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# Participating in God's Plan

We are all God's Missionaries

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## **1. Commissioned to Participate – Matt 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

### **a) Who is Asking?**

- provider of our salvation**
- defeater of the curse of sin and death**
- returning King**

**\*All authority in heaven and on earth**



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**b) What is being asked?**

- make disciples**
- here and there**

**c) Example of N. T.**

- send those called and gifted**
- support them with:**

**prayer – Rom. 15:30**

**giving – 2 Cor. 8-9**

**encouragement – Phil. 2:25-28**

**2. Enabled to Participate – Acts 1:8**

**- “<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**





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**a) Holy Spirit empowers and gifts us**

**- Heb. 2:4 – gifts according to how He wills**

**b) Prepares works for us to participate in**

**- Eph. 2:10 “<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

**c) Our Witness Matters**



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Rom. 10:13-15

**“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**



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## 3. We will give account for participation

Matthew 25:34-40

**“<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink**



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<sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'





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a) warned about being hearers and not doers  
- James 1:22... “<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”

b) Response to the poor and oppressed matters – James 1:27... “<sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

c) For the resources entrusted to us – Luke 12:48... “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more”

