

THE GREATEST THING TO DO FOR ANOTHER

John 1:35-42

Introduction: The greatest thing one can do for another is not be a scientist nor is it being a politician nor is it being a doctor or even being a minister. The greatest thing one can do for another is to bring him/her to the Lord Jesus Christ. This should be the supreme ambition of every Christian. The story of Andrew bringing his brother to the Lord is the perfect example and his example was followed by the early Church as it grew even in difficulties and persecution.

I. ANDREW WAS INTERESTED IN SHARING JESUS WITH SOMEONE ELSE

1. He was an everyday, ordinary person, yet he was interested in bringing someone to Jesus.
 - His interest is an example to follow.
2. If a person is a Christian, then he/she should be concerned about bringing someone to Jesus.
 - *"If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His."*
 - The spirit of Christ is concerned that the lost be saved.

II. ANDREW WENT STRAIGHT HOME TO HIS FAMILY

1. When Andrew found Jesus, he went quickly straight to tell his big brother, Peter.
 - Peter was rash, headstrong, impulsive.
 - Andrew was the opposite yet he kept on until he persuaded Peter to meet Jesus.
2. If there is any place where a Christian should tell someone about Jesus, it is in his/her home.
 - It is a shame for parents to let their children grow up and go out into the world without their not knowing about Jesus.
 - If the home knows about Jesus, then the nation will be right. If the home does not know about Jesus, then the nation is lost and doomed.
3. What about your home? The home is the first place for a Christian to start telling about Jesus.
 - Have you talked to every member of your family about Jesus?
4. How many Christian homes never have prayer? Or read the Bible? Or talk about Jesus?
 - Andrew learned about Jesus and quickly went straight home to tell his brother.

III. ANDREW SPOKE TO HIS BROTHER DIRECTLY, PERSONALLY

1. Jesus is depending on His followers, His friends, to get His gospel made known to everyone.
2. Any method of sharing the gospel is fine, but there is no substitute for personal work.
 - Personal contact, face to face is the very best way to make sure the message is delivered accurately and personally.

3. Jesus also spoke personally, one on one, many times and His message on "ye must be born again" was spoken to only one man.
 - Jesus spoke about eternal life and living water to just one woman at a well.
 - Jesus told a story about a shepherd leaving his 99 of his flock to go out and look for the single one that was missing, out into the darkness, the wilderness and did not give up until he found that lost one.
4. The saddest thing for a Church is when it lacks sympathy and compassion for the lost.
 - A Church is nothing better than a religious club if it has not sympathy and anxiousness for the lost and does not go out into the world to find them and tell them about Jesus.
 - If the truth were known, there are a lot of Churches that are no more than religious clubs.

IV. HOW CAN WE FOLLOW ANDREW'S EXAMPLE IN TELLING ABOUT JESUS?

1. First of all the Word of God must be magnified so the Holy Spirit can work.
 - We are to take the Word of God and deliver it's message to the lost world around us.
 - The message is already there. ***"Preach the preaching I bid thee..."***
 - Speak the Word, declare the Word, proclaim the Word.
 - The Word of God will take care of Itself once we speak it.
 - We are to tell the world without reservation that those who don't know Jesus are lost, condemned and when they die, they will go to hell if they don't turn to Jesus.
2. Second, we are to give ourselves completely to the guiding and leadership of the Holy Spirit.
 - When telling someone about Jesus, we are never doing it by ourselves. The Holy Spirit is always there at our side, guiding us.
 - We do not use our intellect, personality or skills, the Holy Spirit will equip us and guide us in what to say and what to do.
3. Third, we are to use our own personal experience.
 - Andrew quickly, but simply told Peter (Simon) that he had found the Messiah. The Holy Spirit then took over.
4. Lastly, ask yourself, "Do I really care for those without Jesus?" Do you really care?
 - How do those in your community who are not Christians feel about your Church?
 - Have you ever done anything to cause them to know that you care about them?
 - ***"Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.."***
 - Do you really care about those without Jesus? Those you know personally?
 - Do you love them enough to go to them and ask ***"Is it well with your soul?"***

CONCLUSION:

1. It is our duty to tell others about Jesus.
2. There is no happiness like seeing someone you told about Jesus, accept Him.
3. It is our responsibility because we have something that others need or they will remain doomed.
- We are "our brother's keeper."
4. Put yourself in the place of those without Jesus. What would it mean to you to know that without Jesus you are damned, doomed and going to Hell but you can be saved from that and spend eternity in heaven, a place God has prepared for all those who believe in His Son, Jesus.
5. Andrew is our example, now let us follow his example and go tell someone, face to face, about Jesus.