

Taken for Granted

I've Been Taken for Granted!

I don't suppose anyone enjoys being taken for granted. I want people to appreciate me.

But, maybe being taken for granted is a compliment!

It means I can be trusted. Counted on. **Relied on.**

Kids rely on parents. Spouses count on each other. I want to be trusted by my boss. And if I can't be taken for granted, then I'm *not trusted*.

I'm glad people can take me for granted, although I wish they wouldn't.

After all, I trust God. I take Him for granted too.

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Invite People to Come to Christ

By Phil Sanders

And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled' (Luke 14:23).

Making disciples and preaching the gospel is at the foundation of our tasks in the Lord's church (Matthew 128:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Jesus Christ "also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). The Lord Jesus now gives us the responsibility to bring people to Him, so that He may bring us all to God.

The deep love of God is vast, and His house is large enough to take in whosoever will. He invites and calls us through His gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). We must preach the gospel to call souls to God and to see them born again (1 Peter 1:22-25).

Let's begin again to invite people to church. Let's call those who have fallen away to come back to the Lord. Let's call those who are slow to return to our assemblies to come home to worship. Let's invite people to every activity of the church. Let them meet other brothers and sisters, let them see the need for the salvation of their souls, and let them get involved.

When you invite someone, invite them as if heaven and hell depended upon it, because it does. When you invite someone, invite them as if the Lord Jesus Himself were begging and pleading through you, because He is. When you invite someone, invite them as if nothing else in the whole world matters, because one day nothing else will matter except they be right with god. ... May the Lord be with you.