

Conditions For Christians To Consider

Scripture: [Matthew 4:13-25](#)

Intro: There were many lessons the Lord taught His disciples that their association with Him would inevitably involve.

1. Following Him. (Mk. 1:17)
2. Forsaking them. (Lk. 9:23)
3. Focusing on men. (Jn. 4:35-36)

I. **Spiritual Warfare. (Matt. 10:16)**

- A. Vast underworld of evil spirits. (Eph. 6:12)
 1. Disturbed at attempts to rescue their victories. (Mk. 3:27; 5:1-15)
 2. Dispatched to attack those resigned to discipleship. (Lk. 22:31-32)
 - a. Warfare with unseen forces. (II Cor. 10:3-4)
 - b. Warfare is winning the lost. (Jd. 22-23)
- B. Vile outer-world of evil snarers. (Jd. 3; II Pet. 2:20)
 1. The elements determined to victimize your Bible position. (I Pet. 3:13)
 - a. Convictions about doctrinal truths. (II Pet. 3:15-16; I Tim. 4:1-2)
 - b. Compromise those decisive tenets. (Tit. 3:9-11)
 2. The elements determined to neutralize your Bible position. (I Jn. 4:1-2)
 - a. Contented friendships in biblical violations. (II Tim. 4:3-4)
 - b. Consented fugitives in churches in violation. (II Thes. 3:13-15; Col. 2:8)

REVELATION 12:11

II. **Suffering World (Matt. 4:23; 9:36)**

- A. Glimpse into anguish of the world. (Acts 10:38)
 1. Physical conditions: comfortless people need to know someone cares. (Ps. 142: 4; Jas 1:26-27)
 2. Spiritual conditions: Christless people need someone to have compassion. (Jd. 22-23; II Pet. 3:9; Ps. 126:5-6)
 - a. Cold hearts of christians. (Ps. 142:4) I don't see need.
 - b. Course hearts of churchmembers. (Rev. 3:15-16) I don't care.
- B. Grieved over apathy of world. (Jn. 5:40)
 1. The example of Christ. (Matt. 23:37; Lk. 11:52)
 2. The example of christians. (Jn. 20:21)

PROVERBS 29:18

III. **Source of Power. (Acts 1:8; 10:38)**

- A. The saviour possessed a force. (Mk. 5:30)
 1. Responded to needy: positive and negative met.
 2. Required unending dependence: vertical and horizontal met.
- B. The servant exposed to that force. (Jn. 14:12)
 1. The power exists for us. (Rom. 1:16-17)
 - a. The word of God. (Heb. 4:12)

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b. The praying exercise: coupled with witness of resurrection. (Acts 4:31,33)

2. The power exerted through us. (Acts 6:10)

a. By faith in Him alone. (Heb. 11:6)

b. By faithfulness to Him alone. (Pr. 25:19)

PSALM 62:11