

**Series: The Great Commission**

**Title: Making a Difference**

**Text:** (Matt 28:19-20) (Luke 15:10\*)

**Companies/Organizations have Purpose Statements**

A Purpose statement describes the basic goals of a Company or any other organization.

- Communicates the direction of the organization.
- Helps make day-to-day operating decisions.
- Keeps the organization focused.
- Motivate employees with measurable successes.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, a mission statement could be two words, two sentences, a paragraph, or even a single image.

Whatever its form, a mission statement should give readers a clear idea of what a business does and its overall philosophy in a minimal amount of time.

***It will be the foundation for the Business Plan***

This is the “How we accomplish the Purpose”.

***It will shape Company’s Direction***

Another benefit of creating a mission statement is that it gives establishes a business's underlying purpose beyond the simple goal of making profit.

This purpose can help guide the types of products and services the company offers as well as the company's policies.

What is your Purpose Statement?

Do you have one?

***We all have self imposed goals.***

Things we would like to see us attain.

***Do these goals you have the reason for your existence?***

Do you know when you have accomplished something?

What happens after you achieve them?

Will you continue to be productive after that?

***Do you know why you exist?***

Do you have a Purpose, or are feeling your way along through life like a Blind man without a guide.

Taking life as it comes.

Bumping into things. Some Good, Some Bad.

At BEST, without a Commitment to a Purpose Statement, we live a “*USED CAR Christian Life*”

I will drive this one till a better deal comes along.

**3 Biggest Decisions in Life:**

**Choosing your Mate, Master, Mission.**

We make these without Prayer, Plan, Purpose.

**Choosing your Mate for LIFE: Did you choose for Life?**

***Doing anything less is Practical Hedonism:***

*Devotion to Pleasure as a Way of Life!*

That is “***USED CAR Christianity***”

We stay married as long as everything works to your satisfaction.

*Practical Hedonism: Pleasure is the greatest Gain.*

God Made You 2 Different, so He Could Make 2 you ONE:  
(Matt 19:4-5)

***Treating your marriage like a used Car will only bring divorce:***

*Remember the nicest car you ever owned?*

*It was clean, smelled great.*

*You wouldn't let people smoke or eat in your car.*

*You took real good car of it, until it wasn't knew anymore.*

*Now you find yourself ignoring the maintenance.*

*Now you ignore the check engine light.*

**This is how most people treat their marriage**

***You just turned one of the Most important decisions in your life into a consumer item.***

**Choosing your Master IN Life: Is Jesus Your Master?**

***Doing anything less is Practical Paganism.***

*Who is in charge of you?*

(John 13:13) *Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.*

*In "USED CAR Christianity" is letting the God choose, so long as it lines up with what we want.*

*Illus: Henry Ford: Any color you want as long as its black!  
I will do what ever you want God, just don't ask me to change.*

Who is your REAL Master based on how you ...  
What would your family say, by how you Behave?

What would your family say, by how you Schedule your Time?

What would your family say, by how you Spend your Money?

(Rom 14:11-12)

(Phil 2:10)

**Choosing your Master's Commands as your Life's Mission:**

***Anything less is Practical Atheism:***

What is your purpose in life?

*Illus: I only want to make a Comfortable level of effort"*

*That Makes us Cattle.*

*Consume resources and leave behind a smelly mess.*

***"USED CAR Christianity" takes the path of least resistance.***

*I'll do what ever you want God, just expect me to inconvenience myself.*

(Mark 8:35-36) There is more at stake than your convenience.

The Cross was not Convenient for Jesus.

*What if He asks me to do something I don't want to do?*

(Mark 10:29-30) We will be rewarded in Eternity.

The Cross was Not Jesus' choice.

**I. To Seek and to Save: (Matt 28:18-20)**

**Jesus had a purpose statement: (Luke 19:10)**

(Vs 18) *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*"power" = Authority -*

*He has the right to ask thus of us!*

### A. **Go:** Requires Action

This is not simply a command to be a part of an Evangelistic church. It is also a command to *personal action*.

### B. **Teach:** “Teach all nations” the Gospel

(Mk 16:15) Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We don’t just go with the Gospel, but with the “INTENT” to see them saved.

### C. **Baptize:**

“baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

Our responsibility does not end at Salvation, it just begins! We are to instruct them in the 1st step in obedience in their Christian life.

### D. **Teach:**

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”

2nd mention of TEACH!

Teaching them to live the Christian Life.

At salvation, we do not automatically download entire software library into our soul.

Biblical Truths are taught, modeled, trained, and caught. The goal is to develop the New Believer into a Mature Believer.

## II. **Owning the Mission:**

“lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

*Illus:* A Deacon had fallen into a habit of praying the same words during a public prayer meeting.

“God, touch the heart of the unsaved with thy finger.”

One night he was praying along this line and paused for along while.

Someone else finally took over and finished the prayer meeting.

When asked what happened, the deacon replied.

I heard a voice say: Thou are the Finger!

Hudson Taylor. said: “The Great Commission isn’t an option to be considered, but a command to be obeyed.

### A. **Make a Commitment:**

*Illus:* D.L Moody was said to have a 5th grade education, and used poor grammar when he spoke.

When confronted by a lady in his church criticized his method of soul winning.

He said: “I agree, i don’t like it either. Tell me how you do it.”

She replied, “I don’t”

Moody replied, “I like my way of **DOING** it more than your way of **NOT DOING** it.

The **HOW** you do it means little of there is **Doing** of it.

Make a Commitment now to...

**Choose your Master’s Commands as your Life’s Mission:**

*Illus:* A Feeble attempt is better than **NO** attempt.

### **B. Set a Plan:**

Jesus had a Purpose: (Luke 19:10)

Jesus had a Plan: (Luke 10:1) 2x2

Jesus had a Schedule:

*Illus: I live and die by a TO-DO-LIST.*

*I schedule my Tasks or they won't happen.*

*I schedule Time with Sara, or it won't happen.*

When are you scheduling your obedience to the Great Commission?

### **C. Seek God's Help:**

*Illus: I worked Commission Sales in Ark*

*Constantly honing my presentation skills.*

We need the help of the Holy Spirit, not Salesmanship.

Never try to Trick people into the Gospel: (1 Thes 2:3-5)

Never try to Coerce people into the Gospel:

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

The REAL Soul Winner is the Holy Spirit: (John 16:8-11)

We need His help.

*(1 Thes 1:5) For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; ...*

### **D. Prepare a Message:**

If you have trusted Christ as your saviour, then You KNOW the Gospel Message.

It is the Message that YOU put YOUR trust and Faith in.

(1 Cor 15:3-4) is the Gospel Message.

**Remember:** The Great Commission begins with the Command to **GO!**

*No Amount of Knowledge or eloquence can make up for a lack of Obedience.*

Commit Now, Tonight, to being a Christian who is willing to obey as God Leads You & Instructs You.

**Have you Chosen your MATE for a Life?**

**Have you Chosen your MASTER In Life?**

**Have you Chosen your Master's Command as your Life's Mission?**