## The Messenger



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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## What Can I Do for the Lord as a Christian Man?

Now one of the biggest barriers to being a Christian is material things. If each of us took the attitude that our possessions were on loan from the Lord, then we wouldn't mind so much when we lose them. Remember that many Christians have indeed lost everything they own in order to be a Christian.

Would you still become a Christian if you knew that by doing so you would lose your house and car? If not, then you're not ready to become a Christian.

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On this sheet are provided a number of answers to this question. No doubt there are other items which could also be listed. Those given should help to see that there is no excuse for idleness in the Lord's service. We see that . . . "Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

- 1. There is much to do in the line of teaching:
  - a. Home Bible studies with the non-Christian.
  - b. Bible classes for children (yours and others, in your own home).
  - c. Older men teach and be an example to the younger men.
  - d. Prepare study aids and help for such classes.
  - e. Ask those teaching if you can be of any assistance.
  - f. Commend and show your appreciation to those who are teaching.
  - g. Fathers get involved at home with your child in the material that is being used at church assembly. (Go over it again with them!)
  - h. Husbands and wives work together in home Bible studies. What a wonderful arrangement this is when the husband and wife can work together. Thank God for families like Priscilla and Aquila.
  - i. Distribute tracts, literature for the church, and meeting announcement.
  - j. Get involved in the personal work classes or other special studies when offered.
  - k. Arrange time for Bible studies with the entire family. It is quite often the wife that gets these family Bible studies going. Men COOPERATE. The home will make or break a Christian.
  - 1. Help make contacts for the preacher and others who are eager for prospects to teach.
  - m. Teach by your life and your example. Of all translations of the Bible, I prefer my mother's and my wife's. They translate the Bible into godly action.

- n. Be willing to give a short talk or lesson from the Bible.
- o. Teach a Bible class at the building.
- 2. Don't be afraid to talk to another Christian man about his attitude, or actions. They may be lost if you don't. If their heart is right they will thank you.
- 3. Ask the preacher if he needs your help in any way. (Teaching, visiting, etc.)
- 4. Invite other Christians over, especially new converts. If you are already doing this, then you are engaging in a wonderful work and may God bless you for your interest in others.
- 5. Visit those who are older and less able to get around. You can really make their day or week! Older Christians who are faithful are to be highly commended for their long life of service to the Lord.
- 6. Visit those shut in or afflicted.
- 7. Visit those who may be discouraged or becoming inactive in service to God.
- 8. Don't just talk about it. "DO SOMETHING!"
- 9. Volunteer to help maintain the building.
- 10. Teaching the younger ones reverence during the worship.
- 11. Thanking and encouraging one another for the various things they do in the service of the Lord.
- 12. Greeting others in the assembly, especially the visitors.
- 13. Show a good disposition and attitude.
- 14. Do all that you can by studying the Bible and seeking counsel to learn how you can be the best Christian husband, father, teacher, student possible.
- 15. Stand up boldly against and have no part in gossiping or idle talk that might be degrading or harmful to another. If one sins, then follow the teaching in Matt. 18:15-20.
- 16. Strive to be an elder or deacon. Perhaps the greatest need in the church today is for good elders, yet few men are striving to do this honorable work. Why? Some would like to serve in this work, but cannot because the need for plurality. Paul said, "If a man seeks the office of an overseer, he desires a good work." (I Tim. 3:1)
- 17. Attend the business meetings and offer suggestions to help in the work of the church.
- 18. Be willing to serve in various functions before or during the worship of the church, making announcements, lead singing, wait on the table, lead prayer.

Dear brother in Christ,

Strive with all your heart, strength, mind, and soul to love God and to be a godly man. The church today is crying out for men such as these.