

“What Will You Do Now?”

(Matthew 8:4)

Introduction:

1. Over the course of a year, if you attend every service, you will have heard 104 sermons and 104 Bible class lessons.
2. All this information that you have heard over your lifetime may be all in storage.
3. What do you do when you leave through the doors to this building?

I. The Most Followed Command?

- A. “See that you tell no one.” (Matthew 8:4)
 1. (Mark 1:44; 5:43; 7:36; Luke 5:12-15)
- B. Do many people follow this command even though it is not directed to them?

II. Why Do People Not Tell Others?

- A. Some are afraid.
 1. (Acts 17:16-34)
 - a. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)
 - b. What was the content of Paul’s message?
 2. (Romans 1:16)
- B. Some have a fear of rejection.
 1. Paul did not convert everyone. (Acts 17:32)
 2. Christ did not convert everyone. (*Was He a failure?*)
- C. Some are afraid they might be wrong.
 1. Are you wrong if you have the truth?
 2. (John 8:32) --*Cross-reference with John 17:17.*

III. “What Will You Do Now?”

- A. Are you prepared?
 1. Have you been preparing and praying to talk with someone?
- B. Have you counted the cost?
 1. (Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:23-26)
- C. Are you putting away excuses?
 1. Remember Moses (Exodus 3, 4)
 2. (Jeremiah 1:6)
 - a. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Conclusion:

1. Never leave your duty in the hands of others. Make it your duty, your purpose.
2. If you have ever complained about the lack of evangelism, the lack of teaching, the lack of teachers, etc. in the Lord’s church, ask yourself what you are doing?
 - a. Also see Philippians 2:14.
3. Get out of the storage business and get into the hands on business.