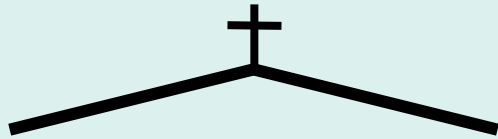


Mastering the Master's Church:



His Divine Mandate

Matt. 28:19

Acts 1:8-14

1) We Must Take the Great Commission Seriously:

Matthew 28:19-20; *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Why?

A) Because the Father takes soul winning seriously.

John 3:16; “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever shall believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Luke 19:10; “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

B) Because the Son takes soul winning seriously.

2 Peter 3:9; “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

Isaiah 53:4-6; “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken; smitten by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

C) The first church took soul winning seriously:

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8; “And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”

D) Because Satan takes soul
winning seriously:

2) We Must Take His Divine Mandate Personally:

Acts 1:8; “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

A) Note the word “you.” This is a personal mandate to each individual who is in the family of God. It’s not just the laity of the church, and not just the staff, it is a call to all.

B) Effective evangelism is not so much a message that we give, it is a life-style that we live!!!!

C) Effective evangelism will take
hard work

3) We Must Take His
Message Enthusiastically:

A) We have the promise of His
presence:

Matthew 28:29; *“I am with you always...”*

B) We have His promise of protection:

Mark 16:15-18; *“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’”*

C) We have His promised power:

Acts 1:8; “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

4) We Must Take His Message Forward With Prayer:

Acts 1:14; “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...”

A) It was prayer that turned their fear into boldness.

B) It was prayer that gave them oneness of mind.

C) It was prayer that touched the hearts of those who were lost. We need to spend time in prayer about the people who are lost.