

## **MAXIMUM IMPACT (Mark 9:42-50)**

**November 10, 2024**

**TEXT—Mark 9:42-50**

**2 Cor.5:14-15**

**MAIN IDEA**—Gospel-centered love, holiness, and commitment maximize our effectiveness for God's glory and the good of others.

**MEMORY VERSE—Rom. 13:14**

**RADICAL LOVE (Mk. 9:42)**—To have a maximum impact for Christ and His kingdom Jesus calls his disciples to walk in a radical display of love. This love leads the disciple of Jesus to avoid anything that would cause a fellow brother or sister in Christ to sin.

**Matt.18:5-7**

**1Cor. 13:4-6**

>We must avoid leading others into sin by direct temptation (like lying, cheating, stealing, committing sexual sins or ungodly activities-**Prov.1:10**).

>We're to avoid causing others to stumble by indirect temptation (i.e. provoking children to anger, lack of forgiveness, lack of kindness, being mean-spirited etc.).

>We're to avoid setting an example that causes others to sin (**Rom.14:13**). >We're to avoid failing to encourage our brothers or sisters (**Heb.10:24**).

**1 Cor. 12:25-27**

**1 Jn.4:7-12, 19**

**RADICAL HOLINESS (Mk. 9:43-48)**—Having a maximum impact for Christ and His Kingdom requires the disciple of Christ to walk in a radical display of holiness. Holiness is following Jesus in such a way that our lives are set apart for God and His glory alone.

**Matt.15:18-20; Jas.1:14-15**

**Acts 19:19-20**

\*Hell is the place of eternal punishment. This word (Gehenna) comes from the Valley of Hinnom near Jerusalem, which was a garbage dump where fires constantly burn. Carcasses were thrown in there. During earlier times, babies were offered there to the fire god 'Molech'. Loud drums were played to drown out the screams. All of this became a graphic symbol of eternal torment. The threat of hell is to the one who refuses to repent of a life of sin. **See V47-48.**

**Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*Hell is not temporary; it is forever (Rev.20:10). How essential it is for sinners to trust Jesus Christ and be delivered from eternal hell, and how important it is for believers to get the message out to a lost world!***

\*The one who has truly come to Christ had a changed heart that seeks righteousness (**Matt.5:6**). In Christ this new heart attitude of killing sin becomes our lifelong pattern (**2 Cor.7:1**).

**1 Cor.6:19-20; 1 Pet.2:9-10**

**RADICAL COMMITMENT (Mk. 9:49-50)**—When we pursue this kind of love and holiness based on Christ's love for us, we display a radical commitment to Jesus.

**Lev.2:13**

**V50**—Salt had immense value in the past and was used as currency and also as a preservative in the ancient world to preserve food in hot climates. Without salt food would spoil. Salt is used as a flavor enhancer, but diluted salt loses its flavor and becomes good for nothing.

**Gal.5:22-23**

**Matt.5:13**

**Rom. 12:1**