



Have you ever wished that you could choose your co-workers? Or have you ever wondered what it would be like working for someone in a high and important position? What it would be like to work with someone who you admire and look up to?

If someone like – let's say the president of the United States invited you to work with him, what would you do, and how would you feel? Would you not feel honored and privileged to have a great opportunity like that? Would you need to think long and hard about the

offer? Would you need a lot of convincing and enticing to accept the position?

As Christians, God's chosen children we have a much greater honor and privilege presented to us. The **CREATOR** and **RULER OF THE UNIVERSE** has asked us all to be co-workers with Him. The **ALL MIGHTY, ALL GLORIOUS GOD**, Who's face Moses could not look upon. The God in Who's presence angels are covering their faces, has invited us, – human beings, sinners – to be co-workers with Him in saving lives for eternity. We can not grasp the meaning, the implications, and the honor of this job offer! We can only appreciate, and realize the magnitude of this privilege a little better as we spend more time with God, and get to know Him better, and get closer to Him.

God could have spoken and done the work Himself, just like He did it at the time of earth's creation. He could have entrusted this work to the Holy Spirit. Or He could have sent His angels and let them minister to people. But instead God chose us to be part of this work. What an honor and a privilege that is, to be co-workers – not slaves but co-workers – with the Lord. And yet most of us turn down this opportunity and God has to declare "**The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.**"

As God has asked Isaiah many years ago – He is asking every one of us today:

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

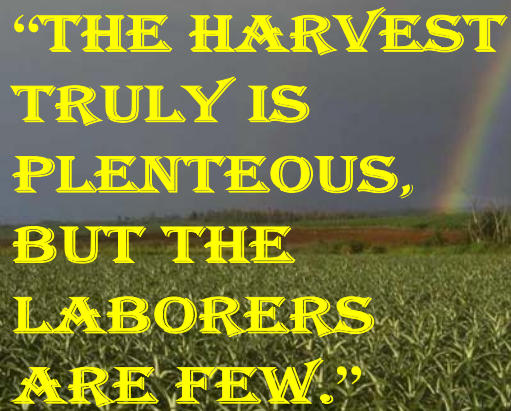
We do not need to be pastors or become missionaries overseas to be co-workers with the Lord. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in our families, for our friends, for our neighbors and acquaintances that we could do effectively.

The title "co-worker" implies that we are not just commissioned and then left to our own devices, but we have the help of the Holy Spirit and the help of God's angels.

As we take on this position, we need to consult with our Co-Worker, we need to have workers meetings. IE we need to study the Scriptures, we need to pray, we need to ask God for wisdom, guidance and direction as we fill this position.

I encourage you once again this morning to daily ask the Lord for opportunities to witness. Let us all follow Isaiah's example and say to the Lord: "**Here am I; send me.**"

There is no other job on earth that is more fulfilling, more satisfying, and more rewarding, than the work that we do for the Lord! There is no greater privilege than to be co-workers with God! Let us all accept the best position that was ever offered to us!



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“The Lord has graciously honored man, employing him as the human agent to co-operate with heavenly intelligences, that the light of truth may shine in all parts of the earth. The Lord has His agents who will act a part in the mightiest conflict which the world has ever seen. If the workers remain humble, learning daily, in the school of Christ, meekness and lowliness of heart, the Lord Jesus will work with them. He who is a co-worker with Christ will realize that in conferring heavenly benefits on others, he himself will be benefited. He will know that *‘he that watereth shall be watered also himself.’*”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 02-27-1894

“One who believes in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior is to be a co-worker with Him, bound up with His heart of infinite love, cooperating with Him in works of self-denial and benevolence. He to whom Christ has revealed His pardoning grace will, in practicing the works of Christ, find himself linked up with Christ. **God calls upon those for whom He has made such an infinite sacrifice, to take their position as laborers together with Him in developing the gracious operations of God's divine benevolence.**”

Medical Ministry Extent of the Work -PG- 315

“Said Christ: *‘How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!’* And His disciples were astonished at His doctrine. **When a minister who has labored successfully in securing souls to Jesus Christ abandons his sacred work in order to secure temporal gain, he is called an apostate, and he will be held accountable to God for the talents that he has misapplied. When men of business, farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, etc., become members of the church, they become servants of Christ; and although their talents may be entirely different, their responsibility to advance the cause of God by personal effort, and with their means, is no less than that which rests upon the minister. The woe which will fall upon the minister if he preach not the gospel, will just as surely fall upon the businessman, if he, with his different talents, will not be a co-worker with Christ in accomplishing the same results.** When this is brought home to the individual, some will say, ‘This is a hard saying;’ nevertheless it is true, although continually contradicted by the practice of men who profess to be followers of Christ.” Testimonies for the Church Volume Four -PG- 468-469

“The ruler's possessions were entrusted to him that he might prove himself a faithful steward; he was to dispense these goods for the blessing of those in need. So God now entrusts men with means, with talents and opportunities, that they may be His agents in helping the poor and the suffering. **He who uses his entrusted gifts as God designs becomes a co-worker with the Saviour.** . . . “

Conflict and Courage -PG- 300

“Eternal life should engage the deepest interest of every Christian. **To be a co-worker with Christ and the heavenly angels in the great plan of salvation! What work can bear any comparison with this!** From every soul saved there comes to God a revenue of glory to be reflected upon the one saved and also upon the one instrumental in his salvation.”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Two -PG- 232

“That man might not lose the blessed results of benevolence, our Redeemer formed the plan of enlisting him as His co-worker. By a chain of circumstances which would call forth his charities, He bestows upon man the best means of cultivating benevolence and keeps him habitually giving to help the poor and to advance His cause. He sends His poor as the representatives of Himself. By their necessities a ruined world are drawing forth from us talents of means and of influence to present to them the truth, of which they are in perishing need. And as we heed these calls by labor and by acts of benevolence we are assimilated to the image of Him who for our sakes became poor. In bestowing we bless others, and thus accumulate true riches.”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Three -PG- 382-383

“If you fail ninety-nine times in a hundred, but succeed in saving the one soul from ruin, you have done a noble deed for the Master's cause. But to be a co-worker with Jesus, you should have all patience with those

for whom you labor, not scorning the simplicity of the work, but looking to the blessed result. When those for whom you labor do not exactly meet your mind, you often say in your heart: 'Let them go; they are not worth saving.' What if Christ had treated poor outcasts in a similar manner? He died to save miserable sinners, and if you work in the same spirit and in the same manner indicated by the example of Him whom you follow, leaving the results with God, you can never in this life measure the amount of good you have accomplished."

Testimonies for the Church Volume Four -PG- 132

"We must be workers together with God, not alone for our own salvation, but in doing all we can for the salvation of others. Thus we become partners in the great plan of redemption, and will be sharers in the eternal weight of glory by and by. God calls upon you to press your way **toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** May the Lord bless you, is my prayer. **But remember, if you are united with Christ, you must be a co-worker with Him.** Our piety and religious duties will become narrowed down to our own interests unless we are daily partakers of the spirit of Christ. Interest for the souls of others is calculated to give breadth and depth and stability to Christian character." Testimonies for the Church Volume Five -PG- 548-549

"The worker for God must reach for men where they are, immersed in darkness, sunken in vice, and stained with corruption. Thus it was that Christ showed His love for fallen man. He came from a heaven of bliss where He was appreciated, loved, and honored, to our world to meet man in his fallen condition. His work was to reform men and fit them for a pure and holy Heaven. He stopped at no sacrifice; He hesitated not at any self-denial. He for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Jesus had a great deal of rough work to do among a rough, uncultured, depraved class. He reached for men where they were, and adapted His process of working to the material He had to work upon. The workers for God must work as Christ worked. They must take in and understand the conditions of the beings for whom they work, in order to gain the victory. **Whoever would be an effective co-worker with God in the vineyard of God must expect no better portion and treatment than had the world's Redeemer.** They must expect to bring their ministry to the understanding of the men for whom they labor." Manuscript Releases Volume One -PG- 319

"**The education to be secured by searching the Scriptures** is an experimental knowledge of the plan of salvation. Such an education will restore the image of God in the soul. It will strengthen and fortify the mind against temptation, and **fit the learner to become a co-worker with Christ in His mission of mercy to the world.** It will make him a member of the heavenly family; and prepare him to share the inheritance of the saints in light." Christ's Object Lessons -PG- 42-43

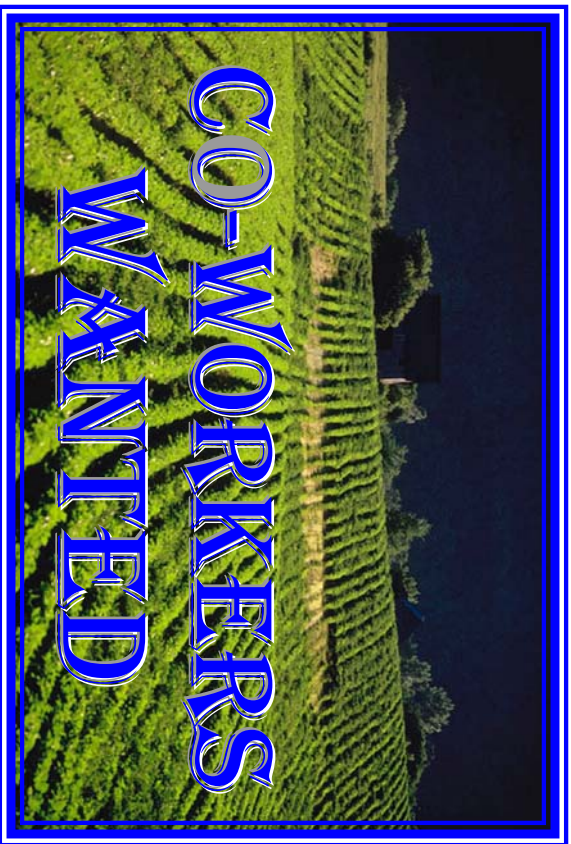
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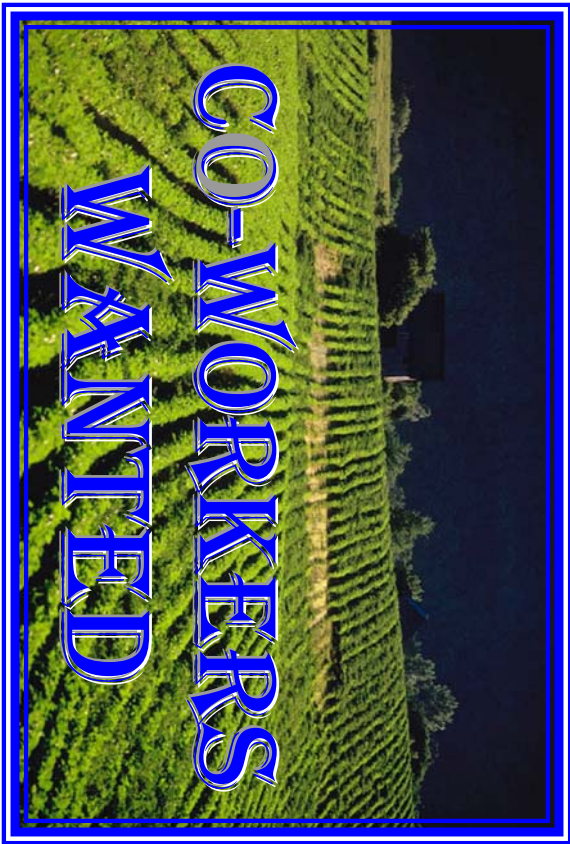
"**Higher education is an experimental knowledge of the plan of salvation, and this knowledge is secured by earnest and diligent study of the Scriptures.** Such an education will renew the mind and transform the character, restoring the image of God in the soul. It will fortify the mind against the deceptive whisperings of the adversary, and enable us to understand the voice of God. **It will teach the learner to become a co-worker with Jesus Christ, to dispel the moral darkness about him, and bring light and knowledge to men.** It is the simplicity of true godliness -- our passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher school above." Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students -PG- 11

"The teacher's obligations are weighty and sacred, but no part of his work is more important than that of looking after the youth with tender, loving solicitude. Let the teacher once gain the confidence of his students, and he can easily lead and control and train them. The holy motives that underlie Christian living must be brought into the life. The salvation of his pupils is the highest interest entrusted to the God-fearing teacher. **He is Christ's co-worker, and his special and to Christ. God will require this at his hands.**" determined effort should be to win them

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- ❖ **PLEASE!!! Hand out and/or mail to all church members, Christian family members and friends!**
- ❖ **Let us keep each other awake, so when the Lord will soon appear in the clouds of heaven, He would find us in diligent labor! By our devoted faithful efforts we can hasten His return!**