

Matthew 4:24

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

It seems the more famous a Pastor gets, the bigger the church needs to be or the larger the stadium needs to be for those to flock to. But did you notice today's verse which says that "***His fame went throughout all Syria***" and with that, what happened?

Well, they started having runners go out and telling others to come to the stadium that weekend to hear Jesus teach and to get healed. No, I don't read that, in fact, I read that "***they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.***"

They brought the sick and lost to Jesus, not to a church or a crusade or the colosseum. If you think about it, if we really shared Jesus with others like we (I include myself in this) are supposed to do, then we wouldn't need big stadium crusades, and we wouldn't think that we need to bring people to church to get saved. Because we are to bring the lost to Jesus, not to church or a crusade.

Now for me, I am not a door knocker, nor am I called to be a street witness. Some love doing this and they find joy in it because it is the ministry that they are called to do

† **Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT2)** *Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

But not all are called to be door knockers or street witnesses.

† **1 Corinthians 12:18** *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.*

But that doesn't mean we do nothing because we are not doorknockers or street witnesses. If you think about it, when you got saved, was it because someone came knocking on your door or a street witness came up to you and told you about Jesus? In most cases, the answer is no, because most of us got saved because someone that we already knew told us about Jesus. In my case it was my dad, but in your case it may be a family member, a friend, coworker, a neighbor...

Now don't get me wrong, door knockers and street witnesses do have their gift, and they do bring people to Jesus. But we are not called to pawn others off on them or even our pastor to tell them about Jesus, we simply need to bring them to Jesus ourselves.

- † **Luke 18:40a** *So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him.*
- † **Luke 18:15-16 (NLT2)** *One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him. Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, **“Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.”***
- † **Colossians 1:28** *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*