

Acts 1:8 - Indispensables for Being a Laborer

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I. Introduction.

- A. One of the basic responsibilities of a leader is to equip laborers to be their best for Christ in their own personal lives. (Ephesians 4:11, Mark 4)
- B. Christ sent the Apostles out with the intent of making and maturing disciples.
- C. Jesus viewed the crowds as a shepherd-less bewildered flock and as a harvest (Matthew 9:36-38, Matthew 23, John 4:34)
- D. The answer to the harvest is the laborer.
 - 1. A laborer is a common worker.
 - 2. A laborer is launched out into the harvest.

II. Challenges to laboring.

- A. What is wrong with the harvest - it is hard work. We must acknowledge that we will never own the field. (Colossians 1:29)
- B. There is a problem with the harvest - there will be difficulties such as rejection. (Matthew 10:1, 10:14)
 - 1. The problems is that the world preaches comfort.
 - 2. If something is easy, it does not necessarily mean that it is right.

III. Jesus was a laboring supervisor. (Matthew 11:1, John 9:4, Galatians 4:19, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 5:12, 1 Timothy 5:17)

- A. There cannot be any room for a lazy man in the work of Christ.
- B. The disciples “addicted” themselves to the work of laboring. (1 Corinthians 16:15-16)

IV. It was always Christ through us that we can be a laborer. (Romans 15:18-19)

- A. We can only rely on the Spirit for effective power to witness. (1 Corinthians 2:2-3)\
- B. The success of the witness depends upon the Spirit - we must rely completely on God and live under His control. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

V. Indispensables.

- A. A lifetime of hard work.

- B. Doing it all in the power of the Holy Spirit - a complete reliance upon God.
- C. Know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- D. Commit yourself to being a lifetime laborer in the Lord and pray for it.

Application questions

1. Why is it so difficult to be a laborer? What challenges have you faced in discipling others?

2. What is the solution to this great problem according to Scripture? What does this look like practically?

3. What kind of principles do you need to practice to be an effective laborer?
