

THE LAWS OF MULTIPLICATION: Never-Quitting Multiplication

LUKE 4:38-44

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There's No Stopping the Mission Of a Gospel-Purposed Christian:

1. Prioritize Gospel _____
(38-41, 44).
2. Eliminate Gospel _____
(42).
3. Feel Gospel _____ (43-44).

Luke 4:38-44 (ESV)

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them,

⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) Where do you see evil increasing in the world that has you worried? Consider the ways Jesus confronted evil in this passage. Try preaching to yourself all the reasons you have nothing to fear. Are you anxious? Consider Jesus's answer to anxiety in Matthew 6:25-34. Are you worried about something in politics? Remember that Jesus is on his throne, and no political party will ever threaten that. Are you angry about evil in the world? Look at how Jesus defeats evil in the Gospels and remember that one day he will do the same to all evil everywhere.
- 2) Consider the gospel message and its importance. Reflect on the competing priorities in your life. Where does evangelism rank in your priorities? Why do you think that is?
- 3) Evangelism doesn't require lots of knowledge or wiz-bang arguments. As D.T. Niles once put it "Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread." Based on this passage, what do you think the regular practice of evangelism should look like in your life? In Luke 4 we see patterns and priorities of evangelism. Does this regular evangelism seem less daunting than you thought?

Quote for the Week. . . by J.I. Packer



"First, we must admit that we were silly ever to think that any evangelistic technique, however skillful, could of itself guarantee conversions; second, we must recognize that, because man's heart is impervious to the word of God, it is no cause for surprise if at any time our evangelism fails to result in conversions; third, we must remember that the terms of our calling are that we should be faithful, not that we should be successful; fourth, we must learn to rest all our hopes of fruit in evangelism upon the omnipotent grace of God."