

Psalm 126:6 "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

I. THE MESSAGE IS NOT:

- A. Social reform
- B. Building hospitals, clinics
- C. Putting clothes on naked natives
- D. The Social gospel- bringing in this great society
- E. Church membership
- F. Self-reform
- G. Self-esteem
- H. Health & wealth

II. THE MESSAGE IS:

- A. The gospel defined:
 - 1. I Corinthians 15:1-4
- B. Based on belief
 - 1. John 3:18 *"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*
 - a. Damnation for disbelief
 - b. Belief always brings a repentant heart
- C. Universal in application
 - 1. Romans 10:12-13 *"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*
 - 2. Matthew 28:18-20 *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

III. SOUL-WINNING MOTIVATION

- A. Do not wait for a burden before going.
 - 1. You don't need a call when you have a commandment
 - a. Matthew 28:18-20
 - 2. You do need compassion, but that begins with the commission.
- B. The burden builds up by going forth
 - 1. Psalm 126:5-6 *"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*
 - 2. Jesus went forth and saw the great multitude
 - 3. He had compassion for them (when He saw them)
 - a. Luke 10:30-35
 - 4. God gave us a will to act and emotions to interact
 - 5. Serve the Lord out of duty
 - 6. The blessing is to the ones who will go
 - 7. Pray for all the lost ones, not just the few you know

C. Hindered by fear

1. Pray

- a. Acts 4:31 *"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*
- b. I John 4:18 *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."*

2. Claiming His promises

- a. II Timothy 1:7 *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."*

3. Submit to His will

- a. James 4:7 *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

4. Casting down imaginations

- a. II Corinthians 10:5 *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"*

D. Overcoming discouragement

- 1. Psalm 126:6 *"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*

2. Faint not

- a. Galatians 6:9 *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*
- b. John 15:1-5
- c. Those who are faithful in sowing the seed someday will reap.

IV. SOUL-WINNING MEANS

A. His promise

1. What shall we say?

- a. Matthew 10:19-20 *"But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."*

2. He will convict them

- a. John 16:8-9 *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;"*

3. He will energize us

- a. John 14:12 *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."*

B. His power

1. To all who will obey

- a. Acts 5:32 *"And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."*

2. To those who are available

- a. Luke 11:5 *"And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;"*

3. The Soul-winner's six-fold power (Ephesians 1:19)
 - a. **The power of the gospel-** Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*
 - b. **The power of the Word of God-** Hebrews 4:12 *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*
 - c. **The power of prayer-** Acts 4:31 *"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*
 - d. **The power of preaching-** I Corinthians 1:18 *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."*
 - e. **The power of a yielded Saint-** II Corinthians 12:9b *"...Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*
 - f. **The power of the Holy Ghost-** Acts 1:8 *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*
- C. An expectant, positive spirit
 1. Expect souls to be saved
 - a. Mark 11:22-24 *"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*
 2. Believe and receive
 3. Your faithful work will eventually be rewarded.