

A person wearing a blue button-down shirt is holding an open, aged book. The book's pages are yellowed and show signs of wear. The person's hands are visible at the bottom of the frame, holding the book open. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

LIVING

to reach others

Evangelism

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From time to time, we emphasize the importance of Christian growth and evangelism.

In this lesson, I would like to address some qualities we need that can help us reach others



Know you are saved

- To be effective in reaching others, we **FIRST** need to heed the message ourselves
- If you are not confident in your salvation, how can you effectively invite others to join you?



Know you are saved

- Can I know I am saved?
- **1 John 5:13**
- How? **1 John 2:3-6**
- **Matthew 28:19-20** - Have this attitude
- Knowing you are right with God can also give you confidence and other qualities we will mention.

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I have to care

- Evidences class - we have emphasized the conviction of first century saints. They lived as they did because they cared!
- That is where our efforts to reach others will begin!



I have to care

- Jesus cared
John 15:13
John 10:10-14
- Are we concerned about the destiny of the lost?
2 Corinthians 5:10-11



I have to care

- Do I love them?
- Christian love involves caring!
Jude 22-23
Cf. Acts 17:16, Paul was provoked when he saw their idols
1 Corinthians 9:19-23, he adapted his life to win more, because he cared
- **Matthew 7:12, 22:37-39**

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I need knowledge

- You need to know what to say
- And we ought to keep learning -
1 Peter 3:15, 2:1-2, 2 Peter 3:18, 2 Timothy 2:15, etc.
- But we do not need as much as we think sometimes.
Many are fearful of rejection or being “stumped”.
- The key is to keep learning. Resources are available.

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I need knowledge

- Where do I start?
- Right where you are right now.
- **NOTE:** Most whom you might study with do not know as much as you think.
- But if you do not know something, tell them and offer to find the answer. Then **DO** find it!



I need commitment

- We have to determine that we are going to try and take whatever steps to make it happen.
- Serving God is about commitment.
- **Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, etc.**
- I believe God **WANTS** me to share the gospel with others -
cf. Mark 5:12-16
- Don't give up - **Matthew 10:22, Galatians 6:9**



I need a clean life

- **1 John 1:5-6** - no darkness in God
- Like commitment, you need to be living a godly life.
- If you are not, you will NOT be as zealous as you ought to
- AND, God will not be with you!
- We are called to live pure -
1 John 3:6-10, Titus 2:11-12 - we live righteously



I need prayer

- WE are trying to win people to God and Christ.
- Do NOT leave Him out of the picture
- We pray continually - **1**
Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:12, James 5:16



I need prayer

- We have addressed prayer in evangelism before -
 - We pray with gratitude
 - We pray for opportunities - open doors
(**Colossians 4:3**)
 - For wisdom - **James 1:5-6**
 - Courage and boldness - **Ephesians 6:17-20, Cf. Acts 4:29-30**
 - For others - **Matthew 9:36-38**
 - Conditions to prevail - **1 Timothy 2:1-4**



I need busyness

- We need to be busy doing good. Is our life about serving Him?
Consider Jesus - **John 9:4, Acts 10:38**
1 Corinthians 15:58 - let us not grow weary in doing good...
Titus 2:14 - zealous for good works
- Most fail to try and reach others because they are not working at it.
- Are our “good works” the right ones?

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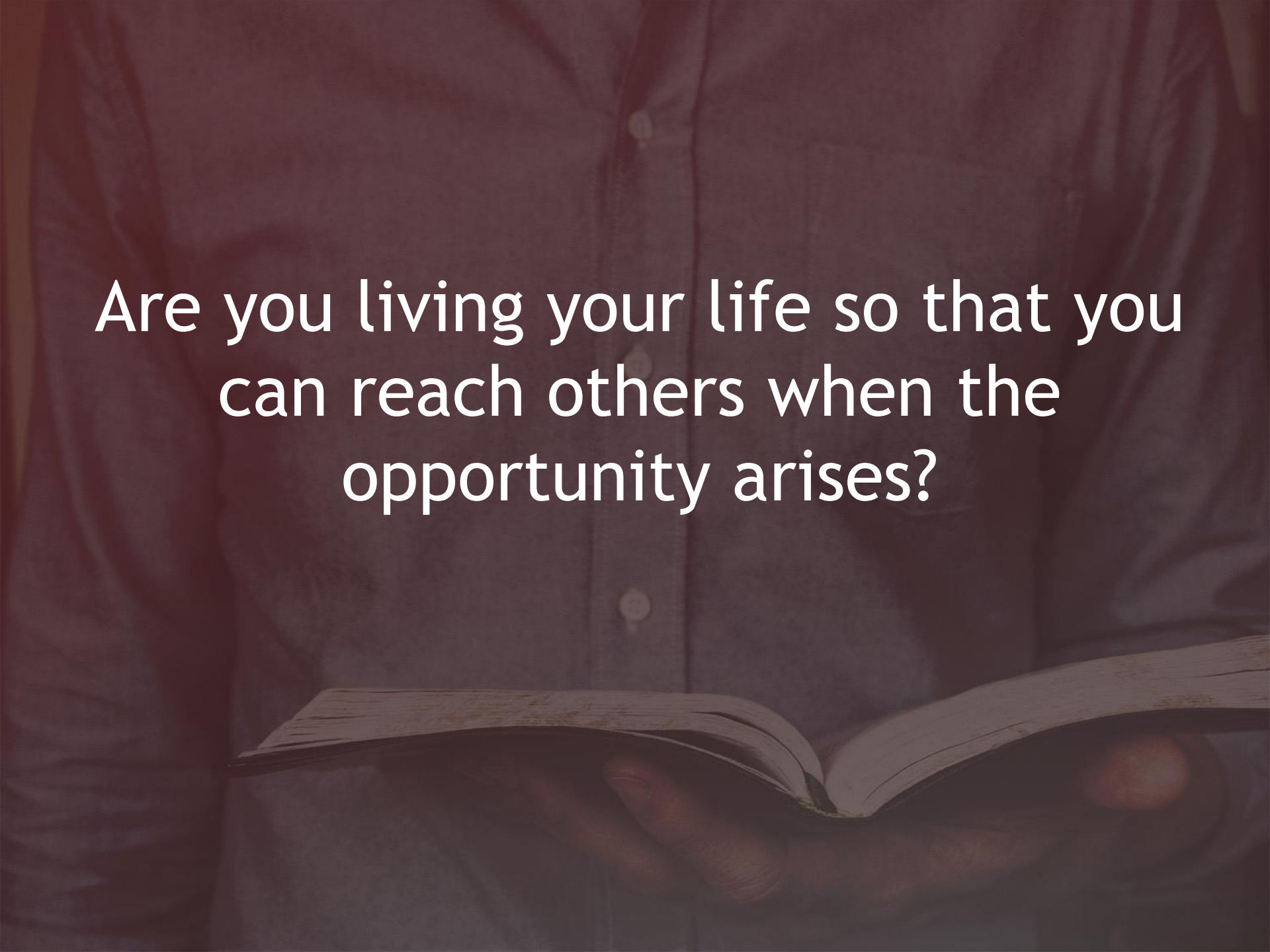
I need optimism

- I need to believe this work is still needed and that there is someone looking.
I need to be hopeful WHEN I study with someone that they desire the truth.
Sadly, MOST will not!
- But we cannot let that deter us from trying.



I need optimism

- I am convinced someone is looking?
Are we keeping our eyes open for them?
Are we sowing seed at all?
This comes back to prayer -
Colossians 4:3, cf. 1 Corinthians 16:9 - the open doors.
- Do we believe the gospel works?
Romans 1:16-17, Hebrews 10:4

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Are you living your life so that you
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opportunity arises?