

# *Keys To A Successful Gospel Meeting*



*“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” - Luke 14:15-24*



# LUKE 14:15-24 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup> Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, <sup>17</sup> and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’”

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# LUKE 14:15-24 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

<sup>19</sup> And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

<sup>20</sup> Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'



# LUKE 14:15-24 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

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# LUKE 14:15-24 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' <sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

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# Gospel Meeting

**You Are Invited To Come & Hear  
The Gospel of Christ Proclaimed**

**WEST SIXTY FIFTH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**June 7-12, 2015**



**Speaker: Joseph Casimier**

From Houston, TX

## **Sunday, June 7 -**

- ★ **9 A.M. - Attitudes Toward Faith** - If we want to survive the trials, temptations, disappointments, and other stumbling blocks set before us, we must have the right kind of faith
- ★ **10 A.M. - Attitudes Toward Jesus** - There are forces at work today to discredit Jesus as the only begotten Son of God. In spite of what the Bible reveals, the religious world holds diverse views in regards to Jesus
- ★ **5 P.M. - Attitudes Toward Saving Souls** - What is the kingdom of heaven like? It's like having a lot of work but with few workers. If we recognize our duty, we will be actively involved in the harvest of souls

## **Monday, June 8 @ 7 PM**

- ★ **Attitudes Toward The World** - Jesus spoke of His disciples as being "in the world but not of the world." How do we fit in?

## **Tuesday, June 9 @ 7 PM**

- ★ **Attitudes Toward Your Soul** - The example of Cornelius shows that being religious and being good is not enough to be saved

## **Wednesday, June 10 @ 7 PM**

- ★ **Attitudes Toward Forgiveness** - Jesus said if we forgive others God will forgive us. If we don't forgive others God will not forgive us.

## **Thursday, June 11 @ 7 PM**

- ★ **Attitudes Toward Heaven** - Shall we know one another in heaven? We will search the scriptures to answer this question.

## **Friday, June 12 @ 7 PM**

- ★ **Attitudes Toward Eternity** - The journey to eternal punishment or to eternal life is our choice to make. If we plan to go to heaven, we will not get there by accident





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## **Why Have A Gospel Meeting?**

- **To seek and save the lost through proclaiming the gospel** - Ro 1:16,17; 10:17; 2 Tim 4:2; Col 1:28; Acts 10:24
- **To be revived - To recommit to our first love** - Psalm 85:6; Re 3:15-19; 2:4-5
- **To exhort one another to love and good works** - Heb 3:12,15; 10:24,25



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## **Defining success:**

Numbers?

The meeting will be counted a success if just ONE person attends, listens, and thus increases their knowledge of God and is strengthened in faith! - (Rom. 10:17)



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## **Provision ...**

- **An opportunity to feast on the “bread in the kingdom”** - Mat 4:2; 5:6; Deut 8:3; 1 Pet 2:2; Ps 119:97-104; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 3:6; Acts 10:24; 17:11,12; Is 55:11
- Save the lost - Jam 1:21; Rom 1:16; 1 Thess 1:8; 2 Tim 4:2-4
- Restore the erring - Jam 5:19,20; Heb 4:12; Gal 6:1,2
- Strengthen the saved - 2 Pet 3:18; Eph 4:15,16; Heb 3:12-15



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## **Preparation ...**

➤ **We prepare for important events**

- A wedding
- A vacation
- A special meal

➤ **A Gospel Meeting?**

- Both physical & spiritual preparations need to be made



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### **➤ Involves Effort By All**

- **Planning to attend every service -**  
*(clearing your schedule, making arrangements so you will be able to attend)*  
- Acts 10:33; Psalm 122:1; Heb 10:24,25
- **Preparing my heart -** to be optimistic & enthusiastic - to receive God's word - Prov 4:23; James 1:21
- **Inviting others to come -** Acts 10:24,27,33; John 4:34,35; Mat 9:37,38



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- **Pray** - Acts 10:2,30; 4:23-31;
  - For the preacher - Eph 6:18,19
  - For the lost - Rom 10:1
  - For the erring - 1 John 5:16
  - For the saved - Col 1:9-11



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## **Presence ...**

### ➤ **Both physical & mental**

- **Your presence is encouraging, while your absence is discouraging! - Heb 10:24,25; Eph 4:16**
- **Attendance by visitors is encouraging** - *Brethren from other congregations - From the community - but our attendance is expected & needed.*
- **Let us NOT be guilty of making excuses for absence - Luke 14:15-24**



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### **➤ GOSPEL MEETINGS ALLOW YOU TO DEMONSTRATE...**

- **Your priorities in life (the kingdom of God comes first) - Mt 6:33**
- **Your attitude toward the gospel (you are not ashamed of it) - Ro 1:16**
- **Your concern for the lost (you are concerned for them) - Mt 9:35-38**
- **Your support for your brethren (you want to encourage them) - Ro 15:1-2**



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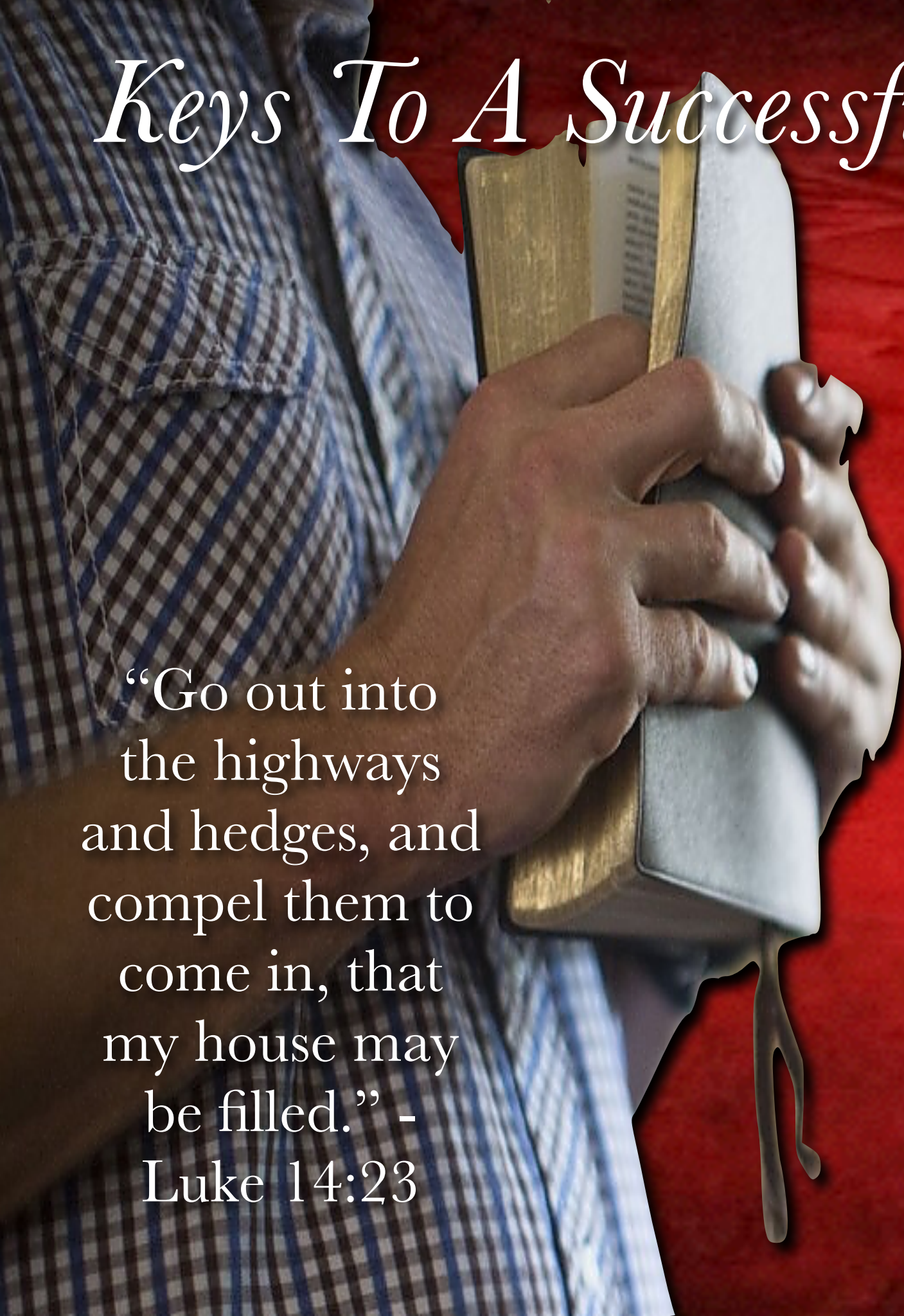
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## **Participation ...**

- **Greet visitors with an  
ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME -  
Rom 16:16; 1 Thes 5:26**
- **Sing in a spirited manner, with  
grace in your hearts - Eph 5:19;  
Col 3:16**
- **Listen carefully to the lesson,  
(take notes) Acts 17:11**
- **Stick around greeting and talking  
with one another and visitors.**



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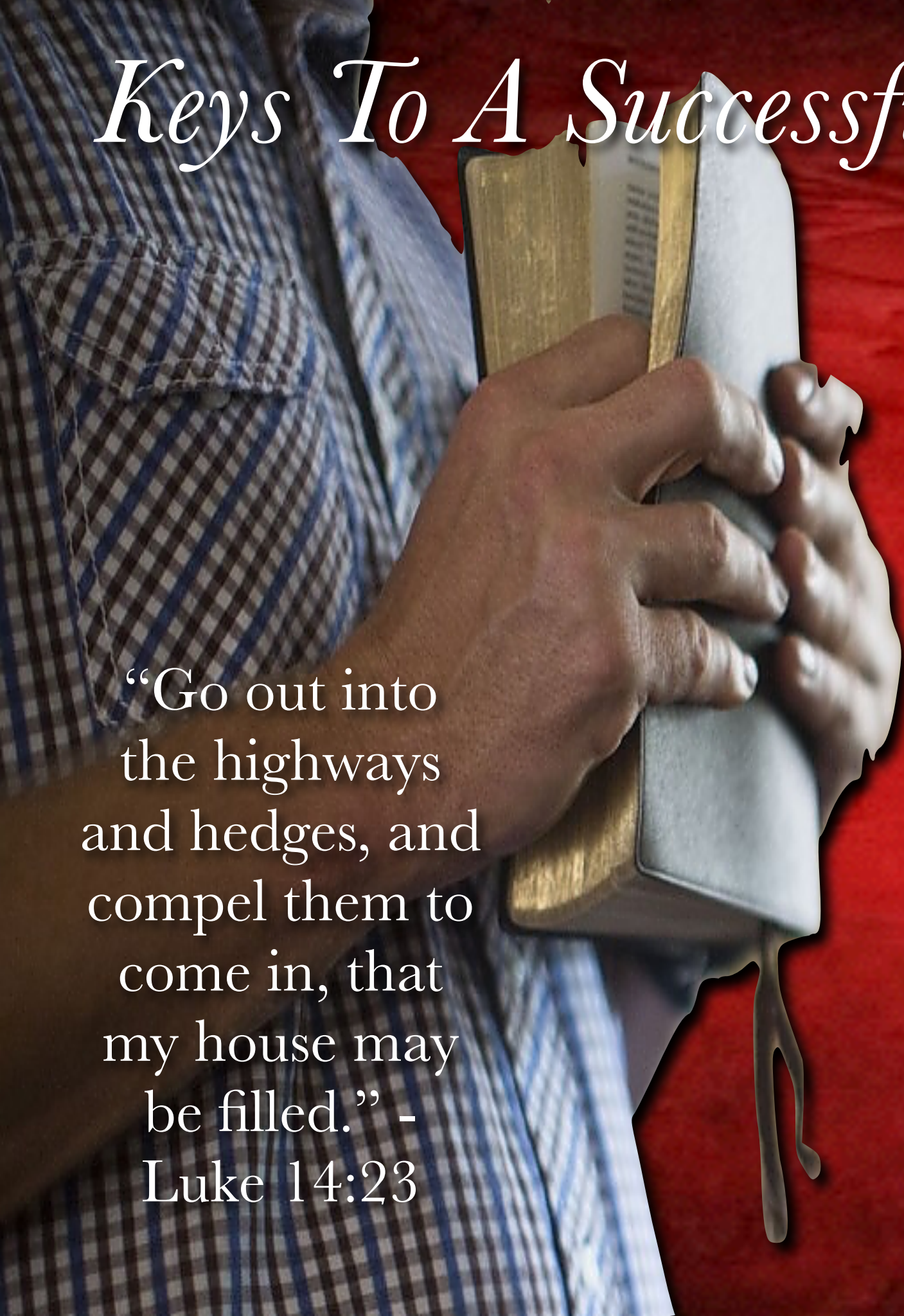
Is the message of the  
gospel worthy of your  
support?

Is the hearing of the  
gospel worthy of your  
attendance?

Is the value of the  
gospel worthy of you  
sharing it with others?



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A person wearing a blue and white checkered shirt is holding a Bible with both hands. The Bible has a gold-leaf cover and is held in a way that the pages are visible. The person's hands are positioned on either side of the Bible, with fingers wrapped around it. The background is a solid red color with a subtle, embossed pattern.

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If the success of  
this meeting  
depended solely  
on you -  
How successful  
would it be?



The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of several antique, heavily rusted keys scattered on a light-colored wooden surface. A round, vintage-style clock with a white face and black hands is positioned in the upper left quadrant. The overall aesthetic is warm and historical.

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**Provision**

**Preparation**

**Presence**

**Participation**

Will You Do What You Can To Make  
This Meeting A Success?







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# ACTS 10:24-33 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup> As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup> But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man."



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<sup>27</sup> And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. <sup>28</sup> Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean."



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<sup>29</sup> Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

<sup>30</sup> So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,



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<sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.'



# ACTS 10:24-33 (NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”

