

The Great Commission or Omission
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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV).

I have collected evangelism and mission quotes for years. Here are my top ten. My prayer is that they will encourage you to be faithful in your witness for Christ as they do me.

1. "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed" -- Hudson Taylor
2. "No one has the right to hear the gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once." -- Oswald J. Smith
3. "Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." -- Oswald J. Smith
4. "We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first." -- Oswald J. Smith
5. "No reserves. No retreats. No regrets" -- William Borden
6. "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time" -- Carl F. H. Henry
7. "The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." -- Mike Stachura
8. "The Church must send or the church will end." -- Mendell Taylor
9. "Sympathy is no substitute for action." -- David Livingstone, missionary to Africa
10. "The evangelistic harvest is always urgent. The destiny of men and of nations is always being decided. Every generation is strategic. We are not responsible for the past generation, and we cannot bear full responsibility for the next one; but we do have our generation. God will hold us responsible as to how well we fulfill our responsibilities to this age and take advantage of our opportunities." -- Billy Graham

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