

Regarding Invitations

Do you remember when our Master was on the road, he saw those two men and acted like He was going to go on and they prevailed upon Him to make Him come in. It is a normal part of hospitality to prevail upon someone, to beg them until they accept your invitation, urging them strongly. Lydia did it too, in Acts. Messengers invited people with their own mouths. We invite people with our own mouths. *Invitation*. It is an appeal, compelling them to come. They don't come by themselves; they come as a result of an invitation.

1 Tim 4:8; 2 Tim 1:8 — When we talk to people who come let's not talk about community or the twelve tribes, but let's talk about the *cross*. We see the power of the good news when we speak it without compromise. It has to come from pure vessels.

We need to talk from time to time about the guests who come so that we can know where they are at and what they need to hear, so we can know what progress is going on.