

HAVING A WORLD VISION

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

❖ I Must Share with Those in MY WORLD.

"... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem..."

1. I must share with my FAMILY.

"Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you." So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:39 (NCV)

2. I must share with my FRIENDS.

But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it. However, make your defense with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (GW)

❖ I Must Dare to Reach BEYOND My WORLD.

"... and in all Judea and Samaria..."

1. I must reach beyond my CULTURAL barriers.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship. ³⁴...The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:26-27; 34-35 (NIV)

2. I must reach beyond my TIME barriers.

Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law.

Galatians 6:2 (MSG)

3. I must reach beyond my ECONOMIC barriers.

Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight...

James 1:27 (MSG)

"I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me."

Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT)

❖ I Must Care About the WHOLE WORLD.

"...and to the ends of the earth."

1. I must care because Christ COMMANDS us.

Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

Mark 16:15 (NCV)

2. I must care because people's ETERNITY DEPENDS on us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

3. I must care because Heaven is WAITING on us.

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so He is giving more time for everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)