

## **It's The Message Philippians 1:12-18**

### **The Messenger Is Not Important**

It's the Message that matters; Paul to the Philippians - **Philippians 1:12-18**

Consider The Story Of Jonah

Did not want to deliver the message to Nineveh

Ran from the responsibility

Caught and corrected by God

Changed his action and delivered the message

Yet still wanted to see Nineveh fail

Even so, Nineveh repented and was spared God's wrath

Attitude after illustrates he did not really care if his message was heeded. He had no concern for people he taught. He was only doing what would keep him out of trouble with God. - **Jonah 4:1-3**

Similar to attitude of those Paul mentioned; Note Paul's Point - **Philippians 1:18**

These two episodes remind us the important part in reaching the lost is the Message we deliver.

While attitude and experience help, the message of Jesus touches the heart - **Romans 1:16**

### **Tell The Story Of Jesus**

It is required - **Mark 16:15-16; 2Timothy 4:1-2**

It revives the soul - **Psalms 19:7-8; 2Timothy 3:15-17**

It gives life - **Romans 10:17; James 1:18-21**

It sets one apart - **John 17:17; 1Peter 1:22-23**

It is an active weapon against evil - **Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:13-18**

### **Teach The Word**

Simply reading God's Word with others can make a difference

Don't need special programs or studies, just read the story of Jesus together

TMBS Barry Kerchival - much success just asking people to read Mark together

Maybe we miss the main point of what Jesus told the disciples - **Mark 16:15-16**

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