
The Lord God's Ekklesia

Part 6 - Co-laborers like Christ and co-laborers with Christ

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Matthew 9:35-38

Matthew 9:35 ESV

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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:37

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

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Principle #1

Christ commands us to pray for co-laborers who are like Him and will co-labor with Him, because those types of laborers are few.

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Principle #2

Co-laborers like Christ understand that the Master's Kingdom is focused on overthrowing the strongholds of evil, death, disease, sin, and Satan. Regardless of where they are found or in whom they are found.

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**Evil, death, disease, sin, and Satan
will never be permanently
defeated by any type of financial,
national, political, scientific,
military, or religious power.**

Co-laborers like Christ will co-labor with Christ in making sure that God, and God alone is enthroned in our hearts, minds, and souls.

Principle #3

Co-laborers like Christ will be a light and a bridge to unexpected, unappreciated, and unwanted types of people.

Christ's Desirables

- The paralytic man
- Matthew the tax collector
- Tax collectors and sinners
- A little girl
- An old woman
- Two blind men
- The mute man

Principle #4

When you are in the process of becoming a co-laborer like Christ who co-labors with Christ, you must expect and you must face fierce opposition.

**More often than not the fiercest
opposition you will face comes
from those within, instead of
from those without.**

Christ's Opposition from Within

- The Scribes objected to His offer of forgiveness to the paralytic man. They accused Him of blaspheming.
- The Pharisees objected to His eating with sinners and publicans.
- John's disciples objected to the fact that Jesus' disciples weren't fasting.

Christ's Opposition from Within

- The Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, and Scribes objected to His sermons and teachings that directly rejected their teachings and beliefs.
- The Pharisees credited His miraculous healings and miracles to Him being a demon.

Principle #5

Co-laborers like Jesus will passionately shepherd God's people towards spiritual rejuvenation and intimate encounters with the Lord.

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The masses Jesus encountered were **harassed** in that they were constantly oppressed by all of the extra rules, regulations, service, and financial offerings they were instructed to do and make by the religious leadership, which at best only masked their sin problems.

The masses Jesus encountered were also **helpless** in that they sought healing in areas that were of greatest concern to their immediate needs, but they didn't realize they deeper needs: salvation from own sin and flesh.

Principle #6

Co-laboring with Christ is not just a matter of always giving and always serving others. It is equally about receiving from God, becoming like Him, and growing in faith.

Luke 10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

Luke 10:2

And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Luke 10:3

**Go your way; behold, I am
sending you out as lambs in the
midst of wolves.**

Luke 10:4

Carry no moneybag, no knapsack,
no sandals, and greet no one on
the road.

Luke 10:5

**Whatever house you enter, first
say, 'Peace be to this house!'**

Luke 10:6

**And if a son of peace is there,
your peace will rest upon him.
But if not, it will return to you.**

Luke 10:7

**And remain in the same house,
eating and drinking what they
provide, for the laborer deserves
his wages. Do not go from house
to house.**

Luke 10:8

Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.

Luke 10:9

Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Principle #7

Co-laborers like Christ see the current state of the world and its people as a plentiful harvest.

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