

FOUR IMPERATIVES FOR MISSIONS
Matthew 28:19-20

Introduction:

1. Missions are the lifeline of any church.
2. The church that refuses to maintain an active mission program is forfeiting the right to expect the presence of Christ in that church as He should be.
3. The Great Commission tells us four things – Go, Win, Baptize, Teach.
4. Some emphasize baptizing and teaching above all others, but first GO AND WIN.

I. THE GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED IF SOULS ARE SAVED.

- A. Because this is the ordained way of God to employ His power to save.
Scripture: **Romans 1:16** “. . . *for it is the power to God unto salvation to everyone that believeth . . .*”
- B. Because it pleases God that by the foolishness of preaching souls are saved.
Scripture: **I Corinthians 1:21** “*For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*”
- C. Because the Bible declares that one who is saved is to hear and believe.
Scripture: **John 5:24**

II. MEN MUST SURRENDER TO THE CALL TO PREACH IF THE GOSPEL IS CARRIED TO THE WORLD.

- A. There must be those who will hear the personal call.
Scripture: **I Samuel 3:10** “. . . *Speak, for they servant heareth.*”
- B. There must be those who will submit themselves to the will of God.
Scripture: **Isaiah 6:8b** “. . . *Then said I, Here am I; send me.*”
- C. There must be those who will be willing to sever relationship with the closest of kin and friends. (Andrew and Peter left their homes and jobs.)
- D. There must be those who are willing to be set apart by the church.
Scripture: **Acts 13:2** “*As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*”

III. WE MUST UNITE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO SURRENDER TO THIS CALL.

- A. They must be upheld with our prayers.
Scripture: **Acts 12** (Church prays for Peter.)
- B. They must be upheld by our testimonies.
Scripture: **I Timothy 5:19** “*Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.*”
- C. They must be upheld by our tithes and offerings.
Scripture: **I Corinthians 9:11-14**

IV. WE MUST DO QUICKLY THAT WE WOULD DO.

- A. The life span is so short.
Scripture: **James 4:14** “. . . *For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”
- B. The forces of evil are gaining strength at a rapid pace.
Scripture: **II Timothy 3:1-5**

C. Jesus is coming soon!!!

Scripture: **Revelation 22:12** “*...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*”

Conclusion:

1. Yes, before we baptize or teach we must first win souls to Christ.
2. And it is the solemn duty of churches to support those who go out to preach and win souls.
3. Give me a mission minded church and I'll show you a church where the blessings of God abound.

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