

Instructions for Christ's Laborer (Luke 2b-7)

I. Pray (2b)

A. Everything must begin with prayer

1. You may plant and water but God gives increase 1 Co. 3:6
2. God alone calls men to Labor
 - a. Man cannot labor unless he is called. John 15:16
 - b. His heart must be changed
3. Man cannot Labor without the power of God
 - a. In his own strength, man can do nothing John 15:5
 - b. In Christ's strength he can do all things. Phil. 4:13

II. Go (3)

A. "Go your Way"

1. Not necessarily leave your family and go to the jungle.
Luke 8:38-39 – "go home and proclaim"
2. God has placed each laborer in different fields
 - a. Salt of the earth – Scattered among all fields
 - i. Electrician, teacher, plumber, preacher, mother
3. The Laborer must determinately go
 - a. He is a fisher of men Matt. 4:19
 - i. The fisherman must go to the fish
 - ii. The fish won't come to him
 - iii. The fisherman must be intentional and opportunistic

III. Trust (4a)

A. Depend on God to Provide For the Laborer

1. Jesus was teaching them a specific lesson
 - a. God will miraculously provide for you
2. Does not necessarily mean we should not prepare
 - a. Later Jesus told disciples to make sure they had a moneybag and knapsack Luke 22:36
3. It means that everything involved will be from God
 - d. He will provide for His Laborers

IV. Focus (4b)

A. Greet no one on the road

1. Does not mean don't be friendly
2. In ancient near east formal greetings could take hours
 - a. Involved sharing food and water etc.

B. Do not let anything distract from the mission

1. traditions, extra clothes, nice things to eat, material

V. Preach (5-6)

A. Say, "Peace to this house"

1. Proclaim the peace of God Rom. 5:1
 - a. The gospel is the only peace we have with God
 - b. Don't sugarcoat or change the message
2. "Son of Peace" – If someone is there who accepts the gospel by faith
 - a. the peace will rest on him

- b. He will find peace with God
 - c. He will find rest for his soul Matt. 11:28
- 3. If there is no Son of peace, they will have no peace
 - a. "it will return to you"

VI. Hurry (7)

- A. Do not waste the time you have
 - 1. Remain in the house that receives you
 - a. allow them to provide for you
 - 2. Do not go from house to house
- B. Moving around in this way would be wasting time
 - 1. Establish a base of operations
 - 2. Go out from there
- C. We have ours
 - 1. Go where God has put you
 - 2. Don't waste time looking for the right opportunity
 - 3. Every moment is an opportunity