

A Little One Shall Become A Thousand

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I. Introduction.

- A. The speaker received Jesus into his heart for forgiveness at a young age.
- B. If there is any uncertainty about one's final destination, one can pray a simple prayer asking Christ to come into one's life right now.
 - 1. He will because He said He will.
 - 2. This is the beginning of the Christian life where one is born again.
- C. The next step after conversion is living with character.
 - 1. God is intent upon character.
 - 2. God thinks so much of His Son that he wants to sprinkle the earth with people like Him.
- D. The final step after conversion is to find out what contribution one is to make to the service of God.
- E. 1 Corinthians 15:58 became a life verse for the speaker.

II. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- A. Answers to prayer is not determined upon how one feels before during or after prayer.
- B. Whether God uses one in a teaching capacity is not determined upon how one feels either.
- C. God is able to make a little one into a thousand. (Isaiah 60:22)
- D. We will add likeminded people in the ministry.
 - 1. We may not add a thousand, but we can multiply two to ten or so.
 - 2. Also, God will honor one's work long after one is gone.

III. A little one must become a thousand because the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few.

- A. Most think of evangelism by adding vast numbers like Peter preaching at Pentecost.

B. However, multiplication can happen one at a time more effectively. (Matthew 28:19-20)

C. This leads us not only to pray for people but their contribution to others—for people that will go beyond them. (John 17)

D. God expects everyone to be a laborer.

E. It is the little one—a nobody—who can become a thousand.

1. This is because God resists the proud.

2. God gives undeserved help to the humble in contrast.

3. We can become a thousand because God said that He would do it.

F. Are you ready to surrender your life to whatever God has for you—to see one become “a thousand?”

Application questions

1. On what grounds does the speaker feel confident in saying your labor in the Lord is not in vain?

2. How is multiplication more effective than addition concerning spiritual reproduction?

3. Why do you think that God uses the “little one”?
