

Devotional Thoughts :: THE "PHILIP" MINISTRY by David Wilkerson

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There is a "Philip" ministry for every believer who walks in Christ's holiness.

"Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:5-8).

Philip was not a pulpit man but a Holy Ghost-filled lay person who simply believed in Christ's power of resurrection life. He was a man of the marketplace who went everywhere expecting miracles. We will never impact this city or any other until every member of the Body becomes a Christ-consumed Philip, a lay evangelist with faith to cast out evil spirits and pray for the salvation and healing of fellow workers. We can and shall stir up this wicked city!

The Plymouth Brethren movement started in Plymouth, England, many years ago. They were a godly group who took the gospel to the streets—what a burden for souls they had! A great revival broke out and Christ was revealed to them as a glorified Man in heaven. But they became so consumed in studying Christ, so focused on their form of worship, that they lost their burden for dying souls. They split up into two groups, the Open and Closed Brethren. The Closed Brethren ended up permitting no one to partake of fellowship with them except by invitation. Today all that is left of the original movement are the great writings of men such as Darby, Stoney, Mackintosh, and Raven, all of which are wonderful teachings on Christ and holiness. But spiritual elitism had crept in and there was no longer a passion for the lost. We need the deep, pure Word and the burning passion for the lost combined.

If we do not obey the Lord's command to preach the gospel, we will become self-centered and obsessed with our own problems.

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

Re: THE "PHILIP" MINISTRY by David Wilkerson - posted by enid, on: 2014/10/2 11:29

A good word. Let's practice it.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/10/2 17:31

Amen, good word indeed!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/10/2 20:15

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I can vouch for this being in some closed assemblies I asked the older saints did they used to evangelize more? He said yes after every morning meeting they would go to the streets and open air preach and hand out tracts and invite people to the evening gospel meeting.

Re: THE "PHILIP" MINISTRY by David Wilkerson - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2014/10/2 22:09

I was part of one that used to go door to door every week and an early morning men's prayer meeting in addition to other prayer meetings. They just cancelled the midweek prayer meeting so that they could do a Christian video series for the parents of kids at the AWANA-like program. Now there is only one prayer meeting per month. This is the group God raised up Jim Elliot from. It makes me so sad.