



Praying For Christian Workers Such As Pastors, Missionaries and Evangelists

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Jesus Commanded...



- Jesus knew that the need for good workers in the Harvest was critical
- He did not set up a recruitment agency
- He did not put an advertisement in the Jerusalem Times
- He told the disciples to **PRAY** – confident that God would supply the need and that God knew best who to select and to send and to empower
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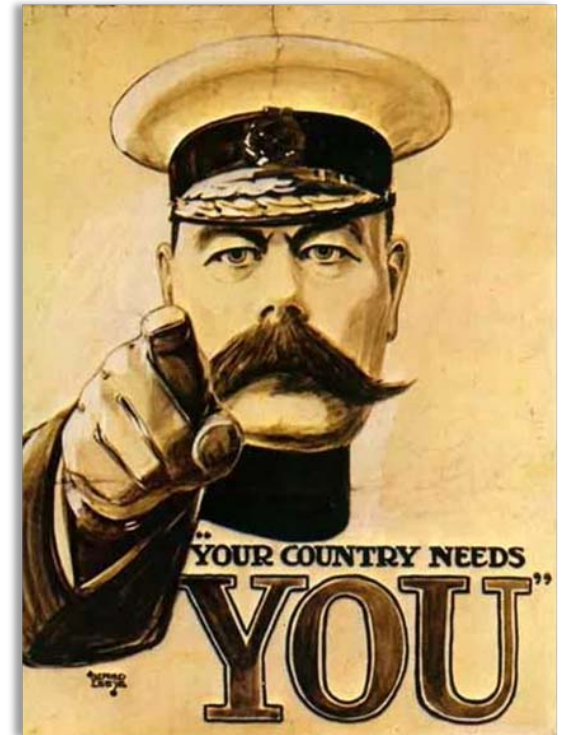
God Is Searching



- 2 Chronicles 16:9
 - Ezekiel 22:30
 - 1 Samuel 13:14
 - Psalm 14:2
 - Jeremiah 5:1
 - Mark 3:13-19
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
- The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men...Men of prayer."
E. M. Bounds

Workers Need To Be Sent!

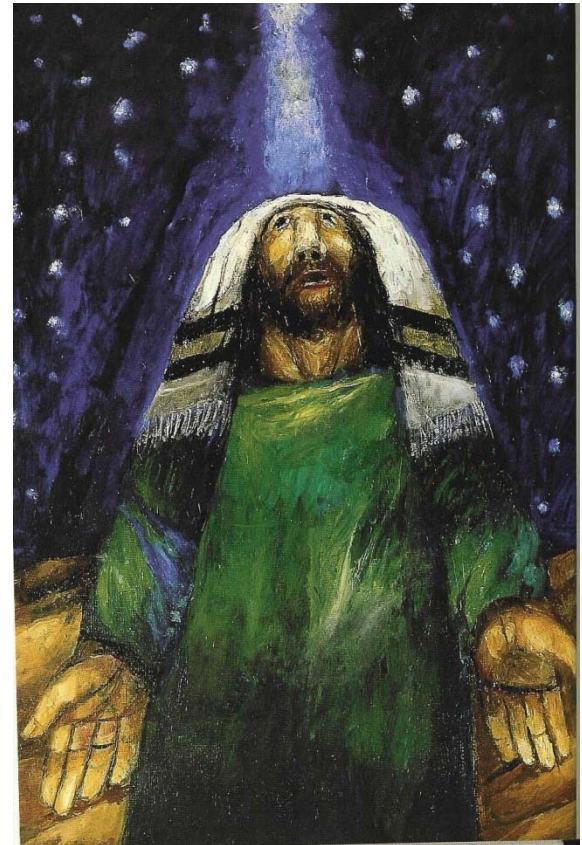
- Luke 9:1,2
- Luke 10:1
- John 4:34,38
- Romans 10:14-17
- Most workers are ending up where they are least required!
- In the comfort zones (95%) rather than in the harvest fields (5%)
- Only prayer will change this!



Specific Callings

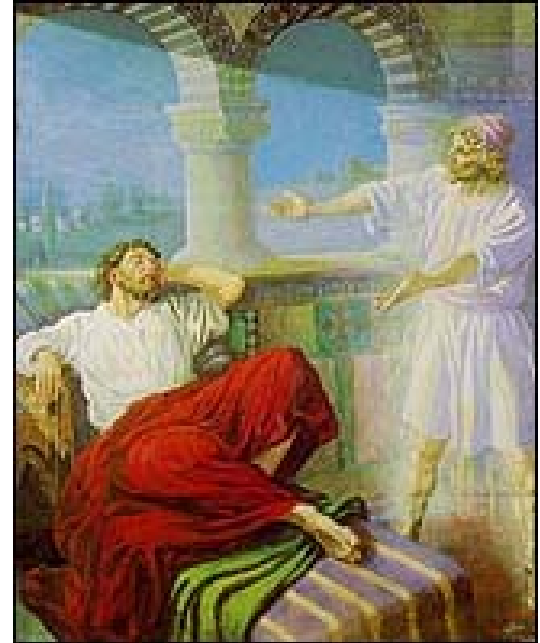
- Galatians 2:7,8
- Peter to the Jews
- Paul to the Gentiles

- 1 Corinthians 3:5-7
- Paul plants
- Apollos waters
- God causes the growth



Places In Need

- Macedonia calling!
Acts 16:6-12
- We need to pray that Christian workers will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and go to the place that is most in need.



For Bold And Free Witness!

- Boldness is a key to effective gospel ministry
- The early church prayed for boldness
Acts 4:23-37, 5:12-16
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- 2 Thessalonians 5:1
- Colossians 4:2-4



Some Workers Need To Be “Pried Loose”!

- In this fallen world people those who are called may naturally have some difficulty in responding (Luke 18:18-23)
- We need to PRAY that good Christian workers will be raised up (Matthew 9:36-38, Luke 10:1,2)
- Pried loose from the world (through prayer) and freed from the love of money (John 6:27, 1 Timothy 3:8, Titus 1:7, 1 Peter 5:2, Matthew 6:19-34, 1 Timothy 6:10, 2 Timothy 3:2, Hebrews 13:5)
- Demas ‘turned back loving this present world’ – 2 Timothy 4:10



Deliverance From Evil

- Romans 15:30-32
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1,2
- Philippians 1:19
- Philemon 1:22
- Matthew 6:13
- Matthew 26:41



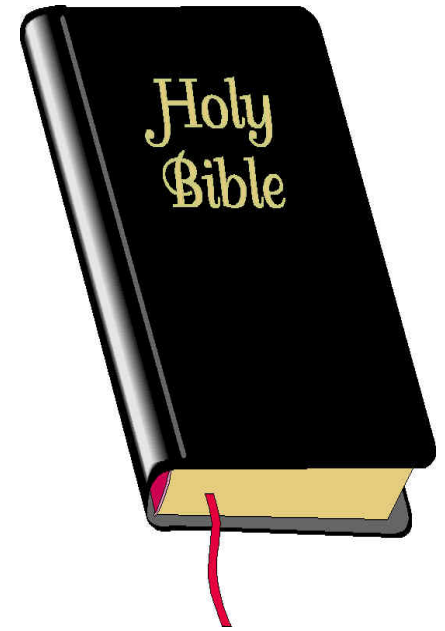
For Fruitful Ministry

- Genesis 1:28
- James 5:18
- John 15:1-8,16
- Colossians 1:3-12



Personal Growth

- Christian workers need to be growing continually and overcoming their natural weaknesses, timidity and lack of faith
- This ONLY happens through prayer
- 1 Timothy 1:3-9
- Ephesians 3:14-21



Strategic Wisdom & Ministry Multiplication

- Faithful stewards vs. Foolish stewards
Matthew 24:44-51, 25:14-30
- 30, 60 & 100 fold returns
Matthew 13:8
- Jesus and good fishing!
Luke 5:3-9, John 21:3-7
- God reveals the best methods for doing things – including ministry
Isaiah 28:23-28, 1 John 2:20,27



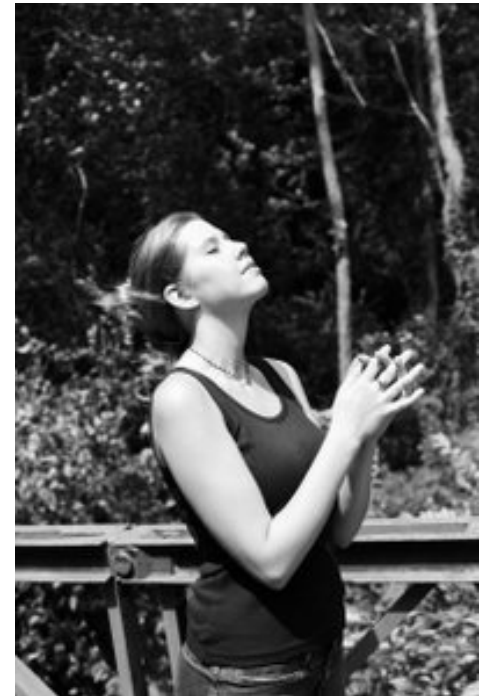
Spiritual Power!

- Acts 1:8, 4:33, 6:8, 19:11
- Romans 15:19
- 1 Corinthians 2:4,5
- 1 Corinthians 4:19,20
- 2 Corinthians 4:7, 6:7, 12:12
- Colossians 1:29
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5



Favor, Grace & Authority

- God can suddenly 'promote' someone e.g. Joseph and Daniel
- God gave favor to the Jews in Egypt
Exodus 3:21, 11:3, 12:36
- Divine favor enabled Nehemiah to get the supplies for the rebuilding of Jerusalem - Nehemiah 1:5-2:8
- Favor enabled Esther to rescue the Jews from the destructive plot of Mordecai (Esther 2:17, 7:3)
- Favor, grace and authority are free gifts from God to those who exercise mercy and truth and walk in His commandments
Proverbs 3:3-6, Psalm 5:12, 30:5, 119:58



Maintaining A Prayer Shield

- Keep people informed in three layers
- Special confidential intercessors who know the details and who are real prayer warriors
- Regular prayer partners who receive at least monthly updates and get to know the ministry well
- A wide circle of prayer from churches and Christians in general – who get a general outline of things

