

Love Fishing?



Love fishing? Of course you do....men love to fish. Not only do men love to fish, but Jesus loves fishermen. He called four of them to be his disciples. Not only does Jesus love you, but he calls **you** to be fishers of men.

What does it mean to "become fishers of men"?

The words "fishers of men" was spoken by Jesus Christ when He called Peter and Andrew, two of His disciples, to "follow Him" in **Mark 1:16-18**. *16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. 17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him."* **Matthew 4:19** says, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

To be a good fisherman, you need to know a few things; the fish you are after, how to attract them so you can make the catch, we must know the equipment to use, where the fish are located and the depth of the water we are fishing in, also the kind of bait the fish will go after. After understanding what we need for real fishing, how then, do we relate that to becoming "fishers of men"?

Just as we need equipment to be fishermen, we need to be equipped to become "fishers of men". We must put on the armour of God to be ready at all times with everything we need. **Ephesians 6:10-18** tells us, "10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle

not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places . 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." We must have the "shield of faith" with which we are able to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" and the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (**vs. 16,17**).

There are demonic forces everywhere that do not want to see lost men and women, boys and girls saved by the grace of God.

Without these pieces of Spiritual equipment, fishing for men will be impossible. We must also know the kind of fish we are trying to catch. We must understand the lost condition of people around us. We will never catch the fish around us on our own, no matter how good at fishing we are. We need the working and convicting power of the Holy Spirit because "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine into them." (**II Corinthians 4:4**). God can penetrate the darkness with the glorious

gospel, and He uses us to do it. We must seek His guidance through prayer!

Lastly, we must offer the only effective net, the Gospel of Jesus Christ! "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (**I Corinthians 1:18**). The Gospel has the power to change lives, shine light into darkness, and deliver those bound by sin from a devil's hell. There is power in no other message. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (**Romans 1:16**)

This was our Lord Jesus Christ's call to Peter and Andrew; "Follow Me, Learn of Me, Understand why I came and My mission. Then you will be able to become "Fishers of men".

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