

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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“Go And Do”

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The story of the compassionate Samaritan, as recorded in Luke 10:25-37, cannot but touch our hearts. With application made to the self-justifying lawyer, Jesus said, “Go, and do thou likewise” (v. 37). I’m making spiritual application of these three words: **“GO AND DO.”**

1) **Christianity Is A Go And Do Religion.** Jesus concluded His sermon on the mount with the appeal, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth** the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Mt. 7:21). He further said, “... whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock” (Mt. 7:24). At a marriage in Cana of Galilee, His mother said, “Whatsoever he saith unto you, **do it**” (Jn. 2:5). Jesus declared, “If any man will **do** his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself” (Jn. 7:17). In His conversation with the apostles He stated, “Ye are my friends, if ye **do** whatsoever I command you” (Jn. 15:14). Paul addressed the Philippians, “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard,

and seen in me, **do...**” (Phil. 4:9). The ambassador to the Hebrews declared, “Now the God of peace... Make you perfect in every good work to **do** his will...” (Heb. 13:20-21). James instructed, “But be ye **doers** of the word... whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a **doer** of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (Jas. 1:22-25). John revealed, “... he that **doeth** the will of God abideth for ever” (1 Jn. 1:17). Again, “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and **do** those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 Jn. 3:22). The final book issues the final appeal to go and do in these words: “Blessed are they that **do** his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14).

2) **Some Who Went And Did.** Perhaps, we will be better motivated to go and do by exploring the lives of individuals who went and did as the Lord said. Consider:

Noah, who was commissioned, “Make thee an ark...” (Gen. 6:14). Genesis 6:22 informs us, “Thus **did** Noah;

according to all that God commanded him, so **did** he.”

Abraham, “... when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he **went** out, not knowing whither he went” (Heb. 11:8).

Moses and Aaron, who were charged to go before Pharaoh and the Bible reports, “And Moses and Aaron **went** in unto Pharaoh, and they **did** so as the Lord had commanded...” (Ex. 7:9-10).

The children of Israel, who were given instructions concerning the Passover, “And the children of Israel **went** away, and **did** as the Lord had commanded...” (Ex. 12:28).

Elijah, who was told by the Lord to “... hide thyself by the brook Cherith...”, and he “... **went** and **did** according unto the word of the Lord...” (1 Ki. 17:1-6).

The widow of Zarephath, who not having adequate provisions for her and her son was told, “... go and do... but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail...”, “... she went and did according to the saying of

Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days” (1 Ki. 17:8-16).

Ruth, who was bidden by her mother-in-law, Naomi, to go down to Boaz of their kindred in Ruth 3:1-6. Ruth answered, “All that thou sayest unto me I will *do*. And she *went* down unto the flood, and *did* according to all that her mother in law bade her” (vv. 5-6).

Jeremiah, who the Lord told, “Go and get thee a linen girdle...” (Jer. 13:1). “So I got a girdle according to the word of the Lord...” (v. 2). Then, he was told to “...hide it...in a hole of the rock” (v. 4). “So I *went*, and hit it by Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me” (v. 5).

The children out of captivity, who found written in God’s law about booth-making and dwelling, “...*went* forth... and made themselves booths...” (Neh. 8:14-16).

Disciples, who were instructed, “Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me” (Mt. 21:2). “And the disciples *went*, and *did* as Jesus commanded them” (v. 6).

Apostles, who were

commissioned, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk. 16:15), “...*went* forth, and preached every where...” (v. 20).

Jesus, who said, “My meat is to *do* the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (Jn. 4:34); “...I *do* always those things that please him” (Jn. 8:29); “...as the Father gave me commandment, even so I *do*...” (Jn. 14:31); “...I have finished the work which thou gavest me to *do*” (Jn. 17:4). Luke reported, “...of all that Jesus began both to *do* and teach” (Acts 1:1) and “...who *went* about *doing*...” (Acts 10:38).

Philip, who was instructed, “...Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and *went*...” (Acts 8:26-27).

Saul, who asked, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to *do*?” And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must *do*” (Acts 9:6), was told, “...arise, and be baptized...” (Acts 22:16), and “...immediately...arose, and was baptized” (Acts 9:18).

The prison keeper, who

asked, “Sirs, what must I *do* to be saved?” being told what to do, “...took them the same hour of the night [midnight, v. 25], and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway” (Acts 16:30-34).

If you had been these, would it have been reported that you went and did?

3) *We Must Go And Do.*

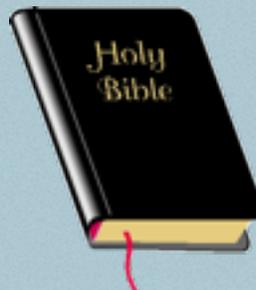
The Lord taught, “...all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, *do* ye even so to them...” (Mt. 7:12). Again, “...Love your enemies, *do* good to them which hate you” (Lk. 6:27). And again, “For I have given you an example, that ye should *do* as I have done to you” (Jn. 13:15). Concerning the collection order, the church at Corinth was commanded, “...even so *do* ye” (1 Cor. 16:1). Galatians 6:10 teaches, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us *do* good unto all...” Colossians 3:13, “...as Christ forgave you, do also *do* ye.” 1 Thessalonians 4:11, “...to *do* your own business...” Paul charged Timothy, “...so *do*” in 1 Timothy 1:4. Hebrews 13:16, “But to *do* good...” “...if ye *do* these things, ye shall never fall” (2 Pet. 1:10). “*Go and do!*”

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