

Consecration 2021

PERMISSION

January 10, 2020

Consecration is the act of setting someone or something apart; to dedicate someone or something for a specific purpose; make holy

REVIEW:

THEME: Living with God's Permission

TEXT: Acts 16:6-7 *"They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;"* [NASU]

Do you ask for God's permission before you attempt to do something?

Permission is defined as the act of permitting, especially in giving formal consent ; authorization

PART 1: Week of Foresight

Foresight is actions that anticipate an expected result.

Foresight question and thought.

1. Where Does God want me to go? (To His Purpose)

Acts 16:9 *"A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [NASU]*

TODAY: Jan 13th - 19th Week of Focus

Focus is defined as the center of interest or activity. It is to adjust one's vision or optical device so as to render a clear, distinct image.

To focus is to concentrate ones energy on something.

It is to center ones activity, attraction and attention to a point of concentration.

2. What does God want me to do? (Proclaim the Gospel)

Acts 16:9-10 *"When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."* [NASU]

Wherever God ask you to go; whatever your purpose is in 2021 there is one thing that I can say without exception for everyone who knows Christ that they should do where they are. PREACH THE GOSPEL!

The call to every disciple is: Mark 16:15 *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach (proclaim, NASU) the gospel to every creature."* [KJV]

The word preach here means, to herald or cry divine truth, especially the gospel. To proclaim opening something that has been done. Specifically used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it

What does God want you to do?

a. Proclaim Gospel to My Children!

Mark 10:13-15 *"And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." [NASU]*

Psalms 78:1-8 *"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: 6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: 8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God." [KJV]*

b. Proclaim Gospel to My Community!

Matt 11:2-5 *"Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, 3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." [KJV]*

The poor; the down, the needy, those lacking; even reduced to begging

Those overlooked; those that society see as having no value; those that the world see has problems and despises them. Yet Christ preaches Good News to them and these very poor people begin to preach Good News.

c. Proclaim Gospel to where I am Called!

Acts 16:10 *"When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." [NASU]*

Concluding (assuredly gathering, KJV) implies to drive together; unite; to join together

When God sends you, HE sends you with the purpose to proclaim the Gospel! Some of us going to places we are not called and trying to witness and we are frustrated.

There are many that feel no one cares and they are hopeless. THERE IS GOOD NEWS!