

FISHERS OF MEN

MATTHEW 4

Text:

Introduction:

(Matthew 4:18-20) And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. {19} And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. {20} And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

(Mark 1:16-20) Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. {17} And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. {18} And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. {19} And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. {20} And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

(Luke 5:9-11) For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: {10} And so was also James, and John, the sons

of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. {11} And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

(Proverbs 11:30) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Being a good fisherman is work, a lot of work but being a SOULWINNER is the BEST of all. Our Lord not only wants to SAVE US but He also wants to USE US. He wants us to be HIS WITNESSES (Acts 1:8). Notice that the men Jesus called were actively busy in their daily tasks.

(Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1. The Command - "Follow Me" - something we must do

A. Follow Me –

- Not because of what you are or were
- Not because of what you might make of yourself

- Because of what I will make of you.

It didn't seem likely that humble fishermen could ever become the Great Apostles, or that a shepherd boy like David could become a Great King.

B. Follow Me - Not just simply to be saved, but that you might experience a Double Miracle - the Fish becoming a Fisherman

1st - Salvation

2nd - Service (Soulwinning)

C. Follow Me - Not Follow (1) World (2) Men (3) Business (4) Pleasures or (5) Fame

Fish will not be Fishers; Sinners will not convert Sinners; The Ungodly will not win the Ungodly; not will the Worldly win the Worldly.

"The reason the church has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church."

D. Follow Me - Because He asks (Commands) us to - Obedience

E. Follow Me - Constantly, Daily,
FAITHFULLY

2. The Promise - "And I will make you Fishers of Men"
- Something He will do