



Owe Nothing to the Lost

Jonathan Banning · Romans 13:7–8 · Series: **Owe Nothing**

INTRODUCTION

- One of the things that becomes very clear as we read the Bible is that God expects his people to live debt-free lives.
- There is a way for us to live our lives where we can confidently say, I owe nothing to the lost because I have given them everything I'm supposed to give them.
- Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

1 You Owe the Lost Your Example

Matthew 5:13–16; Mark 4:21

- You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- Jesus says, first of all, that we are supposed to be, in our example, the salt of the earth. And what he means by that is that we should be different.
- When Jesus calls us the light of the world, he's telling us that we need to stand out.
- Just as it is possible for us to be tasteless salt, it is also possible for us to be smothered light.
- Do not underestimate the power of your example in being able to change the lost.

2 We Owe the World a Defense

1 Peter 3:14–15

- Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.
- As Christians, we need to always be ready to make a defense to anyone who asks you to give an account for your hope.
- That's what we owe the lost. A defense for our hope.
- We need to be prepared to tell anyone who will listen about our hope, about our relationship with Jesus, about how he has changed our lives.
- The gospel is supposed to be good news that gives us hope. And who's going to listen to the good news we're bringing them if it's never really been good news to us?

3 The Last Thing You Owe the Lost Is Your Love

Romans 13:7–8

- The last thing you owe the lost is your love.

- That is the one thing that you will never be able to give enough of. You will always owe the lost your love.
- Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another, for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.
- There's always a way to give more and more and more love. And that should be our attitude toward those around us.

THE CHALLENGE

I hope that you can look at the people around you when you wake up tomorrow. And you can confidently say that you are innocent of the blood of all men.

MY NOTES
