



The Missionary Question

Is it possible to be in the center of God's will and not be involved in missionary work? The answer is no according to Dr. Charles Stanley founder of In Touch Ministries and a *New York Times* best-selling author. While not everyone is called to go to a foreign land, we are all called to be missionaries. How will you answer the missionary question?

Don't fret, ***Philippians 4:6-7***. Here at Shady Shores Baptist Church (SSBC), we have different opportunities to be involved in missionary work. The Church Program and Bulletin that is handed out every Sunday, as you come in the door, mentions many of the programs that you can get involved in relative to missionary work. SSBC is full of opportunities starting with the ***Come as You Are*** Program that gives you the opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbors to Sunday school and Sunday's worship service. We also have the Tuesday Morning Prayer group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Bill Glass Prison Ministry, the Shady Ladies Women's Ministry and Engage Ecuador 2019 just to name a few. We also have 17 Prayer Supported Ministries listed in the center page of our church bulletin.

Not only do we get to participate in doing God's work that he commands us to do as written in ***Matthew 28:19-20, Psalm 96:3, Romans 10:14, 1 Peter 3:15 and 1 Peter 4:10*** but we will feel blessed and fulfilled as written in ***Isaiah 52:7***, because you are being obedient, while at the same time getting to know and bonding with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

What? Who me, you ask? No, you/me and the Holy Spirit as written in ***Acts 1:8*** when Jesus spoke to the apostles before Jesus ascended to heaven. What a supernatural tandem God has made. How incredible and privileged we are that God chose man to do this important work. Ever at a loss with what words to say? Don't worry, the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say. This is probably the greatest dilemma that every Christian faces while on the mission. Our words can be so powerful and helpful ***Proverbs 16:24***, but at the same time so destructive. A rightly spoken word of encouragement, admonishment or even rebuke could change the tide in the spiritual war for someone's soul.

In summary, Jesus commanded us what to do, Jesus also promises us that the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say. Jesus also promised this to the disciples in ***Luke 12:12***. I ask us, is it possible to be in the center of God's will and not be involved in missionary work?

In His Love,

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