



Sunday 26 May 2013

GO DEEPER WITH GOD
12. A RENEWED MIND:
AGAINST PASSIVITY



SCRIPTURES

- Acts 10:38
- Proverbs 4:20-23
- Matthew 11:11-15
- Matthew 7:7-9

ACTS 10:38

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

PROVERBS 4:20-23

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
²¹ Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst
of your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them And
health to all their body. ²³ Watch over your heart with all
diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

MATTHEW 11:11-15

'Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

¹¹ Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 7:7-9

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

SO FAR

- Our agenda must be His: His Kingdom come!
 - His will being done
 - Healing, deliverance, GOOD
- Called to an impossible level of living
 - Our standard: Jesus!
 - A willingness to obey completely

SO FAR

- How to get there?
 - A renewed mind
 - A seeking heart
 - A willingness to obey completely
- A renewed mind
 - God is GOOD!
 - Forceful people forcefully taking hold of the kingdom

VIOLENT MEN?

- Matt 11
 - From John till then
 - kingdom of God suffers violence?
 - violent men take it by force?
 - In Matthew 1-11
 - leper healed, centurion's servant healed, Pete's mother in law healed, Gadarene demoniacs delivered, paralytic healed, synagogue official's daughter healed, two blind men healed, 'all', 'many'

VIOLENT MEN?

- “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it”

VIOLENT MEN?

- can't wait for the Kingdom to 'show up'...
 - entangled with the affairs of everyday life
 - work out your salvation...
 - faith without works is dead...
- Before it is action, it is an attitude!

