

# Doing the Lord's Work

1 Cor. 16:10

## Introduction:

- A. There is no work more important than the Lord's Work
  - 1. Paul and Timothy did it. (Text)
  - 2. All Christians must do it (1 Cor. 15:58)
- B. Jesus tells us the kind of work he came to do. (Lk. 19:10; Matt. 20:28-nkjv)
  - 1. We must continue his work on earth.
  - 2. He describes three important phases of his work.

## Discussion:

### I. *Seeking the Lost.*

- A. Involves understanding who is lost.
  - 1. All immoral people (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21).
  - 2. Some good, honest, and God-fearing people.
    - a. Saul (Acts 26:5, 9-11; 23:1; 1 Tim. 1:12-15)
    - b. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-2; 11:14).
  - 3. Anyone without Christ (Eph. 2:12).
  - 4. Unfaithful and backsliding servants. (Matt. 25:26, 30; Jas. 5:19-20).
- B. Involves genuine concern for the lost. (Lk. 15:6, 9, 24, 32)

### II. *Saving the Lost.*

- A. Involves understanding that we can save souls.
  - 1. Not in primary sense — only Christ saves.
  - 2. But in secondary sense. (1 Tim. 4:16).
- B. Involves using God's word to save souls. (Cf. Jas. 1:21).
  - 1. Word convinces one that he is lost.
  - 2. Word convinces one how to be saved.
- C. Involves ordering life to save souls.
  - 1. By exemplary living (1 Tim. 4:12-16).
  - 2. By unselfish living. (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

### III. *Serving Rather than Being Served.*

- A. Great paradox of Life: Better served by serving.
  - 1. More blessed to give than receive. (Acts 20:35).
  - 2. Find life by losing it. (Matt. 16:25).
  - 3. Greater to serve than be served. (Lk. 22:24-27).
- B. May become so wrapped up *my* needs, *my* happiness, *my* welfare that I lose it all.
- C. JFK's right idea: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country?"
  - 1. Christian can apply it to his family
  - 2. Christian may apply it to his community.
  - 3. Christian can apply it to the church.

## Conclusion:

- A. Are we abounding in the Lord's work of Seeking? Saving? Serving?
- B. Are we so concerned with what's in it for us that we lose sight of spirit and work of Christ?