

**You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink  
(Purposefully ministering)**

**We are to adjust our lives in order to save others** - 1 Cor 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

**The adjustment is one where we understand who they are in order to reach them** - 1 Cor 9:20-22 - 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as **to win** those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I MIGHT SAVE SOME.

**Our purpose must be for the Gospel** - 1 Cor 9:23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

**We do things with the hope, not the guarantee, that they will change** - 1 Cor 7:12-16 - 12 To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): if any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. 13 And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. **Otherwise your children would be unclean,** but as it is, they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. 16 **How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?**

**God wants everyone to be saved but it definitely depends on the individual** - 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**The processes of teaching and learning is a valuable part of life that both the teacher and student must take seriously –**

Prov 4:1-2 - Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. 2 **I GIVE YOU SOUND LEARNING,** so do not forsake my teaching.

Prov 15:31-32 - 31 He who listens to a LIFE-GIVING REBUKE will be at home among the wise. 32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

#### **WE DO IT BECAUSE IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**We all have a role to play and our focus must be to do what our responsibility is** - 1 Cor 3:5-9 - 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, BUT GOD MADE IT GROW. 7 **SO NEITHER HE WHO PLANTS NOR HE WHO WATERS IS ANYTHING,** but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

**Dealing with others is part of Christians responsibilities-** Eph 4:1-6 - As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 **BE completely humble and gentle; BE patient, bearing with one another in love.** 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**We must live being responsible for others** - 1 Thess 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, BE PATIENT WITH EVERYONE.

**While being responsible to other believers we must watch ourselves** - Gal 6:1 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL should restore him GENTLY. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

**Preaching the Word correctly is our responsibility** - 2 Tim 4:2-5 - 2 **PREACH THE WORD;** be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**Don't let frustration with a stubborn person get in the way, keep planting before it's too late-** Prov 29:1 - man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed — without remedy.

**You give advice because of how valuable it is to others** - Prov 19:20 Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

**We continue to hang in there with others because it's not about us** - Phil 2:3-4 - 3 **Do nothing** out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH SOWING AND NOT BEING AFFECTED BY THE REAPING?

**We are to look for the good for others not what we desire in others** - 1 Cor 10:23-24 - 23 "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is constructive. 24 Nobody should seek HIS OWN GOOD, but the good of others.

1 Cor 13:4-7 - 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**Live every day of your life focused** - Eph 5:15-17 - 15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

**Yield to everyone with Christ as your purpose** - Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

\***Question:** do you stop at a stop sign for your safety or because you are supposed to? Purpose means a lot.

**Deal with the frustrations of those that don't listen by taking it to God** - Phil 4:6-7 - 6 **DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING**, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**We cannot take it personal and we must handle people as Jesus did** - Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, **HE MUST** deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

**You can't allow your faulty love for others to stop you from allowing God to use you to help them** - Matt 10:37-38 - 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me IS NOT WORTHY OF ME; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me IS NOT WORTHY OF ME; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me IS NOT WORTHY OF ME.

**Do it out of obedience to God so that it's done & done right** - Rom 12:9-13 - 9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality

**Make sure you're not the source of faulty information** - Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

**There is life saving power to a diligent teacher** - 1 Tim 4:16 - 16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because **IF YOU DO**, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

## REASONS THEY DON'T DRINK

### Sour water

**The water you offer is just as deadly or more deadly as no water at all** -Job 21:34 "So how can you console me with your nonsense? Nothing is left of your answers but falsehood!"

### The water you are drinking isn't necessarily the water I need to drink

**Make sure your offering water from God not some drink you created** - Rom 14:2-4 - 2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for **God has accepted him**. 4 **Who are you to judge someone else's servant?** To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

### Why aren't you drinking the water you're making me drink?

**We must always check ourselves before we can help others** - Luke 6:41-42 - 41 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

### I don't need your stinkin' water

**Independence is another void in receiving lifesaving water** - Prov 18:1 - A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. NKJV

### I don't need water...AT all

**A person just being a fool stops them from receiving sound judgment** –

**They trust in self** - Prov 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe

### The fool goes by how things look

Prov 12:15 The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice

Prov 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but **IN THE END IT LEADS TO DEATH**.