

## Are You Up for the Task?

### Scripture

“So, as much as is in me, [I am] ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.” (Romans 1:15 NKJV)

### Commentary

When Paul said, “so as much as is in me,” he was not saying there was little in him for the task of preaching to the Romans. Instead, he was saying all that was in him was available to preach the Gospel. He was ready to pour out his life.

Are you up for that task? If you are, you will likely understand being ready for the task means having a willingness to die to self, the ability to have compassion on the lost, and taking the time to pray and study.

Preaching the Gospel will always meet with resistance. We have the promise that the gates of Hell will not prevail, but there is no assurance that they won't exist. Any creature willing to take on God is surely spoiling to fight with the likes of you and me. Satan will not just leave you alone if you are preaching the truth. “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you” (John 15:20a NKJV).

Therefore, one must be willing to die to self. If your wants and needs outweigh those of the lost, then it won't take much to deter you. Witnessing requires sacrifice.

You will also need to have compassion. This is a matter of loving your neighbor. You must love like Jesus loved the lost. “. . . Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34 NKJV). Do you see the multitudes in their plight?

Finally, you will only remain faithful to witnessing if you continue to pray and study. Study provides fuel for witnessing and prayer ignites that fuel. Without both the engine will not run.

Are you up for the task? I hope you are, but if you feel that you are not, then take some time and reflect on this serious subject.

### Prayer

Father, open our eyes to see the masses poised to fall into an eternity of Hell's torments. Make our hearts hurt for those around us. Give us the energy and wisdom to mine your word that we might be instruments fit for your use, amen.