

DOING BUSINESS FOR GOD

MATTHEW 13

Text: Matthew 13:44-48

Introduction:

There are 6 Essentials for the Christian Doing Business For God

1. THE CONVICTIONS WE MUST HAVE

(Mat 13:46 KJV) Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

A. We must be convicted of 2 things.

1. The value of the Gospel I'm trying to market.

(Rom 1:16 KJV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

a. What is the gospel of Christ?

(1 Cor 15:1-5 KJV) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; {2} By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. {3} For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; {4} And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: {5} And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

2. The vastness for the gospel I'm trying to mandate.

(Mark 16:15 KJV) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Notice:

a. The Gospel is committed to us.

(1 Tim 1:11 KJV) According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

b. Only an enemy would hide the Gospel.

(2 Cor 4:3-4 KJV) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: {4} In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest

the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

(Gal 1:8 KJV) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

c. God will get out the gospel if He need to use angels.

(Rev 14:6 KJV) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

2. THE CONTACTS WE MUST HAVE.

(Acts 20:20 KJV) And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

(Mat 24:14 KJV) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

(Luke 10:1-2 KJV) After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. {2} Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are

few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

(John 17:18 KJV) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

3. THE COMPETITION WE MAY FACE

A. False prophets

(Mat 7:15 KJV) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

(2 Pet 2:1 KJV) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

4. THE COURAGE I MUST HAVE

(Mat 10:16 KJV) Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

(Acts 20:29 KJV) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

5. THE COST I MUST SHOULDER

(Luke 14:26-27 KJV) If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. {27} And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

(Luke 14:33 KJV) So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

6. THE CONFIDENCE I MUST HAVE

(John 14:26 KJV) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

(Luke 11:13 KJV) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?