

Operation Friend Day

Everyone needs a friend to their destiny.
God wants His church to be that friend.

The parable of the Great Supper

Luke 14:16-24 NKJV

"Then He said to him, 'A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready." But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused." And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused." Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind." And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room." Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

1. God wants His house full

Revelation 5:9 NKJV

"And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.'"

2. God wants us to compel people

- **"COMPEL" SIMPLY MEANS TO INFLUENCE SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING.**

*"I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests, I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to **force them** to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them."* Acts 26:9-11 NIV

"For the love of Christ compels us ..." 2 Corinthians 5:14 NKJV

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV

How does God want us to attract people?

1. JESUS ATTRACTED PEOPLE, BECAUSE HE GENUINELY LOVED PEOPLE.

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." Matthew 9:36 NKJV

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5 NKJV

2. JESUS ATTRACTED PEOPLE, BECAUSE HE MET THEIR NEEDS.

"But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'" Matthew 14:16 NKJV

3. JESUS ATTRACTED PEOPLE, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT IN INTERESTING AND UNDERSTANDABLE WAYS.

"... And the common people heard Him gladly."

Mark 12:37 NKJV

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6 NIV

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Matthew 10:16 NKJV