A CALL FOR SUCCESS IN GOSPEL PREACHING
Romans 10:12-15

INTRODUCTION:
1. To win the victory over our infamous enemy, the Lord calls for volunteers.
   A. The recruits are a rare breed - they are gospel preachers.
   B. They must be absolutely loyal to the Lord - Luke 6:46.
   C. Their will must be surrendered totally to His - Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20.
   D. They must become the bond-servant of the Lord - Romans 1:1.
      1. To be anything less will keep you from being what you must be - i.e. all that God would have you to be.
2. I would like to suggest a few things relative to A Call For Success as a Gospel Preacher.

BODY:
1. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST PLEDGE AN UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO THE IDEOLOGY OF THE LORD
   A. The gospel is the only power to save - Romans 1:16.
   B. Jesus has the answers to the world’s needs - John 6:68.
      1. The greatest of which is salvation - John 14:6; Acts 4:12.
   C. But that answer must be proclaimed - Romans 10:12-15.
2. TO BE SUCCESSFUL YOU MUST BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE RIGORS IN THE SERVICE
   A. Preaching is not always going to be easy.
      1. As a matter of fact, there will be more times that is isn’t than it is.
      2. But you must stay the course - 2 Timothy 4:7.
         A. Souls are depending upon you doing so - 1 Timothy 4:16.
   3. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO DENY YOURSELVES WHATEVER IT TAKES TO DO THE JOB - LUKE 9:23
      A. For you to do this, you must take up your armor and dedicate your lives wholly to - Ephesians 6:11-17.
      B. You must be willing to “fight the fight” - 1 Timothy 6:12.
      C. You cannot allow yourself to become entangled in the affairs of the world - 2 Timothy 2:3-5.
   4. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST PREPARE YOURSELF TO ACCEPT A FRONT LINE POSITION
      A. There is no place in the life of the gospel preacher for a soft, behind the lines post.
         1. Such is simply not available.
      B. You must be willing to follow the words of Paul - 2 Timothy 4:2.
      C. Beachhead invasions must be mounted - Mark 15:15, 16; Romans 15:20.
      D. The battle is raging, and we must go to it.
   5. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST BE READY TO SPEND AND BE SPENT - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:15
      A. Gospel Preaching which pleases God is a four letter word - WORK - 2 Timothy 4:5.
         1. There is no place in preaching for a lazy man!
A. Some we can’t hardly get out of bed.
   1. I am afraid when they die it will not be from overwork, but boredom and laziness.

6. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO DIE AT YOUR POST IF CALLED UPON TO DO SO - 2 TIMOTHY 4:6, 7
   A. Why do we believe that we are above such today?
   B. The Prophets, the Apostles, the early Christians, and even the Lord were willing to die for the faith - why not us?

CONCLUSION:
1. The battle is on.
   A. Let us charge head on into it and fight the good fight.