Gideon, Minister to Jailed Prisoners

John 4:35

Captives are everywhere, not just in jails... The Church is called to work the fields both in the world and "behind the bars." These are people in need of a Savior, whose name is Jesus the Christ.

On Being a Workman, About the Father's Business---

- 1. Preparation--understand what Christ has done in you so you can share that
 - a. Born of the Blood--saved by and dedicated to the Lord
 - b. Be prepared of heart Matthew 25:34-40
 - c. Do not pass judgment, but come to understand what the Lord wants of us
 - d. This is not something I do, other than get up and go. Then trust the Lord to work through you.
 - i. Prov 16:1 Prepare your heart to hear His words & learn to ignore the things of the world...the filthiness is in the streets can be overwhelming, but He is in control...
 - ii. Rom 10:14 Be obedient to His call & be His voice in the world! Give folks a chance...
 - iii. Is 6:8 He sends, we answer
 - e. Know His Word 2 Tim 2:15
 - f. Be faithful in the work! 1 Corinthians 4:2 If you are a good steward, it will show.
 - g. Realize that doing nothing is cheating God of potential family members...
 - i. 1 Peter 3:15-16 Remember Who He is & show reverence & kindness
 - ii. Matt 6:33 Seek His kingdom and righteousness first and foremost
 - iii. Ps 40:8 taking delight in His will; abandoning your own
 - iv. John 9:4 do what you can at every opportunity-don't wait for the darkness
 - h. Know the foundation of Christ's message-to save the lost; He is the Author & the Finisher of our faith Heb 12:2
- 2. **Purpose**--know about the business and do the work in His way... remember for Whom you go & He is a rewarder of those who seek Him wholeheartedly...It's about our faith in Him!!! Heb 11:6
- 3. Passion--we must fan the flame of the Holy Spirit! He is a consuming fire that makes us pure & holy.
 - a. Read and Know what Jesus said
 - b. The Holy Spirit must be indwelling and Jesus promised that He will guide and teach us as we listen for His voice and learn from His Word-pay attention & don't get in His way
 - c. John 4:24 worship in spirit and truth
 - d. Do you know the Lord of the Harvest? He has a job for us to do. We must speak to those who are living without Jesus, both inside & outside of jails & prisons. He is calling His own & will fill you with His passion for the lost because that lost one, but for the Grace of God, could be you...

The Harvest is out there awaiting harvesters honest to His Work! We are called to witness and share.

> God is responsible for the outcome-we are responsible to go.

Closing Hymn: To The Work!

