

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principle 162

Prepared for the Moment

Living the Great Commission Through Everyday Encounters

Foundation Scriptures

Matthew 28:19–20

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

The Great Commission Begins Before We Go

Most Christians hear the words, "Go into all the world," and immediately think of missionaries, pastors, or evangelists.

Jesus certainly sends some across oceans.

But He sends every believer across the street.

The Great Commission is not reserved for the gifted few.

It is the natural overflow of every believer who is abiding in Christ.

Notice something remarkable.

Jesus ends His commission with a promise:

"Surely I am with you always."

The assignment was never intended to be carried out without His presence.

The Kingdom has never been about people doing great things for God.

It has always been about God doing His work through surrendered people.

Peter Explains How to Live It

Years later Peter tells believers exactly how this looks.

He does not say:

"Always be prepared to preach."

He says:

"Always be prepared to give an answer..."

An answer assumes someone has already seen something worth asking about.

Our lives become the question.

Our hope becomes the answer.

People rarely ask because we know more.

They ask because they notice something different.

Peace during difficulty.

Kindness without expectation.

Joy without circumstances.

Generosity without recognition.

Love without conditions.

These qualities provoke questions that arguments never can.

Preparation Happens Before the Opportunity

Preparation is not something we do when the conversation begins.

Preparation happens long before.

Jesus often withdrew to pray.

The disciples learned by walking with Him.

The early church devoted themselves to prayer, fellowship, teaching, and breaking bread.

Preparation is receiving before giving.

We cannot give away peace we have not received.

We cannot offer hope we have not experienced.

We cannot impart love that has not first transformed our own hearts.

The Kingdom principle remains:

You cannot give what you have not received.

The Holy Spirit Creates Divine Appointments

Many people believe they must manufacture opportunities to witness.

The New Testament paints a different picture.

The Holy Spirit arranges encounters.

Philip was directed to one Ethiopian.

Peter was sent to Cornelius.

Paul received visions directing where to travel.

Jesus stopped for one Samaritan woman.

The Kingdom often moves one person at a time.

Preparation allows us to recognize those moments.

The 5/20 Project Lives Inside These Scriptures

The 5/20 Project is not primarily about giving away twenty dollars.

It is about being prepared.

Prepared to listen.

Prepared to obey.

Prepared to encourage.

Prepared to love.

Prepared to serve.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit says:

"Give the twenty."

Sometimes He says:

"Pray."

Sometimes:

"Simply listen."

Sometimes:

"Share your story."

The money is only one expression of obedience.

The greater gift is always the love of Christ.

The phrase,

"Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you."

is not a sales pitch.

It is a prepared heart responding to a prepared moment.

Gentleness and Respect

Peter adds something we often overlook.

"Do this with gentleness and respect."

The Kingdom never advances through pressure.

Love cannot be forced.

Faith cannot be manipulated.

People are not projects.

They are sons and daughters created in God's image.

Jesus never hurried people into relationship.

He invited them.

The Holy Spirit convinces.

Our responsibility is simply faithfulness.

Everyday Mission Fields

The Great Commission is not waiting for a mission trip.

It begins:

In grocery stores.

Coffee shops.

Restaurants.

Neighborhoods.

Workplaces.

Schools.

Hospitals.

Waiting rooms.

Gas stations.

Wherever people are found.

Every ordinary place becomes holy ground when we walk with Jesus.

Living Prepared

Every morning we can begin with a simple prayer.

"Holy Spirit,
today prepare my heart before You prepare my opportunities.

Help me receive Your love.

Help me hear Your voice.

Help me recognize the people You are already pursuing.

May my words be gentle.

May my actions reflect Jesus.

Whether You ask me to give a smile, a prayer, a conversation, a meal, or twenty dollars,

let me simply be ready."

Questions for Reflection

1. Am I preparing my heart daily or only when opportunities arise?
2. Would someone naturally notice hope in my life?
3. Am I trying to create opportunities, or am I learning to recognize the ones the Holy Spirit creates?
4. What has Christ given me that I can freely give away today?
5. Is my witness marked by gentleness, respect, and genuine love?

Final Thought

The Great Commission is far more than a command to go somewhere.

It is an invitation to become someone.

A believer so connected to Jesus that every ordinary day becomes an opportunity for Heaven to touch earth.

Prepared people recognize prepared moments.

The Holy Spirit is already working in hearts before we arrive.

Our role is not to force the harvest.

Our role is simply to be available.

As we abide in Christ, listen to the Holy Spirit, and walk in love, we discover that the Great Commission is no longer merely something we do.

It becomes who we are.

Jesus sees them.

Jesus loves them.

And through willing hearts, He continues to reveal Himself to the world.

"How do I actually live the Great Commission?"

Jesus answers that question in three different passages that fit together like pieces of one story.

- **John 15** — *Remain in Me.*
- **1 Peter 3:15** — *Be prepared.*
- **Matthew 28:19–20** — *Go.*

Most teaching begins with "Go."

Jesus begins with "Abide."

Without abiding, "Go" becomes human effort.

With abiding, "Go" becomes the natural overflow of God's life within us.

Abide. Be Prepared. Go.

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The Kingdom Pattern of the Great Commission

Primary Scriptures

John 15:4–5

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Matthew 28:19–20

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

One Continuous Conversation

These three passages were never meant to stand alone.

Jesus first teaches us where life comes from.

Peter teaches us how to live from that life.

Then Jesus sends us into the world carrying that life.

The order matters.

Many Christians reverse it.

We tell people:

Go.

Serve.

Witness.

Work harder.

Do more.

Jesus says:

Remain.

Receive.

Bear fruit.

Then Go.

Fruit is never the cause of abiding.

Fruit is always the evidence of abiding.

The Vine Never Chases Fruit

A vineyard teaches us something remarkable.

The vine never struggles to produce grapes.

The vine never attends seminars on fruit production.

The vine never worries whether enough fruit will appear.

Its only responsibility is remaining connected to its source of life.

Everything else happens naturally.

Branches do not manufacture fruit.

Branches receive life.

The fruit is simply visible evidence that life is flowing.

The Christian life is exactly the same.

The Holy Spirit is the life.

Jesus is the Vine.

We are the branches.

The Father's desire is fruit.

Preparation Is the Flow of the Vine

Peter tells believers,

"Always be prepared."

Prepared for what?

Prepared because life has already been flowing.

Prepared because we have already been receiving.

Prepared because hope has already taken root.

Prepared because Christ has already become our peace.

The prepared believer does not invent answers.

He shares what he has been living.

The testimony is simply the overflow of abiding.

The Great Commission Is Fruit

Now Matthew 28 begins making perfect sense.

Jesus says,

"Go..."

Notice He does not tell disconnected branches to go.

These are disciples who have walked with Him.

Received from Him.

Learned from Him.

Been transformed by Him.

The Great Commission is not sending empty people into a broken world.

It is sending full people into a thirsty world.

The Kingdom Flow

Jesus reveals an order that never changes.

Receive

Everything begins with grace.

God loved us first.

He pursued us first.

He spoke first.

He gave first.

We receive.

Abide

We remain connected.

Prayer becomes conversation.

Scripture becomes nourishment.

The Holy Spirit becomes our daily Companion.

Identity becomes secure.

Love becomes experienced.

Be Prepared

Preparation is no longer studying what to say.

Preparation becomes living close enough to Jesus that His life naturally flows through ours.

Our answers become authentic because they are real.

Recognize

The Holy Spirit begins highlighting people.

Someone at the grocery store.

A cashier.

A waitress.

A neighbor.

A coworker.

The prepared heart notices what distracted people overlook.

Respond

Sometimes we speak.

Sometimes we pray.

Sometimes we simply listen.

Sometimes we give away one of our five twenty-dollar bills.

Sometimes we say,

"Jesus sees you.

Jesus loves you."

The response changes.

Love remains constant.

Bear Fruit

Fruit is never measured only by visible decisions.

Sometimes fruit is encouragement.

Sometimes healing.

Sometimes tears.

Sometimes a seed.

Sometimes another believer waters it.

Sometimes someone else harvests it years later.

The branch is never responsible for the harvest.

Only faithfulness.

The 5/20 Project Lives Here

The 5/20 Project is not teaching Christians how to become evangelists.

It is teaching believers how to become available.

There is a profound difference.

Availability is the evidence of abiding.

The Holy Spirit has always been preparing people long before we meet them.

We simply arrive at the right moment.

The twenty dollars are not the miracle.

The miracle is the prepared heart recognizing the prepared person through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Why Five Twenty-Dollar Bills?

The five bills represent something much greater than money.

They represent readiness.

Every bill quietly says,

"I am available today."

The wallet becomes a reminder.

The prayer begins before leaving the house.

"Holy Spirit,

how would You like to love someone through me today?"

The money simply gives obedience something tangible.

Love remains the true gift.

Jesus Never Followed His Own Agenda

Read the Gospels carefully.

Jesus constantly interrupted His schedule.

Blind Bartimaeus.

Zacchaeus.

The woman with the issue of blood.

The Samaritan woman.

The children.

The lepers.

None of these encounters appear accidental.

Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing.

He lived prepared.

He recognized.

He responded.

He loved.

That same Holy Spirit now lives in us.

Every Morning

Imagine beginning each day with this rhythm.

Abide before activity.

Receive before giving.

Listen before speaking.

Love before leading.

Follow before serving.

Then every interruption becomes a possible divine appointment.

The Prayer of a Prepared Branch

Father,

Today I choose to remain in Christ.

Holy Spirit, fill me with the life of Jesus.

Prepare my heart before You prepare my opportunities.

Help me receive Your love so completely that it naturally overflows into others.

Open my eyes to the people You are already drawing to Yourself.

Whether You ask me to smile, to pray, to encourage, to listen, to give, or simply to be present, let me respond with joy.

May every twenty-dollar bill in my wallet remind me that I am available to Heaven.

May every conversation carry gentleness and respect.

May every act of kindness point someone toward Jesus.

I cannot produce fruit.

I can only remain in the Vine.

So today, let Your life flow through mine.

Amen.

The 5/20 Pattern

Abide.

Remain connected to Jesus.

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Receive.

His love.

His peace.

His wisdom.



Be Prepared.

A heart already filled.



Recognize.

The person the Holy Spirit highlights.



Respond.

In love.



Bear Fruit.

Leave the results with God.

This is not simply a method.

This is the lifestyle of the Kingdom.

This is the life of the Vine flowing through every branch.

This could become the **foundational teaching** of *The 5/20 Project*. In fact, it would be **Chapter One** of the future book because it establishes that the movement is **not about giving away money**, it is about **living as branches connected to the True Vine**. The \$20 simply becomes a visible expression of an invisible life already flowing from Christ through His people. From this foundation, every other teaching in the project—*Stop. Rest. Receive.*, *The Vine Never Follows Trends*, *Money Is the Currency of the World*; *Love Is the Currency of the Kingdom*, and *Jesus Sees You. Jesus Loves You*, fits together into one coherent Kingdom vision.