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# *The Great Commission Is Binding upon Every Christian*



*Go ye into all  
the world, and  
preach the gospel  
to every creature.*

MARK 16:15

*We confess to you and to our  
Lord that we have not done all  
we might have done in carrying  
out The Great Commission, but  
it is our hope and prayer that  
these quotations will enable all  
of us to do better in the future.*

*With the Season's Greetings,*

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“It is God’s purpose to save the world through the gospel of His Son. The task of executing that purpose has been entrusted to His Church on earth—the divine presence and co-working being always understood. Therefore the supreme duty of the Church is world-wide conquest in the name of the Lord. To aim at anything short of this would be disobedience to her Great Captain. To refuse participation in the efforts directed to this end would be to be unworthy a place in His mighty army.”

“The New Testament knows of only two classes; those who go, and those who send.”

“The whole body of believers is to have fellowship in this work. If any stands aloof and gives no aid or comfort he may doubt, and with good reasons, whether he has the spirit of Christ: if he has not, he is none of his.”

“And he said unto them, ‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.’ These sayings of Jesus leave us in no doubt as to the extent of the work.”

“While repentance and remission of sins were to be preached in His name to all the nations, the beginning was made in Jerusalem. Just before his ascension our Lord said to his apostles, ‘Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’”

“The gospel is for all men. Those who have it hold it in trust for those who have it not. Those who would keep it to themselves err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the gracious intention of our God.”

“The whole world must be evangelized. This is God’s purpose, and his purpose cannot be defeated. Those at home are to hear the truth; the gospel must be carried into the slums and homes and palaces of our great cities, into the towns and villages, into the highways and hedges: our whole population must be brought under its influence. But when we have done that we must not think we have done our whole duty.”

“The evangelization of the world finds a large place in the Word of God. In Genesis we have the promise of a Redeemer; in Revelation we see the redeemed out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

“This is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham, ‘In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ ”

“Christianity is a victorious faith. It pressed on like a bannered army from conquering to conquer. The first sermon led to 3,000 conversions. Soon after, the number of men was 5,000. A little later believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Again we are told that the disciples

in Jerusalem multiplied greatly, and a great company of the priests became obedient unto the faith.”

“Every Christian was a missionary; every church was a rallying and a radiating center. The whole body of believers was engaged in a deadly conflict with the powers of evil and with the faiths of paganism. Like their Lord and his apostles they had no doubt whatever as to the ultimate and universal triumph of the gospel.”

“We today need to learn things that can be learned only through carrying the gospel to others. . . . When we neglect this, we stunt our spiritual growth.”

“This is a part of Christ’s training program for his church. He has always done his greatest work through small and inadequate human forces, in order that men might know that the power is of God and not of men.”

“Surely, if *God* so loved the world that he *gave his Son*, and if *Christ* so loved the world that he *gave his LIFE*, it should not be too much to ask that the *churches* of Christ so love the world as to *give themselves* to the fulfillment of the Great Commission—man’s only hope for eternity.”

“The *real* reasons we have not evangelized this world are 1) we have never convinced ourselves that the *world* is *lost* without the gospel, and 2) we have

never convinced ourselves that *we* are *lost* if we don't take it to the world."

"One may go across the sea and another go across the street, but every one of us must go with the gospel if we would go to heaven."

"How wonderful it would be if every Christian would be not just a convert, but a converter!"

"And we will never be able to hire someone to do our share of preaching. If you could hire some professional preacher to do your preaching for you, you could hire someone to go to church for you. You could hire someone to be honest for you. In short, you could hire your way into heaven. The idea that you can put an extra dollar in the collection plate and hire someone to preach the gospel for you does not come from the Bible. Every child of God has the personal responsibility to preach the gospel to the extent of his own capacity and opportunity. That responsibility cannot be shifted to another."

"It is certainly a misconception that the responsibility for preaching the gospel lies only upon those workers who are paid for it. There is not one among us upon whom the Great Commission lies with greater weight than it lies upon you yourself."

"The harvest of souls is thrilling. The man who has never had the experience of being a part of bringing a soul to harvest by God's word has missed one of the most precious experiences of life."

