of their own pride, that their conscience is condemning them, and not God. This happens regularly with counter-culture people who become Christians. Their conscience will not allow them to eat meat. After some time they come across a scripture such as 1 Timothy 4:3-4, which says that God has created all foods "to be received with thanksgiving by them who believe and know truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused, if it is received with thanksgiving." Immediately their conscience is released by understanding the Word of God.

When we understand the emphasis which the Word of God places upon evangelism, we should humble ourselves, thank God for the gift He has given us, then use it for His glory. If you have got no apparent talents, visit an old folk's home, or ask your pastor if you can help in any way within the local church. Do something for God. Desire to do nothing, and God will give you the desires of your heart.

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