

"IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING"

Matthew 4:19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (NASB)

INTRO. - *It is the duty of the Whole church to preach the Whole Gospel to the Whole world the Whole time and that's the Whole story!* John Chase, Korea

A. THE FOUR-FOLD CALL TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

1. The call from **ABOVE** - the voice of God in His Word - Commission.
2. The call from **BELOW** - the cry of the Rich Man in Hades.
3. The call from **WITHIN** - the whisper of conscience.
4. The call from **WITHOUT**- from the weeping, hurting, sinful world.

B. THE THREE-FOLD ESSENTIALS TO EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

1. Conviction to make you do it.
 - the love of Christ constrains us - 1 Cor. 5:14.
 - the fear of God - Jude 23 and Acts 9:31.
 - the trust we have in his promises to sustain and use 1 Tim. 4:10; Matt. 28:18-20.
2. Communication to enable you to do it.
 - Paul used: Preaching, Synagogues, Roman roads, Sailboats, Postal systems, Roman citizenship, School of Tyrannus, etc.
 - Preaching, Broadcasting, Journalism, Music, Television, etc.
3. Consecration to guarantee what you are doing it.
 - Paul may have broken every rule on "How to Win Friends and Influence People" but he wrote a better volume on "How to Win Souls and Be Blessed of the Lord" See I Time 4:12-16 and 2 Tim. 2:20-22.
 - Holiness of Life - Strength of character - Unction - Prayer as vast as God himself.

C. THE MANY-FOLD VARIETIES OF SERVICE IN THE KINGDOM.

1. See Eph. 4:11 - "He (God) gave some (not all) to be apostles, evangelists, pastor-teachers" - of these not all are equally or even similarly endowed.
2. See Romans 12:4 ff. "all members have not the same office (work).
3. Some servant-workers in the New Testament:

MEN	WOMEN
Peter & John (Preached)	Dorcas (Good works & Alms-deeds)
The Seven (Served tables)	Priscilla (She and Aquila taught Apollos)
Steven (Disputed) - Acts 6:9	Lydia (Hosted evangelistic team)
Philip (Preached)	Phoebe (Servant of Cenchrea church)
Saul-Paul (Preached)	Tryphena & Tryphosa (labored in the Lord)
Barnabas (Missionary)	Women who labored in the gospel, Phil 4:3.
James (Ruled)	
Erastus (Chamberlain, ministered)	
Tertius (Scribe used by Paul)	
Urbane (Helper in Christ)	

D. PREACHING - Why?

- a. God wants it - 2 Tim. 4:1,2 Luke 24:47
- b. Satan doesn't want it - Mark 4:15 "Satan came immediately and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts"

E. TEACHING - Here is real variety!

- a. DVBS
- b. Bible School (Sunday School)
- c. Home teaching (Bible Studies, etc.)
- d. Sign Language for the Deaf
- e. Audio for the Blind
- f. Tape ministries
- g. Christian Service Camps
- h. Christian Day Schools, Pre-Schools.
- i. Missions (all over the world)

F. RULING - Grave need in our churches

- a. Men who will qualify themselves and work at it
- b. Learn to share the work with the Evangelist-Preacher
- c. Assume the important position of counselor in marital matters, etc.
- d. Be a shepherd who loves and cares for the sheep

G. SINGING - A challenge to save this ministry in the church

- a. Congregational singing threatened and is now dying - save it
- b. Take the lead in maintaining high standards in the singing of the Gospel.
- c. Encourage actual song-leading - directing
- d. Organize choirs, quartets, youth ensembles, etc.

H. WRITING - Limitless opportunities

- a. Letter writing to shut-ins, missionaries, military personnel
- b. Church papers, mid-week reminders
- c. Write dramas or skits about Christians you know or have read about
- d. Standard Pub. Co., College Press, Good News Productions, Int., etc.

I. BENEVOLENCE - Like Dorcas and Lydia and Mary and Martha a. Hospitality Is

- a. Christian grace
- b. Care of the needy in any community is paramount - an excellent work for godly women
- c. Clothing and/or food pantry conducted by the local church
- d. Preparation of needed supplies for homes for the elderly or orphans
- e. Hospital and nursing home ministries

J. MISC. - According to talent, need, and situation

- a. Collecting needed materials for all church needs
- b. Keeping church records, libraries, etc.
- c. Specialized study in important but unusual fields tracts, books, sources, tapes, when called for,
- d. Care of building and grounds, flowers, kitchen needs ready with
- e. Telephone ministries - contacting shut-ins, absentees, back-sliders.

