

## **PLANTING FOR THE LORD**

**Psalm 126:5-6      Matthew 13:1-9; 37-41**

**Introduction:** Jesus understood His mission - reach the lost! Jesus commissioned His followers to also reach the lost! This Psalm seems to indicate that Old Testament believers were to also be witnesses. Why is witnessing the most neglected form of service? Timidity - feeling of unworthiness - fear of making a mistake - lack of training or experience - spiritual laziness - unconcern - preoccupation with other things?

Satan is going to do whatever he must to keep Christians from witnessing. What has he done in your life to keep you from witnessing?

Perhaps there would be more witnessing if the Christian understood he/she was more of a seed planter than a soul saver. God is the One who gives birth. God is the One who does the saving.

### **I. THE WITNESS IS IN PROPER POSITION TO RECEIVE BLESSINGS**

1. God's RICHEST blessings will be given to those who are witnessing to the lost.
2. The power and resources of all heaven are at the disposal of those who witness.

***Matthew 28:19-20***

### **II. THE WITNESS IS ASSURED OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE**

1. ***Matthew 18:20; 28:20***
2. ***Hebrews 13:5***
3. Jesus is present to: commend, convict, counsel, challenge, give courage, convert the unbelieving.

### **III. THE WITNESS WILL ENJOY PEACE WITH GOD**

1. Total peace comes when the believer is DOING what God wants, when both wills are in harmony.
2. Witnessing places one in the exact center of God's will for all believers.

### **IV. THE WITNESS EXPERIENCES THE THRILL OF RENDERING LIFE'S GREATEST POSSIBLE SERVICE**

1. School teachers render inestimable service.
2. Medical doctors render valuable service.

3. Above and beyond all that man does for mankind, there is absolutely nothing close to what a witness renders to mankind. The witness brings a person into contact with Almighty God and the possibility of a renewed soul.
4. This is the greatest possible service that one can render to an individual.
  - It is the greatest service one can render to the family.
    - The family is affected when just ONE member becomes a Christian.
  - It is the greatest service one can render to his/her community.
    - What is the difference between a Christian community and one that is not Christian?

## **V. THE WITNESS CAN BE ASSURED OF ETERNAL REWARDS**

1. ***Daniel 12:3*** The only way one can lay up treasure in heaven is to invest his/her life in that which is going to heaven. Souls are converted to "spiritual currency."
2. The witness is rewarded here and now also. To someone grow and mature and serve the Lord that one has led to Jesus IS reward. It is sort of a father/son/daughter relationship.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. ***1 Corinthians 3:6***
2. If we wait until we have the power to do the saving then we will never experience the joy of seeing people saved. GOD SAVES ! We, His family plant the "seeds by witnessing."
3. If you have never witnessed for the Lord, then start. If you have, then keep witnessing.