

BECOMING A MESSENGER

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II Corinthians 5:17-20

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

WHAT BEING A MESSENGER DOES

■ **It deepens my spiritual life.**

“...And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it...” I Peter 3:15 (NLT)

■ **It brings accountability to my spiritual life.**

“Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity.” Colossians 4:5 (NLT)

■ **It energizes my spiritual life.**

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints...” Colossians 1:3-4 (NIV)

REMEMBER: GOD WANT TO MAKE US AMBASSADORS

*“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”
II Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)*

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

1. INVEST

“When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them. Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” I Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

2. INVITE

*“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). Then he brought Simon to Jesus...”
John 1:42-43a (NIV)*

“And then He told them, ‘You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.’” Mark 16:15 (LB)