

REACHING SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE – Part 2

Act 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south, on the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is a deserted place.

Act 8:27 And he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

Act 8:28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot he read Isaiah the prophet.

This year we must touch our family and friends and make sure everything we do is to keep them together. Don't make any decision to split the family. Stay as a unit. Otherwise we will become an easy target for the devil. Stay together, live together and grow old together.

1. We must be prepared to be led by the Spirit

It is important to know that God can move us and guide us. We cannot see the future but God knows who is moving where and He uses us to intercept. The Holy Spirit can put the right word in our mouth and touch the people in high places. God has a way of moving. That's why we need to be ready to be used by God and leave the comfort zone. When we are led by the Spirit the people we touch can become significant. We will have a dream or wake up in the morning and think of their name. God has a way to lead us. We must be opened. When we wake up, who is the first person that comes into our mind and why? God wants to use us and allow God to lead us. We are at war for the souls of men. The Holy Spirit's favor is upon our lives so that we can be at the right time at the right place.

We have to be equipped. Everything that is given here in the House is all that we need to change people's lives. Everyone can be used.

2. Each one can be a potential significant person

Everyone has the potential to become a spiritual person in the future. We never know those students studying in the school may become a special person in the future. Maybe a few from here will rise up to carry position in the community. Don't treat any cases and people lightly. We must make sure something supernatural must happen. When we share, don't act like we are the boss. We are serving and facilitating what God is saying.

3. We must wait for the appropriate time to speak

Don't open our mouth too quickly because people are observing our lives. One of the most difficult things in church is good testimony of the people in church. We must live as a good Christian or else we don't have the power to speak. We can talk great things if we live great life. Some things we cannot say if our testimony is not well. If we haven't done something, we cannot tell people to do it. We cannot ask people to give if we ourselves have not given. I cannot ask people to give if we ourselves are not a giver. If we have proven it, model it and living it, people will see that we are a giver and we can speak. Our authority and the right time to speak is when we are ready in life. If we haven't done it, we cannot show others the way.

Act 8:29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join yourself to this chariot.

Act 8:30 And Philip ran there to him and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you indeed understand what you are reading?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I unless some man should guide me? And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

A lot of things we share to them or they read they do not understand. We have to provide answers to them. But before that we must find out where they are in understanding.

4. Observe where the person is by asking the right question.

Ask them if they have been to church before, what they like about church, etc. When we start talking to them we will discover where they are. From the questions, they will be able to gauge their understanding. Ask the right questions and we can guide the people to the right place. Ask questions that will help them think. As we ask, we will be able to find out where they are. Open our mouth to ask and do not need to be afraid. If we keep talking to them, we will find out the right answer.

5. We must proceed according to the responsiveness

When the people are more open, give more. If they are not so opened, give less. If people are resistance, it is because there are some thoughts that are bothering them. We have to be very wise. If they are opened, share more.

6. Focus on what they are focusing so that we can take them out of their fears

Focus on their area of need and help them in their area of need. IF they are sick, pray for them and don't talk about other things. Take them out from their fear. What concerns them should be our concern too. Don't offer them an area they don't want. If they are sick, don't offer them money. We have to learn how to change and surf the wave.

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same Scripture and preached the gospel of Jesus to him.

The scripture is the starting point and the eunuch did not understand. If the people are concern about some area and we brush it off as rubbish, then they will not respond. People have a heart and a mind and they have fears and needs. If we are concern for them and take away their fears, it will be easy to reach them. A lot of people can be added to the church when we meet their needs. If we have fear in the area of money, talk to them in the house. We must share what works in our life. People don't need out opinion. They want to know procedures that work. Ask some people in the house. We can avoid a lot of trouble when we get sound advice quickly. A lot of things have to do with asking.