

Matthew 28:16-20

- The Steward-Ship! Stewardship through Missions!
GO FORTH! GO OUT! ALL HANDS ON DECK!
- Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo! ...in a recent mailing to customers touted the benefits of good stewardship. According to reliable research, they shared these facts about people who are generous givers
 - + They sleep better
 - + They are healthier
 - + They are happier and more satisfied with life.
- The experts at Wells Fargo have a recipe for those who wish to achieve this happiness:
 - + Give a percentage of your income.
 - + Give automatically and systematically. Make giving a habit.
 - + **Give your time as well as your money.** They listed several examples, including Habitat, hospital volunteering, and CHURCH.
- Apparently, the Bible has been right all along! Stewardship is not only head and heart, it is hands and feet.
 - + GO OUT! GO FORTH!
 - + Hands on mission!
- What does it mean to GO OUT and GO FORTH?
- Jesus was the first missionary:
 - + He was present: “He Came Down!”
GO OUT! GO FORTH!
 - + He preached and taught!
 - + He fed and healed!
 - + He prayed!
- + WWJD? What did HE do! Follow the example of Christ, the first missionary!
 - + Preach and teach
 - + Feed and heal
 - + Be there! To be present! To pray!
- James 2:14-17
Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? Isn’t it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?
- Church: Caring, serving, working with youth and children, teaching, ushering, singing, bringing cookies
- Community: hospitals, hospice, precinct work, homeless and the hungry
- Even missions beyond our community: Thornwell, Mission Haven, DWA, One Great Hour of Sharing
- Anyone can be a missionary!
 - + All ages and stages!
 - + All situations and circumstances!
- How can missions be considered stewardship?
When we GO OUT and GO FORTH, we become stewards for Christ!
 - ✓ A better understanding of other peoples and other cultures.
 - ✓ More consistent involvement in the life of our church.
 - ✓ Readily support and pray for our missionaries.
 - ✓ A better perspective on our own lives! Our problems don't seem so large, and our blessings are more obvious!
 - ✓ A greater vision for the Lord's work.
 - ✓ More generosity for the work of the church in general.
 - ✓ Hands-on Mission helps us discover who we are as Christians, and children of God!
 - ✓ A stronger commitment to Jesus Christ and a deeper understanding of truths of the gospel:
John 3:16
For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- Sail the Steward-Ship!
- All hands on deck!
- GO OUT! GO FORTH!

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- 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
- 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



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