

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL AND SO ARE THE LABOURERS.

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Readings: *Mat 9:36-38, Lk 10:1,2, Is 49:18, Ac 8:4,6, Ac 1:8, 1Thes 1:5-8, Jn 4:35, Ac 9:32-35, Ps 24:1.*

1. **“The harvest is plentiful.”** What does that mean to you? “Plentiful” means at least 75% or more. It means abundance. This is a bumper crop. This the Lord’s harvest. E.g. Cali - Columbia, Almolonga - Guatemala, Pensacola.
2. **Why did the Father send Jesus?** *Jn 3:16,17, Mat 9:13, Lk 19:10, Mat 20:28, Jn 12:47.*
Answer: To save lost people like us.
3. **Why has God sent His Spirit upon us?** *Ac 1:8, Lk 24:45-49, Mk 16:15, Mat 28:18-20, Mat 4:19, Lk 5:10, Ac 4:20,29-31, Jn 16:8.*
Answer: To save lost people through us.
4. **Has God sent His Spirit on a few specially chosen people?** *Ac 2:38,39, LK 11:13, Eph 5:18,19, Jn 4:10,14, Jn 7:37-39.*
Answer: God gives His Spirit freely to all who believe in Christ.
5. **If this is true then the labourers are plentiful too.** There are many believers upon whom God’s Spirit has come, and every one of them has been commissioned to the harvest field, to gather in this plentiful harvest. *Ac 1:8, Mat 28:19, Mk 16:15, Ps 110:3, Ps 68:11, 2Cor 5:18-20.*
6. **Pro 11:30. He who wins souls is wise** = doing God’s will, *Jam5:20.*
Pro 10:5. The son who sleeps in harvest causes shame. Tragically many believers are not vitally involved in gathering the harvest. This is why Jesus said, “the labourers are few,” *Mat 9:37.* So we are to pray that the Lord of the harvest will thrust every believer out to gather in lost souls, *Mat 9:38.*
7. **Well if the harvest is plentiful, and the labourers are plentiful,** and I am one of them, what changes do I need to make to my lifestyle?
8. Realise: **The lost are eternally lost,”** *Jn 3:36.*
9. **Receive God’s compassion for lost people.** *Mat 9:36.*
The love of Christ moves, motivates us, because we can see that if One died for all, then all died, *2Cor 5:14, Rom 5:5,8,10.*
10. **Start with the neighbours.** Pray for seven homes, families, precious people, each side of your house and fourteen across the street.
11. **Pray for them the 5 things of Ac 26:18.** By God’s mercy,
 - a. their eyes to be opened,
 - b. that they be turned from darkness to light,
 - c. turned from the power of satan to God,
 - d. that they may receive forgiveness of sins,
 - e. and receive an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Christ.

12. **Pray 5 things for self and other believers, in faith:**
 - a. **Boldness**, *2Tim 1:7, Ac 1:8, Pro 14:26, Pro 28:1, Is 44:8, Ac 18:9,10.*
 - b. **Words to speak**, *Mat 10:20, Is 51:16, Is 59:21* plus loving actions.
 - c. **Opportunities** to speak or act in love to reveal Christ. *Rev3:8, 1Cor 16:9, Ac 14:27, Ac 8:4, Col 4:3, 2Cor 2:12.*
 - d. **Compassion** for the lost, *2Cor 5:14, Lk 19:10.*
 - e. **Right prayers**, gifts of the Spirit, especially Word of Knowledge, *Jn 4:18.*
13. **Watch for opportunities.**
14. **Grasp them boldly when they come and act.**
15. **Use the promise sheets:**

“We have been made effective witnesses of Christ.”
“We have been given the boldness of Christ.”

Create an atmosphere or climate of evangelism or witnessing in your life by regularly confessing these promises from God, *2Pet 1:4*. God’s power is in His Word. *Lk 1:37AmpV*.
In this way witnessing will become a regular experience for you as His labourer.
16. **Carry tracts to pass on** to those you speak to.