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FULFILLING MY LIFE MISSION Building Character Through Commitment

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Part 5 of 5

INTRO: A mission is not just a duty or a task, but it's a mission that will be a dream, a vision, or a purpose that drives you.

You're not ready to live until you know what's worth dying for.

When you become a follower of Jesus Christ, God gives you a new mission for life.

Acts 20:24 *"Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others about the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."*

If I complete the task that God has given me, then my life matters.

1. MY MISSION: IS TO BRING OTHERS INTO GOD'S FAMILY

"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask ... unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe if they have never heard about Him? And how can they believe if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:13-14 (LB)

The point here is, obviously, for a person to get into God's family somebody has got to tell them about it.

"You will be my witnesses ..." Acts 1:8

My real mission in life, regardless of what my vocation is, is to use that career to tell others about Christ if I'm a believer. A non-witnessing Christian is a contradiction.

2. MY MOTIVE: IS LOVE.

Love for God and love for other people.

"The Lord is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but wants everyone to come to Him." 2 Peter 3:9

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That's why this church will never stop growing. As long as there's one person who doesn't know Christ, God wants that person to know Him.

"For the love of Christ compels us ..." 2 Cor. 15:14

People don't care how much I know until they know how much I care.

If I have the greatest news in the world, and I don't share it, that's a crime.

The world is far more ready to receive the Good News, than most believers are ready to share it.

3. MY MESSAGE: IS GOOD NEWS

"Proclaim the Good news to everyone everywhere." Mark 16:15 (LB)

If you're a Christian, and you have a hard time sharing your faith, the reason is, you've forgotten just how good the God News really is.

GOOD NEWS IS SUMMARIZED IN THREE STATEMENTS:

- GOD OFFERS FULFILLMENT

"Jesus said, 'I have come so that you might have life and have it to the fullest!'"
John 10:10

Not a religion }
Not a ritual }
Not rules } but a relationship
Not regulations }

- GOD OFFERS FREEDOM

"If the Son sets you free you will be really free!" John 8:36

The Good News is, Jesus sets us free!

Free from the guilt of the past.
Free from resentment
Free from bitterness.
Free from the expectations of others
Free to be what God wants me to be.

- GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

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“For sin pays its wage – death; But God’s free gift is eternal life through Jesus ...”
Romans 6:23 (GN)

4. MY METHOD: IS LIVE IT AND SHARE IT.

- FIRST, I’VE GOT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GOOD NEWS

“Show you can be fully trusted so that in every way you will make the teaching about God attractive.” Titus 2:10

I don’t want to get to heave one day and explain to God why somebody else used my lifestyle as an excuse for not coming to Christ.

Your life is either going to draw people to Christ like a magnet or turn them off and push them away.

- SECOND, I’VE GOT TO SHARE IT.

“Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you. But do it with gentleness and respect.” I Peter 3:15-16 (GN)

Caring about people reaches them.

A lot of Christians are Arctic River Christians – they are frozen at the mouth.

The greatest need in society today is what I call audio/visual Christians.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Make a prayer list of those around you and then start praying for opportunities.

WHO SHOULD BE ON YOUR PRAYER LIST?

1. Immediately family
2. relatives
3. close friends
4. neighbors
5. business associates
6. acquaintances
7. strangers you meet on the bus or wherever

2. Build a bridge by listening and caring.

The key word in sharing your faith is relationship.

3. Invite them to church.

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What impresses people is when they see you're struggling with the same things they're struggling with but somehow you've got a little but different perspective on it.

Gallup did a survey that discovered there are 61 million people in America without a church home. Of those, over 50% said, "I'd go - I'm just waiting for somebody to invite me."

Mercedes commercial: "Some things in life are too important not to share."

There is no greater cause or mission in life!

"When Jesus saw the crowds He was moved with compassion because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few! Pray for more laborers."
Matthew 9:35-36 (LB)

The real problem is a labor shortage.

LET ME CHALLENGE YOU IN TWO VERY SPECIFIC WAYS:

1. Start taking the W.C.C. basic classes.

Our goal is to turn "Yuppies" (Young Urban Professionals) into "Yummies" (Young Urban Missionaries)

2. Make a commitment today to start to plan who you'll bring to church next week.