

The Father Heart

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2 Timothy 2:2

John 15:5

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Matthew 6:9-10 As it is in heaven so it shall be on earth.

The first and foremost command of the new missionary is to build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Their entire life and strategy is to reveal to their target group the heart of God and His hope to build His kingdom in and through them. God desires to give each person a new heart, mind and spirit when they place their faith in His Son. These are the tools in each life that can accomplish the goal of building a divine kingdom on earth. All missionaries are assigned this as their primary task. The second command Jesus gives to the missionary is His Strategy to accomplish this task. 2 Timothy 2:2

2 Timothy 2:2 Teach faithful men what they heard from Jesus.

From the inception of the Church at Pentecost, the strategy from God for survival and growth is as follows "The things we heard from Jesus, commit to faithful men, who would teach others also." it a simple strategy that has proven effective for two millennia. Evangelism, discipleship and church formation is natural offshoot of following these simple commands in 2 Timothy. It is important that the missionary seek out faithful disciple and develop them to serve the next generation for the kingdom. This will ensure the survival of the church for future generations. Next, it must be remembered that Jesus is the source of power that builds faithful men in every generation. John 15:5

John 15:5 Jesus is the Vine and the source of all power.

The missionary must believe, depend and teach that they are just the branches and not the Vine. Jesus is the Vine! Every successful work is one that is powered by the Son of God. God shares His glory with no one. Jesus is the power that leads all men to repentance and to become faithful disciples of the kingdom. The missionary is just a facilitator of the power of God as He builds His kingdom in and through them. The missionary did not choose God, He chose them to serve. It is a privilege to be selected to serve in His kingdom. On the mission field, the missionary is most successful if he selects to make disciples from the list of people Jesus outlines in the Beatitudes. Next, the attitude of the missionary on the field to show the heart of the Father is stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Be joyful, pray without ceasing and be generous .

The missionary is guided by Jesus to carry a spirit of Joy, pray and generosity as they build the kingdom. This is an earthly way to reflect the divine heart of Jesus. Joy is important because it demonstrates to the unbeliever a life of light and hope in this dark world. Pray at all times show that the missionary's source of strength is from the Vine. Giving is one of the hallmarks of a child of God in this selfish world. When these three attributes are woven into the daily life of the missionary. The Holy Spirit has a life that can facilitate the great commission.

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