The Legacy of a Kingdom Builder

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Matthew 9:35-38 – Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing their bruised and hurt lives and every disease, sickness among the people. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them and his heart broke, because they were weary, dejected, harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. "The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few" he gold his disciples. "So pray to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers and thrust them into his harvest".

Three Qualities of a Kingdom Builder

- 1. You see what God sees
 - What did Jesus see that we don't?
 - We see "the precious fruit of the earth", not "an enemy"?
 - Jesus saw weary, dejected, harassed and helpless sheep without a shepherd
 - No Food or Water or Protector from the Wolves
- 2. You feel what God feels
 - Jesus was moved with compassion
 - Jesus' heart broke for them does mine?
 - Jesus valued them and they become the total focus of his life.
 - Jesus' death proved desperation!
 - Can you hear the desperation in God's voice?
 - When someone you love is lost no risk is too great.
 - The Apostles went right out into the very streets where they had crucified Jesus and risked it all.
 - Can you hear the anguish of the lost?
- 3. You do what God did
 - He laid down his life for the sheep.
 - He brought healing and freedom to our World.
 - We lay down our lives for those without Christ and work the harvest fields.
 - We labor together with God.

<u>I Corinthians 3:7-11</u> - This means the one who plants is not anybody special, nor the one who waters, for God is the one who brings supernatural growth. Now, the one who plants and the one who waters are equally important and on the same team, but each will be rewarded for his own work. We are coworkers with God and you are God's cultivated garden, the house he is building.

A Disciple Is a Harvester, which Requires:

- 1. Total Surrender = Ultimate Growth
 - Surrender is an everyday decision.
 - Deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow him.
- 2. Continual Death = New Freedom
 - I Die DAILY
 - I am crucified with Christ
- 3. Public Faith = Personal Persecution
 - Get ready for persecution if you are going walk with God.
 - Are as willing to be persecuted for our faith, as we are our political beliefs?
 - A secret faith is a powerless faith.