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Eph 4:1-2 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Luke 7:28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

When you go dood to door, and they say to you “Oh, are you the Pastor?”
You answer and say, No, I’m **only** a bus worker.

When you greet someone at the entrance to the church they say “Oh, are you the Pastor?”
You answer and say, No, I’m **only** a Sunday School Teacher.

The apostle Paul wrote that. He also wrote this in **Eph 3:8**...

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

I want to preach to you about being an **only** for God.

I Cor 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

God’s not impressed if you have a phd after your name, but he desires that you be willing to put an **only** in front of your name.

Everyone here is called into the full time ministry if your saved.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

But when we think of full time ministry we immediately think of being called to pastor a church or to be some great evangelist. We have heros of the faith. When a young man ...(or in this case a fat old ugly one)... gets behind the pulpit to preach, we wish we could preach like Billy Sunday, but for some reason it never comes out the way we envisioned it. We wish we could have large congregations like D.L.Moody. But we only preach in a small country church.. But the bible says...

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

What if God called you to be a Sunday school teacher and a soul got saved!

What if he called you to be a children’s church preacher and a soul got saved!!!

What if he called you to bea Bus worker and a soul got saved!!! .

Just think of the Sunday School Teacher that lead little Jack Hyles to the Lord!!

Bus ministry? Oh, but those bus kids are so disobedient and dirty and they'll just mess up the church.

I heard of a church that was so clean...The congregation all wore white robes... The choir sung HOLY>>>>HOLY>>>>HOLY Then the authority of that church said my house is not yet full. **go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.** But then the white robed deacons said... **Why should we let them into our nice clean Heaven, Lord.** They're sinners, They're disobedient. They're filthy.They'll only dirty up the place. Let me ask you a question.

Why should God go out of his way to let you into his Heaven? I'm so glad God's started a bus ministry.

When you pick up a rock off the ground it is filthy, but after you polish it a bit you find gold!!

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

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This be my story to God be the Glory

I'm only a sinner saved by grace.

Oh but we're a family oriented church...We only want these kids if Mom and Dad bring em.

I don't want to go to a family oriented church,

I want my family to go to a God oriented church.

Abraham didn't put his family ahead of God when he offered up Issac.

Gen 22:12 I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And get this, **God** did not put his family ahead of **God** either.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,...

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his(pause, hand on ear)..... only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Why don't you just get busy and do something for God.

But Lord, I'm only a bus kid, what can I do?

Jer 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

What can I do Lord . I'm only a teenager. I'm only a ...bus kid. Well why don't you just be a Jerimiah then. Just be a young squirt named David. Just be a young man named Daniel. Just do what God wants you to do. Go to your pastor and tell him you want work in Sunday school.

Just tell him you want to be a bus worker.

Just tell him you want to be an only and see souls saved.