

# YOU HAVE TO DO MORE

## Breaking Christian Complacency, Apathy and Laziness

**Luke 12:48 KJV** But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few [stripes]. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Much – more, great, harvest, abundance, joy

Much – same. If you have these things, they are required of you

Required (verb) – to **seek in order to find**, endeavor, inquire, required

The more – over and above what is necessary

We are obligated by blessing to go above and beyond what is required of us.

This lesson is not designed to get you to take on more tasks in the church.

This is to challenge us to do a few things well, quality vs quantity and in to do more personally – self-directed growth. It's a challenge to do more than what is necessary in your current ministry. Medicare ministry or sainthood is neither ministry nor sainthood. It's a hobby.

**Rev 3:15-16 KJV** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

A natural outcome of growth is that you will become more active in the ministry (outside of these four walls).

### ***Facebook Testimony – Appendix***

Prior to this event, I was making a real effort to read more word to become more familiar with God's voice so I would have more opportunities like this.

If you think you have it, you're doing well and are in a good spot that is the time to start preparing for more.

## Start with Seeking

**Luke 11:9 KJV** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Seek = required in Luke 12

### Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to seek in order to find
  - A. to seek a thing
  - B. to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into
  - C. to seek after, seek for, aim at, strive after
- II. to seek i.e. require, demand
  - A. to crave, demand something from someone

Find = to come about as a result of search, to learn or discover

**Col 3:1 KJV** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

We aren't to seek any old thing – we are to see things which are above, heavenly or higher place. we are to seek growth in ministry as well as character and relationship with God. Can we naturally see where Christ sits on the right hand of God? No, we have to seek for the ability to see it

**Jer 29:13-14 KJV** And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search **for me with all your heart**. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

You cant seek God and not find him – he promises he will be found. The thing with seeking is the whole heart part. In Hebrew phrases relay ideas instead of concrete meanings, like colloquialisms of today.

In the original Hebrew the phrase for **me with your whole heart** encompasses:

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. inner man, mind, will, heart, soul, understanding
  - A. inner part, midst
    - i. midst (of things)
    - ii. heart (of man)
    - iii. soul, heart (of man)
    - iv. mind, knowledge, thinking, reflection, memory
    - v. inclination, resolution, determination (of will)
    - vi. conscience
    - vii. heart (of moral character)
    - viii. as seat of appetites
    - ix. as seat of emotions and passions
    - x. as seat of courage

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### Activity – Seek and Ye Shall Find

Instructions:

- You have 3 minutes
- You can work alone, in groups in pairs
- You can join or leave a group
- If you find the items with a group you have to split them.
- In the sanctuary is cash, a gift card and a chocolate bar.
- Your mission is to seek out the item you want the most.

### Regroup/Debrief

Col 3:1 was your hint!

You knew generally what your reward would be – not 100% but it still motivated you.

**1Co 2:9 KJV** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

### Hindrances to Doing More

*Apathy vs Complacency vs Laziness*

**Apathy** - lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Apathy is a lack of feeling, emotion, interest, and concern.

Apathy is a state of indifference, or the suppression of emotions such as concern, excitement, motivation, and/or passion.

See the problem, and your response is 'whatever, it doesn't concern me.' Its selfishness

**Ecc 2:19 NIV:** And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.

**Laziness** - Laziness (also called indolence) is a disinclination to activity or exertion despite having the ability to act or exert oneself.

The quality of being unwilling to work or use energy; idleness.

We can be lazy in one area and not another because of our enjoyment level.

**Mat 25:2 NIV** Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

Part of the problem because you see it, you can fix it but you don't. It's a decision and a behavior vs the attitude of apathy.

**Complacency** - a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.

1 : self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies.

2 : an instance of usually unaware or uninformed self-satisfaction.

***YOU don't see the problem, you ARE the problem.***

**Pro 21:2 KJV** Every way of a man [is] right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

**[Pro 14:12 KJV] 12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

Dangerous because it's comfortable and does not require change. "I've go to church three times a week, and I have for 16 years. This makes me a good Christian. I am meeting the requirements. I'll leave the rest to God."

Complacency tells us apathy and laziness are okay. It says you don't have to do over what it necessary.

**No, you've got to do more.**

It lacks introspection.

Complacency has no glory in it.

**Eze 13:3 NIV** This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

These three are especially dangerous in leaders because then you have a church that doesn't change and grow. You have one that is silent and inactive and happy with going to church.

**No, you've got to do more.**

## **Appendix**

Just had an awesome experience at Home Depot. Was in the parking lot and an older man walks up to the guy two cars down from me and says "excuse me sir, can i ask for some help?"

Instantly the guy says no in the harshest way possible. It was a black man who approached him. He was an old white dude. I know what he thought, he didn't even try to hide it. I assumed he would approach me next, but he turned, looking devastated the way a man does when he has been degraded after already having given up his pride. He wasn't an addict, or trying to pull one over. He just needed help.

He walked away and passed by the old lady behind me. I thought that was odd, so i got in my car, checked my purse and found a dollar - the only cash i had. I went to go find him but it seemed like he had disappeared. I circled over to the next parking lot at Shop Rite and found him, again passing by several women and approaching only men. I stopped him and asked him what kind of help he needed. He said the state just moved him and his wife to a nearby motel and he was just trying to drum up a few bucks so they could eat. I gave him the dollar and wished him luck.

But as soon as i turned the wheel I felt God convict me so strongly. Then he said 'you need to do more.' It wasn't a big thundering thing - it was a tiny quiet voice. I was like well maybe I can go grab them some Wendy. Again, 'nope you need to do more.' I hemmed and hawed and didn't want to sound like a wierdo, i don't want to offend the guy and so-on and made a bunch of excuses why the dollar was enough, and I turned to head home.

I almost left the shopping center, but I ended up circling back again to Shop Rite and saw him at the far end of the parking lot, only approaching men. Even from a distance, i could tell he was getting really discouraged. I ran in and took out some cash. I had seen which general direction he went and set out to find him again. As I pulled up to the light i was about to turn toward the motels, when the small voice said nope, go straight. I thought that makes sense, more stores across the street than toward the motels.

I found him outside of Michael's, approaching men only. I parked across from the truck he was at, and heard him repeat the story. You could just see the humiliation on his face at having to beg. He didn't see me at all. I followed him and caught up with him and said hey look, sounds crazy but God told me I needed to bless you so here, i hope this helps.

He thanked me and told me that the little I gave him would last til Friday. Idk how that is possible, but maybe he has more faith than I do :) I was totally tongue-tied and anyone who knows me knows I am not a social person, so that made me sound even worse. I probably did sound crazy. But i don't think he noticed. He introduced himself to me as Dorian and i told Dorian, i just had to bless you. I wanted to say more but God was like just leave it there.

When i got back in my car, i looked back and could see the change in his body language - he was walking much straighter, less strained. I almost didn't do it, but I'm glad I did. I think it benefited me more than it did him.

I don't have some major point or life altering lesson to share from this. I didn't come home to find the cats in harmony or some other glorious happening. It was just a cool thing that happened and i wanted to share because we need more cool happy endings in the world.