

**I) V26-29 INTRO: Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying Arise and go toward**

**II) JESUS: Had given a command to the disciples**

**a) Mt 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”**

**III) LATER: He had given greater insight in to this commandment**

**a) Ac 1:8 You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

**IV) WITH GOD’S WORD AND GOD’S POWER: The disciples were to evangelize the world**

**a) And this is what they have been doing**

**V) AFTER PENTECOST: The disciples shared the gospel in Jerusalem**

**a) When persecution arose, they scattered throughout Judea and into Samaria (8:1)**

**VI) NOW: We see the gospel beginning to go to the end of the earth**

**VII) HERE: We see Philip sharing the gospel with a high ranking official from Ethiopia**

**VIII) PHILIP: Is the only one ever spoken of as an evangelist (Ac 21:8)**

**a) Though we may not hold the position of an evangelist, we do the work of one**

**IX) INTERESTINGLY: Paul gave orders to *a timid* young pastor that applies to us all**

**a) 2 Ti 4:5 You be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, *do the work of an evangelist*, fulfill your ministry.**

**X) INTERESTINGLY: We all in one form or another already do the work of an evangelist**

**a) Everybody does evangelism, in one form or another**

**XI) INTERESTING: Taken from a page called Search Engine Land**

**Google: 34,000 searches per second (2 million per minute; 121 million per hour; 3 billion per day; 88 billion per month, figures rounded)**

**Yahoo: 3,200 searches per second (194,000 per minute; 12 million per hour; 280 million per day; 8.4 billion per month, figures rounded)**

**Bing: 927 searches per second (56,000 per minute; 3 million per hour; 80 million per day; 2.4 billion per month, figures rounded)**

**I) ANOTHER PAGE SAID:**

**Twitter 19 billion searches per month and 600 Tweets per second**

**FB has 1.79 billion users with status updates at the rate of 700 per second**

**II) IN 2016: Total ticket sales for movies were 1 billion 334 million 595 thousand 859**

**This made \$11,250, 646,490 in revenue**

**III) THE AVERAGE AMERICAN watches 5 hours of TV per day**

**Many are now using Hulu, Netflix, and a variety of other outlets**

**IV) NIELSEN: More than 90% of Americans listen to radio, daily**

**a) From talk shows to music programs, the influence is staggering**

**V) SO IS: The revenue**

**a) Lu 16:8 The sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.**

**VI) THE MOST INFLUENTIAL EVANGELISTS: Are getting their product out**

**VII) WHAT YOU VALUE MOST: Is what is easiest to speak about**

**a) Mt 12:34 out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

**VIII) HERE: We see Philip revealing what he values the most**

**a) It is sharing the love of God with a spiritually unsatisfied Ethiopian official**

**IX) V26-28 NOW: An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying Arise and go toward the south**

**X) KEY: Revival is occurring yet Philip was instructed to go to the desert**

**XI) FACT: In obedience, he arose and went!**

**a) He could have been reluctant, but God was after someone**

**XII) IT IS INTERESTING: How the Lord works things to reach those who have need**

**XIII) JESUS: Went to a city of Samaria to speak to the woman at the well**

**JESUS: Went into the city of Jericho, and ministered to Zacchaeus (Lu 19)**

**XIV) EARLIER: An angel of the Lord opened the prison doors so Peter and John could preach**

**a) Ac 5:20 Go stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life**

**XV) NOW: We see that the Lord has an appointment with an Ethiopian official**

**I) V26 AN ANGEL: Of the Lord spoke to Philip saying Arise and go toward the south**

**a) This was divine direction for the purpose of presenting the gospel to someone**

**II) PHILIP: Travels southwest of Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert**

**III) INTERESTINGLY: Philip had been used by the Lord to preach in Samaria**

**a) Many had come to faith in Jesus, but Simon the Sorcerer had also heard him**

**1) Philip could be reluctant to preach after such an experience but he is still sent**

**2) This would strengthen him against becoming timid about preaching**

**IV) V27AND: Behold a man of Ethiopia a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen**

**V) ETHIOPIA: In that day was a large kingdom located south of Egypt**

**a) Greeks and Romans would refer to it as the *uttermost part of the earth***

**VI) POWER: Actually was wielded by what was called the Queen Mother**

**a) The Queen Mother held a hereditary title, which was Candace (great, royal woman)**

**VII) V27 THE MAN: Is spoke of as a eunuch of great authority**

**a) He was a eunuch of great authority, being the minister of Finance for Ethiopia**

**VIII) THOUGH POWERFUL: He was also empty and obviously searching**  
a) He came to Jerusalem to worship, seeking to know the true and Living God

1) But he was returning to Ethiopia spiritually empty

**IX) AS A EUNUCH: He would not allowed to become a full convert to Judaism**

a) Dt 23:1 No one who has been emasculated by crushing, or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord

1) He would have been limited to the status of God-fearer

**X) HIS TIME IN JERUSALEM: Did not completely satisfy his spiritual hunger**

a) Considering the spiritual state of the nation, he would have left unsatisfied

**XI) IN THE MIDST OF THIS: God was preparing the Minister of Finance for salvation**

a) Instead of losing interest, he evidenced spiritual hunger

**XII) GOD SAW: The hunger of this man and God sent Phillip to share with him**

a) Jer 29:12-13 Then shall you call upon me, and you shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.

**I) V29 THEN: The Spirit said to Phiip Go near and overtake this chariot**

a) The Spirit prompted his heart to move, and he did

1) God had prepared this man's heart, and it must have thrilled Philip

**II) V30 SO PHILIP: *Ran to him* and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah**

**III) INSTEAD OF BEING TIMID: Philip hurried over to the man and spoke to him**

**a) There must have been bodyguards present but Philip was able to approach him**

**IV) HE WAS: Reading (out loud) from the book of Isaiah**

**V) V30 NOTICE HIS QUESTION: *Do you understand* what you are reading**

**a) This is a great opening question, because the man would not know the meaning**

**VI) V31 AND: He said How can I unless someone guides me**

**a) PHILIP: Was completely conversant with the passage and able to provide an answer**

**1) Eph 4:11-12 He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ**

**VII) FIRST: The bible is a closed book to those who do not know the Lord**

**a) 1 Co 2:14 But people who aren't Christians can't understand these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them because only those who have the Spirit can understand what the Spirit means.**

**VIII) IT REQUIRES: The presentation of God's Word and the explanation for people to be saved**

**a) Nature and conscience can make us aware of a God, but the Word reveals Him**

**IX) KEY: Philip needed to explain the passage to him for him to grasp its context**

**a) It takes the Spirit to draw him and fill him with salvation and understanding**

**1) Jn 16:13-14 When He the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you**

**X) THE MAN'S RESPONSE: Reveals the humility of his heart, as well as its hunger**

**a) He invites Philip to be seated with him: this must have thrilled Philip!**

**XI) V32-34 THE PLACE: In the Scripture which he read was this He was led as a sheep**

**a) This was a question many had wrestled with in Israel**

**1) Some believed this spoke of the nation of Israel**

**2) Others thought Isaiah was speaking of himself**

**I) STILL OTHERS: Thought the passage spoke of Messiah**

**a) Philip obviously knew Who was being spoken of in this passage**

**II) V35 THEN: Philip opened his mouth and beginning at this Scripture preached Jesus**

**a) Philip was filled with faith, power, and God's word and clearly shared Jesus**

**III) THIS SIMPLE THING: Seems to be lost on many in pulpits today**

**a) This has been the strength of Calvary ministries for many years**

**IV) THE FACT IS: The whole Bible points to Jesus, we need to preach Him**

**a) We need to study to be able to minister in this manner, with a systematic knowledge**

**V) THIS IS ONE REASON: That spending time in God's word is so beneficial**

**a) Philip was able to present the passage and point to the Savior**

**1) 1 Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear**

**VI) V36-37 NOW: As they went down the road they came to some water**

**a) He now asks a second question: what hinders me from being baptized**

**VII) SOMEWHERE ON THE ROAD: The man came to believe in Jesus**

**a) His desire to follow the Lord in baptism was genuine, and he asked for baptism**

**VIII) BAPTISM: Was the picture of the new life promised by Jesus**

**a) Ro 6:1-5 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.**

**IX) V37 NOTICE: Believe with all your heart, no half hearted conversions**

**X) V38 SO: He commanded the chariot to stand still and both Philip and the eunuch**

**a) Before the entire entourage, the man dedicated his life to Jesus: an open witness**

**XI) V39 NOW: When they came up out of the water the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip**

**a) Philip was immediately taken from the man's presence, confirming the message**

**1) This encouraged the Ethiopian to rejoice greatly**

**I) V40 BUT PHILIP: Was found at Azotus and passing through he preached in all the**

**a) Azotus was 20 miles north of Gaza, and was a city once called Ashdod**

**1) He kept preaching in the cities until he came to Caesarea, to the north**

**II) NOTHING IS HEARD: Of the Ethiopian again**

**a) The church father Irenaeus wrote that he became a missionary to the Ethiopians**

**III) WHAT WE DO KNOW: Is that the Spirit prepared the man, and Philip brought him Jesus**