

Morning Lesson

GOLDEN KEYS FOR SUCCESS

"Visitation Outreach"

Matt. 25:31-46

INTRO:

1. Visitation is vital to my individual success and the success of this congregation.
2. Our level of spiritual maturity as a congregation and as individuals is not what it should be unless and until we personally share the love of God with those around us.
1 John 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:7
3. God's love is expressed in several types of visits.
4. I believe if we understand the "why" of visiting we will learn the "how."

I. REACH OUT TO THE LOST.

- A. We are to be like Christ. **Luke 19:10; 1 Pet. 2:21**
- B. We do and say many wonderful things in our meeting houses, but the lost never participate unless we bring them in."
(Building Up The Church In A Small Town,
Paul Rogers, p. 10)

II. REACH OUT TO THE ERRING MEMBER.

- A. A child of God who falls away is just as lost as one who has never obeyed. **James 5:19, 20**
- B. I need to remember that no is immune to apostasy. **Gal. 6:1;**
1 Cor. 10:12

III. REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE HURTING.

- A. This is one of the criteria of judgement. **Matt. 25:31-46**
- B. Your visit can bring sunshine into a temporarily darkened life.
Job 19:14; Prov. 17:22

IV. REACH OUT TO THE FAITHFUL FOR FELLOWSHIP.

- A. We need the contact of our brothers and sisters.
1 Cor. 16:17, 18
- B. Visiting expresses love. **Heb. 13:1**
- C. We are to provoke one another to love and good works.
Heb. 10:24

CONC:

1. An active program of visitation is important -- individually and congregationally.
2. If I really want to see this congregation and myself grow, I will get personally involved in visiting others.