

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“Enthusiasm For Jesus”

In *Matthew 9:37-38*, the Bible reads, *“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

These are the words of Jesus to His disciples. Our Lord states the following:

- 1) There are many souls ready to be gathered.
- 2) There are few workers willing to do the gathering.
- 3) The solution to this problem is to pray earnestly to the Lord to send out workers to gather what is ready to be gathered.

Why is this a problem? How can a person who is saved by Jesus unwilling &/or unmotivated to do for others what has been done for them? The answer is a lack of enthusiasm. Charles Kingsley once said, *“We act as though comfort & luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about”.*

When we fan the flames of enthusiasm for Christ, our faith serves as a beacon to others. John Wesley advised, *“Catch on fire with enthusiasm & people will come for miles to watch you burn.”* His words still ring true.

Enthusiasm, like the flu, is contagious – we get it from one another. The last 4 letters of Enthusiasm are I-A-S-M, which is an acronym meaning, **I Am Seriously Motivated**. One of the great needs in the church today is for every Christian to become enthusiastic about his faith in Jesus Christ. *“Diligence applies to whatever you do in your Christian life. Anything done in the Lord's service is worth doing with enthusiasm & care”* (John MacArthur).

Our world desperately needs faithful brethren who will share the gospel of Jesus with joyful exuberance. Be such a child of the King. The world needs your enthusiasm! When it comes to enthusiasm, we need to live with it. *“If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm”* (Vince Lombardi).

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