

**OUR OBJECTIVE IN LIFE
(OR USING GOD'S METHODS IN GOD'S WORK)**

2Tim 2:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Everyone has or should have an aim or purpose in life
- B. Ours as Christians should be to teach others as Paul directed Timothy to do.
- C. In studying about our object in life, I want to look at an account from the Old Testament in Judges 6:33-40

DISCUSSION:

I. GIDEON AND THE MIDIANITES

- A. The Midianites had impoverished Israel Jud 6:6
 - 1. Wasted their substance
 - 2. Gideon selected to deliver them Jud 6:33-40
- B. His organization Jud 7:21
 - 1. Each man given a job to do Jud 7:16-21
 - 2. Each man doing his job

II. OBJECT OF THEIR EFFORTS - DEFEAT THE ENEMY

- A. God instructed them in the method to use
 - 1. Trumpet
 - 2. Pitchers
 - 3. Lamps
- B. Instructed them in how to use them
 - 1. Blow on the trumpet
 - 2. Break the pitchers
 - 3. All to be done at a certain time
- C. Small in number yet through doing things God's Way they were able to meet their objective

III. OBJECT OF OUR EFFORTS - SAVE OURSELVES AND TEACH OTHERS 1TIM 4:13-16

- A. Note what Paul said in talking to Timothy 2Tim 2:2,24
- B. Christ instructed us in what to use in teaching others
 - 1. Our example (our life - way we conduct our business, our attitudes, our regularity of assembly etc) Jhn 13:15; 1Tim 4:12
 - 2. The word of God Jhn 17:14; Jhn 14:24
 - 3. The organization authorized in this work is church 1Tim 3:15; Phil 1:1
- C. Jesus demonstrated the use of these methods
 - 1. The life of Christ Acts 10:38
 - a. Everyone knew he lived a righteous life 1Pet 2:22
 - b. In his trial could find no evidence against Him
 - c. Had to hire false witnesses Matt 26:60
 - d. Pilate could find no fault in Him Matt 27:23,24
 - e. Even the thief knew Jesus not guilty Lk 23:41
 - 2. His teaching Jhn 17:8
 - a. He taught at every opportunity (Ex. Jhn 4:5-26)

- b. Used every situation as a teaching one
- c. Never man spake like this man Jhn 7:46

IV. JESUS WAS SUCCESSFUL - WE CAN BE ALSO

- A. It cannot be denied that Jesus was successful in teaching others - He used the methods of God (But was not successful in teaching everyone)
- B. By using the methods of God the Israelites were successful against their enemy - involved in this was the fact that everyone fulfilled their purpose Jud 7:21
- C. Early disciples were successful
 - 1. They set the proper example
 - 2. Everyone did their part Note Eph 4:16
- D. Our example (life) must be right, however, before our teaching can be effective (Pharisees - say and do not Matt 23:3)
- E. This is why the early disciples were disciplined when their lives were not right. 1Cor 5:5; 2Thess 3:6,14 (If lives of members of the Organization doing the work are not right then organization is not right)

CONCLUSION:

- A. We are indeed saved to save others - this is our object or mission in life.
- B. Are we as individuals doing everything we can to carry out this purpose
- C. Are we setting the example for those whom we wish to teach and along with that are we actually trying to make opportunities to teach them?
- D. If you are not saved today then you cannot help to help save others until you are saved yourself!