

The Great Omission

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Omission

- What do you think is the most disobeyed verse in the entire Bible?
 - Assemble?
 - Give?
 - Don't lie?
 - Don't covet
 - Matt. 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Great Omission

- What do you think is the most obeyed verse in the entire Bible?
 - Judge not?
 - Have no fellowship with denominations?
 - Love Jesus?
 - Luke 9:20-21 - “He said to them, But who do you say that I am? Peter answered and said, The Christ of God. 21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one”

The Responsibility

- Matt. 28:19-20
- Matt. 7:12 - “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”
- Mark 16:15-16 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

The Responsibility

- Luke 24:44-47 - “Then He said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me. 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

The Responsibility

- John 20:21 - “So Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”
- 2Tim. 2:2 - “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

The Excuses

- Fear
 - Rev. 21:8 - “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
 - Matt. 25:25 - “And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.”

The Excuses

- Lack of knowledge
 - Heb. 5:12 - “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”

The Excuses

- “People don’t want to know the truth”
 - John 8:31-34 - “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'? 34 Jesus answered them, Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”

The Excuses

- Are you going to believe Jesus or your limited personal experiences?
 - John 4:35 - “Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

The Excuses

- “Evangelism isn’t my talent”
 - Mark 9:41 - “For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

The Excuses

- “I’ve had bad experiences in the past”
 - Heb. 12:4 - “You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.”

The Excuses

- What do you do if you have a bad experience in personal work?
 - Matt. 10:12-15 - “And when you go into a household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

The Reason

- To fulfill our responsibility
 - Jer. 20:7-11 - “O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. 8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, Violence and plunder! Because the word of the LORD was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. 9 Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name. But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not. 10 For I heard many mocking: Fear on every side! Report, they say, and we will report it! All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on him.”

The Reason

- To fulfill our responsibility
 - 2Kings 7:8-9 - “And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it. 9 Then they said to one another, We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household.”

The Reason

- To be grateful for what Christ has done for us
 - 2Cor. 5:14-15, 21 - “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again... 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

The Reason

- To rejoice in what Christ is doing for us
 - John 14:1-3 - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

The Reason

- To anticipate what Christ will do for us
 - John 12:26 - “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

The Great Omission

- This is not a social club but an emergency rescue center
- A local church can provide worship services seven days a week, but if it is not active in the work of saving the lost, it has not fulfilled its work
- Members of the local church can attend every service, but if they are not busy in the work of reaching souls, they have fallen short