

Reaching The Harvest Starts With Prayer

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"Harvest Time"

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Matthew 9:35-38 New International Version (NIV)

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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 16:24;27-28 New Living Translation (NLT)

²⁴"The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.'

²⁷ "The rich man responded, 'Then I ask you, Father, to send Lazarus back to my father's home. ²⁸ I have five brothers. He

can warn them so that they won't end up in this place of torture.' "

God delays His return so that:

1. He can give people more time to _____.
2. He's also giving the church more time to _____.

Matthew 9:37 (NIV)

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I. I Must See The _____!
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Matthew 9:35-36 (NIV)

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Compassion—sympathy, empathy. Jesus felt for them.

II. I Must See The _____!
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III. Must See The _____!
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Matthew 9:37b (NIV)

^{37b}.....but the workers are few.

IV. I Must See The _____!
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Matthew 9:38 (NIV)

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The first thing to do is _____.
That power comes through _____.