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How To Witness and Minister To Others More Effectively:

Introduction:

Learning how to witness and minister to others more effectively is a vital part of the Christian life. Jesus' final command to His followers was to *"go and make disciples of all nations"* (Matthew 28:19), reminding us that sharing the gospel is not optional—it's a central mission of every believer. Yet many Christians struggle with how to do this well. Some feel unqualified, afraid, or unsure of what to say. Others are willing but wonder why their efforts seem to bear little fruit. The good news is that God has not left us without guidance. Scripture provides clear principles and examples that help us grow in both confidence and compassion as we reach out to others in truth and love.

Witnessing and ministering are not just about having the right words—they're about reflecting the heart of Jesus in both action and attitude. Whether we're engaging people in our local community or reaching across cultures and borders, effective ministry flows from a life surrendered to Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and grounded in love. As we grow in spiritual maturity and sensitivity to the needs around us, our ability to share the gospel with clarity, boldness, and grace increases. Becoming a more effective witness isn't about mastering a technique—it's about becoming more like Jesus, who came not to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3:17).

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How To Witness and Minister To Others More Effectively:

God's Calling

What is a calling by God upon our lives as Christians ?

To be "called" or to receive a "calling of God" refers to the belief or experience that God is summoning or directing a person toward a specific purpose, task, or way of life. This directive by God appears throughout the Bible and in many spiritual traditions, often involving a deep sense of conviction, purpose, or divine direction.

1. Biblical and Theological Definition

- **"Calling" (Greek: *klesis*):** In the New Testament, the word often refers to God's invitation to salvation, service, or sanctified living (e.g., Romans 8:28–30, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 4:1).
- **Two Main Types of Calling:**
 - **General Calling:** God's universal call to all people to believe in Him and follow His moral will. This includes salvation, repentance, and holy living.
 - **Specific Calling:** A unique assignment or purpose given by God to an individual—such as a call to ministry, a vocation, or a life path (e.g., Moses, Paul, or modern-day missionaries, teachers, or leaders).

2. Examples in Scripture

- **Moses** (Exodus 3): Called by God through the burning bush to lead Israel out of Egypt.
- **Isaiah** (Isaiah 6): Called through a vision to be a prophet.
- **Paul** (Acts 9): Called on the road to Damascus to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.
- **Believers** (1 Peter 2:9): Called "out of darkness into his marvelous light."

3. Spiritual or Practical Meaning Today

Being "called" by God today can mean:

- A deep internal sense that you're meant to do something specific (e.g., be a pastor, nurse, artist, parent).

- An external confirmation by community or circumstances.
- A sustained pull toward using your gifts and life for a purpose that aligns with God's will and serves others.

4. Discerning a Calling

Discerning a calling often involves:

- Prayer and seeking God's guidance
- The Holy Spirit
- Reading and applying God's Word
- Seeking counsel from mature believers
- Paying attention to your gifts, passions, and burdens
- Observing open and closed doors

Summary:

To be "called" by God means to be invited or appointed by Him to a relationship, purpose, or task—whether general (like living faithfully) or specific (like a vocation or mission).

There are many different callings by God to each Christian;

God's calling is a commission, invitation or command for us to respond and to do something.

God's calling can be a divine summon to go from one place to another, or, He can call us to remain where we are to do His will. Any calling by God is one of His divine overall purposes for our life.

As Christians and disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us have been Called in some way:

To COME unto God the Father and to Jesus Christ for Salvation

Our **initial calling by God** is the invitation to repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ. This is the most foundational calling for every human being. God, in His mercy and love, calls all people to turn from sin, believe the Gospel, and receive eternal life. As

Jesus declared, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Matthew 4:17). This call is not just a suggestion or moral improvement—it is a divine summons to abandon our rebellion and be reconciled to God through faith in Christ. Through the conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8), we are shown our need for forgiveness and the truth that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus (Acts 4:12).

This calling is universal yet personal. God *“commands all people everywhere to repent”* (Acts 17:30), but He also draws individuals by name, revealing His grace and truth in a way that speaks to the heart. Our response to this call is not based on human effort or good works, but on faith in the finished work of Christ—His death and resurrection for our sins (Romans 10:9–10). The moment we believe, we are justified, adopted into God’s family, and sealed with His Spirit. This is the beginning of our life in Christ and the foundation upon which every other calling is built. Without this first step of salvation, no other calling can be rightly discerned or fulfilled.

ALL of us, as true believers of Jesus Christ, are called in general by God to Love, to witness , and to minister to the needs of others. We are called to operate in God’s Love and minister to others, in many ways, throughout our whole life as a Christian. Regardless of our fears, weaknesses or unworthiness, God still most definitely desires to use all of us because He is able to work through us by the power of His Holy Spirit.

We just need to make ourselves available, and do the things that God reveals and calls us to do and further, enables us, by the Holy Spirit.

We need to come unto Jesus Christ and to God the Father, not only at the time that we first believed in Jesus Christ, but also constantly throughout our lives as Christians.

For instance, when we are weary, heavy burdened, Jesus CALLED us, to Come

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Romans 10:15 And How shall they preach unless they are sent ? Just as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things."

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

There is no greater calling for our lives than to be called by God, to love Him and to serve Him and to love others as Jesus Christ has loved us. God has a definite, plan and a purpose for each one of our lives with meaningful direction.

The present and eternal blessings and rewards for being faithful to serve in a few things that God has planned for us to do is immeasurable . Even though presently they

are not fully comprehensible by us, God is still faithful to pour out His awesome blessings upon us. It is essential to understand that we've 'all' been called as Christians to witness and to minister to others in various ways. Everyone of us, you and me.

Each daily opportunity to share Jesus Christ with someone, regardless how small the opportunity seems in our eyes, still is not insignificant in God's eyes because it is part of His wondrous plan.

God desires to use each one of us to share His truths, His love and the good news of His salvation through the grace of Jesus Christ with our family, friends, to those at our work place, at school, to those in need, to strangers, to whomever God brings us to within our community and to people in foreign lands.

As we hear God's call and see the vision that God has revealed for us to serve, we need to trust God to enable us by His Holy Spirit to accomplish that which He has called us to do. Fulfilling God's calling does not depend on our abilities, but His abilities. Therefore, let each one of us acknowledge and be encouraged.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me."

We need to continue to rely on God's Holy Spirit and His word so we can overcome our fears and do His will to witness to others regardless of our weaknesses or rejection.

True, not all of us will be called to the mission field in some remote country; however, we should always be prayerful and open for God to use us wherever He decides best. We should become a person who desires to please God. Let us be men and women after God's own Heart. As we hear His voice calling us to be a servant or to be a witness in our community or beyond, let our response be of a willing heart ...

Isaiah 6:8 " Here I am Lord, send me "

Corporate Callings by God

(General Callings for All Believers in Christ)

God has personally called each of us—by name and through His Word—to walk in certain shared responsibilities and privileges as part of His Body. These are not optional for the believer but are foundational to our life in Christ.

God has called us to:

1. Come to Jesus Christ for Salvation

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

Salvation is the starting point of every calling. We are first called **into a relationship** with Christ.

2. **Love God and Love Others**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind... and your neighbor as yourself." – Matthew 22:37–39

This is the **greatest commandment** and the foundation of all we do.

3. **Be Disciples and Make Disciples**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." – Matthew 28:19

We are called to be **lifelong learners** of Jesus and to help others follow Him.

4. **Witness to Others About Jesus**

"You will be My witnesses..." – Acts 1:8

Whether through words or lifestyle, every believer is called to **share the Gospel**.

5. **Minister to the Needs of Others**

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." – 1 Peter 4:10

We are called to use our spiritual gifts and resources to **build up the Body and serve the hurting**.

6. **Live a Holy and Godly Life**

"Be holy, for I am holy." – 1 Peter 1:16

We are set apart to reflect Christ's character in a world that needs His light.

7. **Grow in Christlikeness (Sanctification)**

"This is the will of God, your sanctification..." – 1 Thessalonians 4:3

God calls us to continually grow in **spiritual maturity**.

8. **Live in Unity with the Body of Christ**

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit..." – Ephesians 4:3

We are called to **maintain peace and love** among fellow believers.

9. **Give Thanks in All Circumstances**

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will..." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

A thankful heart reflects trust in God and points others to His goodness.

10. **Pray Continually**

"Pray without ceasing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer is a universal calling—it's our **lifeline** to the Father.

11. **Carry Our Cross and Follow Jesus Daily**

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself..." – Luke 9:23

We're called to a **life of surrender and commitment**.

12. Forgive Others as Christ Forgave Us

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." – Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness is not optional—it's a **command of grace**.

13. Be Ambassadors of Reconciliation

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

We represent Christ in the ministry of **reconciling people to God**.

14. Seek Justice and Walk Humbly

"Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

We are called to **reflect God's heart for righteousness and compassion**.

Individual Callings By God

Each new believer and follower of Jesus Christ, was first drawn and was called to Jesus Christ, to Salvation, by God the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit. This is God's complete work of Love for us, even though God may use another Christian to help lead or introduce someone to Jesus Christ, still it's, God the Father, doing the work, through one Christian to the new believer.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

After this there are other callings that are given by God to particular individuals at various times such as to a specific Christian to become a Pastor to preach or to another Christian to teach, or to another Christian to become a Missionary, or to another Christian to be a Minister to the needy etc.

While some Christians are called and anointed by God to operate primarily within one particular ministry, such as a Pastor, or a Christian Teacher, or a Minister of various helps, still there are other individual Christians within the Church, that are called and gifted by God, with these same types of Spiritual gifts, although they may not formally "Titled" as a Minister. Many Christians are still gifted by God with various individual callings at various times, as God needs to use that Christian.

Callings by God: By and For Specific Individual/s

1. Personal Callings to Ministry or Service

After salvation, **God continues to call individuals** to specific roles or functions within the Body of Christ. These are unique, Spirit-led assignments designed for the **building up of the Church** and the **advancing of God's Kingdom** on earth.

Examples include:

- **The call to be a Pastor** – to shepherd God's people and preach the Word.

- **The call to be a Teacher** – to rightly divide and communicate biblical truth.
- **The call to be a Missionary** – to bring the gospel to unreached people groups and to serve others in the world as a testimony of Jesus Christ being truly the Way.
- **The call to Minister to Reach Specific Individuals, Groups or Types of People who are Physically in Need and Spiritually Need To Be Saved** – to serve practically and compassionately in Jesus' name.

These callings are accompanied by God's **anointing and equipping** through the Holy Spirit.

2. Spiritual Gifts and Functional Callings

Not all Christians are formally titled as “Ministers,” yet many are still:

- **Gifted**
- **Anointed**
- **Used by God**

...to do the work of ministry in everyday life.

These spiritual gifts (see 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4) may be:

- **Teaching, encouraging, giving, serving, evangelizing, showing mercy**, etc.

1 Peter 4:10 – *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”*

These gifts may be expressed **informally**—in workplaces, homes, neighborhoods, or friendships—yet are still powerful and vital parts of God's mission.

3. God's Ongoing Assignments

God often gives **seasonal or situational callings** to individual believers. A Christian may be called to:

- Lead a Bible study for a time
- Comfort someone in crisis
- Serve in a particular ministry area

- Speak a word of encouragement or prophecy
- Help in a missions effort or outreach

These callings may not always come with a title, platform, or recognition—but they are **just as significant** in God's eyes.

How Do We Hear A Calling From God?

Every Christian can begin to hear God's calling for their own life by...

- Trust God: 'Listen' to what God may call you to do within your heart. Be sober and attentive always. Lean not to your own understanding -rely on the Holy Spirit to reveal His calling to you. Have confidence -the Holy Spirit is able to guide you into all truth so that you will know your calling.
- Praying for God's wisdom and direction.
- Reading God's word; listening and meditating on His truths. It's simple corporate callings by God for all of us to do are found written in the Bible.
- Generally speaking, with a few exceptions, if a corporate calling by God was applicable to the early church, it is still applicable to us today for instance "*to confess Jesus before men*", Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.
- Listen to Godly counsel
- Discern if the calling that you have received is from God and consistent to the Word of God in the Bible

Summary - How do we hear a calling from God ?

God seldom chooses to speak to us in an audible voice. God is Spirit. We must worship Him in spirit and truth - God leads us by His Spirit. " *The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth...*" His specific calling for each of us to do will be revealed through His written word in a personal way by the Holy Spirit, confirming the specific calling within our heart. We must learn to hear God's voice by the Holy Spirit and not with our natural ears. Although God does have the ability to speak audibly, He still more often chooses to call us in a small still voice within our heart.

PRAYER - TO HEAR GOD'S CALLING

All of us as Christians need to hear God's calling and purpose for our lives... So let's first take time to pray...right now in your own words...

" Father God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we come before you, asking for wisdom and believing that You will give us the ears to hear Your calling and to know Your specific purposes for our lives. Please reveal to us each day what you desire each of us to do, for Your Glory. Help us to hear and listen daily for your various callings upon our lives. Encourage us and strengthen us to respond faithfully to fulfill all that You've called us to do, In Jesus Name."

How Do We Know For Sure That a Calling Is Truly From God—And Not from Ourselves or Deceptive Spirits?

Discerning whether a specific calling is truly from God—or simply a product of our own desires or even satanic deception—is a vital part of the Christian walk. Scripture warns us that “**many false prophets have gone out into the world**” (1 John 4:1), and that even Satan “**masquerades as an angel of light**” (2 Corinthians 11:14). Therefore, we must examine every calling, opportunity, or impulse carefully and spiritually. Below are key biblical principles to guide us in testing whether a calling is truly from God.

1. Is it Consistent with God’s Word?

Every true calling from God will **never contradict Scripture**. God's voice will never direct us to do something contrary to His Word, His character, or His commandments. The **whole counsel of God’s Word** must support the direction we believe we are receiving—not just a verse taken out of context (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16–17). If it violates Scripture or the spirit of the gospel, it is **not from God**.

2. Is the Holy Spirit Bearing Witness in Your Heart?

When a calling is from God, the Holy Spirit often brings it **to your attention repeatedly**—through Scripture, sermons, prayer, or godly counsel—until it becomes clear. Romans 8:14 says, “*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*” God may stir a persistent burden in your heart that you cannot shake. But also, be aware: sometimes the Spirit leads **suddenly**, without repetition. The key is a growing **inner assurance** and peace from God that this direction is of Him—not confusion or pressure.

3. Does It Bring Glory to Christ and Advance His Kingdom?

A calling from God will always exalt Jesus and promote His gospel—not self-promotion, worldly gain, or division. Ask: “*Is this truly about building the Kingdom of God, or building my own platform?*” (John 16:13–14; Colossians 3:17). If Christ is not at the center of it, it may be of the flesh or even a counterfeit spiritual voice.

4. Are There Godly Confirmations—Without Testing God?

God, in His grace, may give you **confirmations** through Scripture, trusted spiritual mentors, repeated providential signs, or answered prayers. These are **not demands** you place on God (like Gideon's fleece in Judges 6, which is descriptive, not prescriptive), but rather ways He may lovingly affirm your path. Be cautious: **do not manipulate or test God** by demanding signs. Instead, walk by faith, not by sight (Hebrews 11:6).

5. Has God Placed a Holy Burden or Desire in Your Heart?

Often, a calling from God is accompanied by a **God-given desire** to serve or respond to a specific need (Philippians 2:13). You may find yourself **drawn with compassion** or a deep, Spirit-led longing toward a particular people group, ministry, or cause. This burden often grows with prayer and results in a readiness to sacrifice comfort for the sake of obedience.

6. Is There a Need—And an Open Door?

God often leads through **practical needs** and **open doors** (Revelation 3:7–8; 1 Corinthians 16:9). If there's a clear opportunity to serve in a way that aligns with God's Word, and the Spirit prompts you toward it, that may very well be a part of your calling. Be watchful, and remain prayerful, as not every open door is from God—but many are.

7. Does it Require Faith and Dependence on God?

Callings from God will require you to step out of your comfort zone in **faith and dependence on Him** (Hebrews 11:8–10). He often calls us to tasks beyond our natural abilities so that we rely on His strength and not our own (2 Corinthians 3:5–6). Be ready to walk by faith, trusting that if He is calling you, He will equip you.

8. Are You Willing to Be Obedient—Even If It's Costly?

True callings often involve **sacrifice**, suffering, or delay. Ask yourself: *"If this calling doesn't bring attention, success, or immediate fruit—will I still obey?"* Jesus said, *"Whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple"* (Luke 14:27). A heart that's surrendered and obedient—regardless of the cost—is better positioned to hear God's true voice.

9. Are You Open to Wise, Godly Counsel?

God often confirms or refines your calling through **mature Christian leaders or friends**. Proverbs 11:14 says, *“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.”* If spiritually mature people who know you well raise red flags, don’t ignore them—test what you believe God is saying in the context of community and accountability.

10. Do You Sense Spiritual Clarity, Not Confusion or Compulsion?

God leads His people in **peace and clarity** (1 Corinthians 14:33). If a calling feels forced, chaotic, pride-driven, or rushed, take time to pray and wait. Satan often pressures people into impulsive actions or guilt-based decisions. The Lord leads with peace, not with torment or fear (John 10:27).

11. Does the Calling Reflect the Same Divine Love as Jesus?

A true calling is motivated by **Christ-like love**—selfless, sacrificial, truthful, and pure (1 Corinthians 13). If it reflects a **false, worldly love** that compromises truth for approval, promotes tolerance of sin, or leads to emotional manipulation, then it is not from God (John 13:34–35; Romans 12:9; Ephesians 5:1–2).

Summary Scriptures:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.” – **Proverbs 3:5–6**

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God...” – **1 John 4:1**

How Do We Know a Calling Is Truly from God?

Discerning whether a calling is from God—and not from our own imagination, emotional impulse, or even demonic deception—requires spiritual maturity, scriptural grounding, and wisdom. Scripture urges us to “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1), because not every thought, desire, or opportunity comes from the Lord.

Below are biblical principles to help identify a true calling versus a false or deceptive one.

Below is a breakdown of biblical principles to help recognize a true calling:

1. Is It Consistent with God's Word?

"All Scripture is God-breathed... so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." —2 Timothy 3:16–17

A genuine calling from God will never contradict His Word. It will always reflect His character, the mission of Christ, and the message of the Gospel. If the supposed calling promotes pride, sin, division, false doctrine, or self-glory, it is not from God.

Ask: Does this align with the full counsel of Scripture?

2. Is the Holy Spirit Confirming It?

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit..." —Romans 8:16

The Holy Spirit often confirms a calling by creating clarity, conviction, and repeated promptings. He may bring the same message to your heart over and over through Scripture, prayer, teaching, or circumstances. This is often accompanied by peace, not confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

3. Is There Godly Counsel and Confirmation?

"In the multitude of counselors there is safety." —Proverbs 11:14

Mature believers, pastors, or mentors can help you discern whether what you're sensing is truly from God. While confirmation from others should never replace God's voice, it can be a powerful way to guard against deception and presumption.

Note: Be careful not to demand signs or test God by putting out "fleeces" (Judges 6). God may choose to confirm things miraculously, but our faith should be built on His Word and Spirit, not on human-devised tests.

4. Is There a God-Given Desire and Burden?

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." —Philippians 2:13

God often plants within us a strong desire or a persistent burden to do something for His glory. You may find yourself deeply moved, unable to forget or ignore a need, or continually drawn to a particular area of service. This internal fire often signals a divine calling.

5. Are There Open Doors or Providential Opportunities?

"I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut." —Revelation 3:8

God often opens doors in His timing—providing opportunities, connections, or circumstances that align with the calling. Closed doors can also be just as meaningful, redirecting your steps.

Important: Don't force doors open in your own strength. A calling will be accompanied by God's provision and leading, not striving or manipulation.

6. Are You Willing to Walk by Faith?

"We live by faith, not by sight." —2 Corinthians 5:7

God doesn't always provide full clarity before asking us to act. Often, we must step out in obedience before everything makes sense. While some uncertainty may remain, obedience brings greater clarity over time. A calling typically becomes clearer as we walk in it.

Marks of a False or Fleshly Calling

- Rooted in pride, ambition, or selfish gain
- Out of alignment with Scripture or the Gospel
- Produces confusion, division, or fear
- Ignores godly wisdom or isolates from accountability
- Glorifies the person, not God

Discern If the Calling Is Demonic or Deceptive in Origin

Not all "spiritual" callings come from God. Satan can disguise himself as "an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), and false leadings can feel urgent, emotional, or even deeply convincing—yet still be spiritually destructive.

Warning Signs of a Demonic or Deceptive Calling:

- It distracts from or distorts God's will and mission.
- It subtly promotes *your* glory over God's.
- It leads to sin, confusion, pride, obsession, or secretiveness.

- It pushes you toward isolation, rebellion, or manipulation.
- It is urgent but not peaceful—pressuring you to act without discernment or accountability.
- It justifies disobedience or makes you feel above correction.
- Unbiblical Calling
- Self promoting instead of Jesus, His Word and Way

Avoid False Doctrines, False Teachers, and False Christs

Jesus warned about false prophets who appear spiritual but deceive many (Matthew 24:4–5, 24). A false calling may come through distorted doctrine or counterfeit "spiritual" movements. Always examine the source of what you're hearing and whether it aligns with **sound biblical teaching** (1 Timothy 4:1; Galatians 1:6–9).

Reject Any Calling That Leads You Away from Jesus and from doing God's Will or causes you to sin:

Any supposed calling that pulls you away from intimacy with Christ, biblical truth, or dependence on Him is not of God. Jesus is the center of every true calling. *"Abide in Me... for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:4–5). If the fruit is spiritual compromise, pride, or a shift in your spiritual affections away from Christ—it is not from Him (2 Corinthians 11:3–4; Hebrews 12:2).

Key Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Is this consistent with the Bible?
2. Am I experiencing the confirming witness of the Holy Spirit?
3. Have wise, godly people affirmed this calling?
4. Do I feel a persistent, God-given desire or burden?
5. Has God opened any doors or created providential opportunities?
6. Am I prepared to move forward in faith and obedience?
7. Will this bring glory to God rather than to myself?

VISION

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you and Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As Christians, What have we been called to do by God ?

To Love God and others as Jesus loved us

To Openly Confess Jesus, Testify of His Forgiveness and Salvation, Declare His Word- To openly confess Jesus, testify of His forgiveness and salvation, and declare His Word is to courageously bear witness to His grace, share the hope of redemption, and speak His truth so that others may come to know Him.

To Go -We've been called to go (after we've been prepared) where God will direct each one of us to go. This means for us to put into action the vision that God will give us, and not just think about it. We're called into our community to our family, friends, and to strangers here and sometimes abroad.

To Make Disciples - We've been called not only to share with non-Christians to make a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but also to make disciples of them by teaching them the word of God.

To Baptize - We've been called to baptize people so that they can recognize that they are putting to death their old sinful ways through Jesus Christ, and rising again with new life which is eternal.

To Teach God's Word and Observance - It's essential when instructing new believers in the ways of God to also teach them to observe and obey God's direction and His commandments.

To Serve and Minister To the Needs Of Others- To serve and minister to the needs of others is to humbly offer our time, gifts, and compassion to uplift, heal, and support those around us, just as Christ did.

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become **fishers of men**.

The Vision

The Harvest Of Souls Is Ready Now

John 4:34-35 "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, "there are yet four months and then comes the Harvest ?" Behold; I say to You, **lift up your eyes and look** on the fields that they are white for harvest.'"

Proverbs 29:18 " Where there is no vision the people perish "

WHAT IS VISION FROM GOD ?

A vision from God, may come in different forms, and at different times, for instance, it may come in the form as a dream from God or it may even have come from the demonic realm as a temptation, deception or lie, so we need God's wisdom and discernment.

Acts 16:9-10 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a certain man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, 'come over to Macedonia and help us'".

After God "calls" each of us individually and corporately to respond to His invitation or to do some general work, He'll also give us the vision (wisdom & insight) by the Holy Spirit to see specifically who to go to and "how" to serve or witness to them, as we continue to pray for God's direction, learn from His word and receive Godly counsel.

All of us, as Christians, have been called to witness and to minister to those around us.

Now we need to pray to God and ask Him to show us specifically to whom and how we should witness and minister on a daily basis...

...So, let's first take time to pray right now, in your own words, to ask God to give us the vision needed to see how to carry-out His calling...

"Father God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we come before you. Please give us the wisdom and the vision to see specifically who you want us to witness to or to minister to on a daily basis. We ask for Your insight also to see 'how' to carry-out your plan and purpose for us each day. In Jesus Name."

Matt 9:37-38 "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. **Therefore pray** the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into His Harvest'".

The Vision

Vision from God is to perceive to whom and where God wants us to witness or minister after praying and waiting on God to hear from Him.

As a suggestion, **write down the specific names of people and places**, that God has placed upon your mind and heart to go and minister to or to witness to either directly or indirectly such as through a letter.

Vision from God to see who and where He wants you to go to takes time to develop within you by the Holy Spirit.

To Whom and Where Should We Witness and Minister?

1. To Everyone in the Highways and Byways

Luke 14:21–23 – The Gospel is for *everyone*, especially those society overlooks. We are to go out and compel them to come in.

2. To Those Who Are Physically Hungry and Spiritually Thirsty

Matthew 25:35 – Feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, both physically and spiritually.

Amos 8:11 – A famine of hearing the Word of the Lord—many are spiritually starving.

3. To Strangers

Matthew 25:35 – Welcome the outsider, foreigner, or marginalized person. Show hospitality as a witness of God's love.

4. To the Sick

Matthew 25:36, Psalm 41:6, James 1:27 – Visit and care for the sick, showing compassion and bringing encouragement.

5. To Those in Prison

Matthew 25:36 – Visit those imprisoned. Minister grace and truth to those behind bars, physically or spiritually.

6. To the Fatherless / Orphans

James 1:27, Psalm 82:3 – Defend and care for orphans and children without family support. This is pure religion.

7. To Widows

James 1:27, 1 Timothy 5:3 – Honor and care for widows in their distress. The church is called to protect and support them.

8. To the Poor and Needy

Psalm 82:3, Proverbs 19:17 – Defend the poor and needy. Giving to the poor is like lending to the Lord.

9. To Sinners

Matthew 9:13 – Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Minister with humility and grace.

10. To Children

Matthew 19:13–14 – Jesus welcomed the children and said the Kingdom belongs to such as these. We must never overlook them.

11. To Our Neighbors

Luke 10:30–37 – The Parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us that everyone is our neighbor, especially those in need.

12. To the Brokenhearted and Captive

Isaiah 61:1, Psalm 34:18, Luke 4:18 – Proclaim freedom and healing to those who are bound in grief, trauma, or addiction.

13. To Our Enemies

Luke 6:27–38, Proverbs 25:21–22 – Love, bless, and do good to your enemies. Minister to them through mercy and forgiveness.

14. To Tax Collectors and Known Sinners

Matthew 11:19 – Jesus was a friend of tax collectors and sinners. We are to follow His example, offering truth and love.

15. To the Lame, Crippled, and Blind

Luke 14:13–14 – Minister to those with physical limitations or disabilities. Show compassion and welcome.

16. To the Weary and Burdened – *Matthew 11:28* – Jesus invites the weary to come to Him. We are His hands and voice to them.

17. To the Oppressed and Downtrodden – *Psalm 9:9, Isaiah 58:6–7* – Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Break the yoke of injustice.

18. To Fellow Believers (especially struggling ones) – *Galatians 6:2* – Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

19. To the Nations (the Lost Around the World) – *Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 1:8* – The Great Commission calls us to go into all the world with the Gospel.

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MAJOR Objectives AREAS OF NEED, To Serve, To Minister to and To Support; That by so doing through God's Holy Spirit will bear much Good Fruit for the Kingdom of God to the Glory of Jesus Christ.

- **The world needs to hear the Word of Jesus Christ and be saved**
- **The World needs to receive the love of Jesus through your service and care**
- **Children In Need, Orphans, At Risks Youth, Youth Ministries, Child Sponsorship,**
- **Foreign Christian Missions, Unreached People Groups, Local Outreach Evangelism, Church Planting, Discipleship, Bringing the Good News, Specific Christian Missionaries and Families, Supplies, Servant**
- **International Christian Radio, TV, Internet, Local Christian Radio, Newspaper, Christian Community Broadcasting**
- **Water Well Projects, Water Purification Systems, Water for the Needy**
- **Human Trafficking / End Slavery -Search and Rescue, Shelter**
- **Christian Prison Ministry To Inmates and To their Families/Children**
- **Food For The Needy, General Foreign Aid Missions, Emergency Relief, Emergency Crisis & Disaster Response, Agriculture/ Livestock Assistance**
- **Provide Clothing For The Needy, Shoes for Children in Need**
- **Christian Drug/Alcohol Etc. Addictions Rehab, Suicide Intervention**
- **Provide Shelter For The Homeless, Disaster**
- **Health Ministry, Medical, Sick Visitation, Dental, Sanitation, Nutrition, Hospital Visitation**
- **Hospitality To Strangers, Visit Elderly, Widows, Lonely, and A Sincere Godly Love Towards Non-Christians and Other Christians, Prayer Ministries, Air – Ship - Transportation Ministries**

Why Should We Be a Witness for Jesus Christ and Serve the Needs of Others?

Biblical Commentary: Why Should We Be a Witness for Jesus Christ and Serve the Needs of Others?

The call to be a witness for Jesus Christ is a foundational element of our Christian faith, rooted in both the Great Commission and the testimony of the early Church. In Matthew 28:19–20, Jesus commands His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations,” a charge that extends to every believer. To witness for Christ is

not only to share the message of His life, death, and resurrection but also to reflect His character in our daily lives. Acts 1:8 reinforces this responsibility: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” Here, witnessing is presented as a Spirit-empowered task—something God Himself enables in us. Christians are called to be living testimonies, not merely through words but through transformed lives. Bearing witness involves integrity, courage, and the willingness to live in a way that makes the gospel visible and believable to others.

Serving the needs of others flows naturally from the gospel’s transforming work. Jesus modeled servant leadership throughout His ministry—washing His disciples’ feet (John 13:12–17), feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and reaching out to the marginalized. In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus makes it clear that acts of service are not optional for believers; they are expressions of true discipleship. He says, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Service becomes a form of worship, a tangible expression of love for Christ shown through our love for others. By serving others, we embody the kingdom of God, offering grace, mercy, and hope in a world plagued by injustice, suffering, and despair.

Witnessing and serving are intrinsically linked in the Christian life. We cannot effectively share the gospel without also showing its implications through loving action. James 2:17 puts it plainly: “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” A verbal proclamation of the gospel without practical compassion can appear hollow, even hypocritical. On the other hand, acts of service without the message of Christ may meet physical needs but fall short of offering eternal hope. The holistic mission of the Church, therefore, must encompass both proclamation and demonstration. When we serve others, we build bridges of trust and open hearts to receive the truth of the gospel. Our witness becomes credible when our love is sincere and our service sacrificial.

Ultimately, we witness for Jesus and serve others because we are recipients of God’s grace, and His love compels us to act (2 Corinthians 5:14–15). It is not out of mere obligation, but out of joyful gratitude that we participate in God’s redemptive work. As ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), we represent His heart to a broken world, offering reconciliation, justice, and peace. The Holy Spirit equips us to do this work, giving us gifts not for self-promotion but for the building up of the Body of Christ and the blessing of our communities. In a world filled with self-centeredness and division, Christians are called to be light and salt—living out a faith that is both bold in witness and rich in service. This dual commitment brings glory to God, transforms lives, and reveals the reality of the kingdom that is both present and yet to come.

Biblical Reasons to Witness and Minister to Non-Christians—Despite Weakness, Fear, or Rejection

1. Because God Loves Us—and Those who don’t know Him

Romans 5:8 “—But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God's love is the foundation. Just as He pursued us in our sin, He now calls us to share that same love and grace with others.

2. So That Others Might Be Saved and Receive Eternal Life

John 3:16–17, 1 Timothy 2:3–4 – God desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Our witness is often the means God uses to lead others to salvation.

3. Because God Rescued Us from Eternal Destruction

Colossians 1:13, Titus 3:3–7 – He delivered us from darkness and gave us eternal life, peace, joy, and purpose. Out of gratitude, it's only reasonable to love, obey, and share with others what we have freely received.

4. To Please and Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31, John 15:8 – When we bear fruit by sharing Christ, we glorify the Father. Pleasing God should be our highest aim, and it includes pointing others to Him.

5. Because We Are Commanded To

Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 1:8 – The Great Commission is not optional. Jesus commands His followers to go and make disciples, teaching all nations. Our obedience, even in fear, honors Him.

6. Because God Uses Us to Draw Others to Himself

2 Corinthians 5:20 “ –We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.”
God chooses to use weak and imperfect vessels to reach others. Our role is not to be perfect—but to be available and faithful.

7. Because the Multitudes Are Distressed and Lost

Matthew 9:36–38 – Jesus was moved with compassion for the crowds because they were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” That same compassion should move us to act.

8. Because There Is Power in the Gospel—Not in Us

Romans 1:16 “ –For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes...”

You don't need to be eloquent or perfect. The message, not the messenger, holds the power.

9. Because God Promises to Be With Us

Matthew 28:20, Isaiah 41:10 “ –I am with you always.” God doesn't send us alone. His Spirit empowers us with courage, wisdom, and the right words when we need them (Luke 12:12).

10. Because Spiritual Rewards and Blessings Follow Obedience

Daniel 12:3, John 4:36, 1 Corinthians 3:8 – Those who lead others to righteousness shine like stars forever. Every act of faithful witness will be remembered and rewarded by God.

11. Because Someone Once Witnessed to Us

Romans 10:14–15 “ –How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

We are the fruit of someone else's obedience. Now, we are called to be the vessel for someone else's salvation.

12. Because the Harvest Is Plentiful, but the Laborers Are Few

Matthew 9:37–38 – Jesus said, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*”

There is a vast spiritual need in the world. We are called not only to pray for laborers—but to **be** laborers. If not us, then who?

13. Because People Are Perishing Without Christ

2 Thessalonians 1:8–9, Revelation 20:15 – The Bible speaks plainly of the eternal consequences for those who do not know God or obey the Gospel. This is not a small matter—eternal destinies are at stake.

14. Because Time Is Short and the Days Are Evil

Ephesians 5:15–16, John 9:4 “—Make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Jesus said, “*We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.*”

We don’t have forever. We must act while we still can.

15. Because Jesus Is Coming Soon

Revelation 22:12, 2 Peter 3:9–10 — The Lord is patient, not willing that any should perish—but He *will* return. Until then, we must reach as many as possible while there is time.

16. Because Weakness Does Not Disqualify Us—It Displays God's Power

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 — God told Paul, “*My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.*”

You don’t need to be strong. In fact, your weakness may be the very thing God uses to reveal His glory and power to someone else.

17. Because the Gospel Is the Only Hope for True Transformation

2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4 — Only the Gospel can make someone a new creation. No other message—social, political, or philosophical—can truly free people from sin and death.

18. Because We Will Give an Account of Our Stewardship

Romans 14:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10 — One day, we will each stand before Christ to give an account of our lives. What we did with the message of salvation we received will matter for eternity.

19. Because Love Compels Us

2 Corinthians 5:14 “—For Christ’s love compels us...”

True love for God and for others drives us to share the good news. If we love souls, we will not be silent.

20. Because the Joy of One Sinner's Salvation Is Eternal

Luke 15:7, 10 – All heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents. Every soul reached brings joy to heaven and to the heart of God—and we get to be part of that miracle.

Matthew 10:41-42 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

Matthw 25:23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'"

Matthew 24:46-47 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Proverbs 12:14 "A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, and the deeds of a man's hands will return to him.

Common excuses for not witnessing or serving as God intended

Common excuses for not witnessing or serving as God intended are not valid because God will help to strengthen us in our weakness. God desires to work through us and our inabilities by His Holy Spirit, so He will receive the glory and we will also be Blessed in so many ways.

Some Common excuses are ;

1) I am too weak to share or serve others...

1 Corinthians 1:21-31: "For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has**

chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, god has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man would boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, that, just as it is written, 'LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.'"

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 "And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

1 Corinthians 12: 7-10 "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 13:4 "For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we shall live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you."

2. I have no seminary training. No one will listen to me when I talk about God and His way through Jesus Christ.

You don't need to have a degree in theology to be able to witness; Rather ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and read, listen and meditate on the simple truths of God's Word, and share God's truth as He will enable you, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:13 "Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus."

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

3. I'm too embarrassed and ashamed to be known as a Christian or to tell people about Christ around my friends, co-workers or strangers...

Jesus was not embarrassed or ashamed of us to love us and lay down His life for us when we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8). Jesus openly demonstrated His love for us. We should therefore openly confess our love for Him, without being ashamed..

Luke 9:26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

4. I feel that my sinful past, disqualifies me.

Your past does not disqualify you—it **can actually become a powerful part of your testimony** of God's mercy and transforming grace. The Bible is filled with people who had sinful or broken pasts, yet were used mightily by God. Paul, who once persecuted Christians, later became one of the most effective witnesses for Christ. He openly acknowledged his past, not to dwell on shame, but to highlight God's mercy.

1 Timothy 1:12–16 “—I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me... even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy... And the grace of our Lord was more than abundant... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience...”

God doesn't call the qualified—He qualifies the called. **Your past is forgiven** if you are in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). He has cleansed you, redeemed you, and now calls you to walk in newness of life, not in shame. You are not defined by your failures, but by His forgiveness.

Romans 8:1 “—There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Psalms 103:12 “—As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

Isaiah 43:18–19 “—Do not call to mind the former things... Behold, I am doing a new thing.”

Let your story be a testimony of what God can do with a life once broken by sin, now restored by grace. Others who feel unworthy or ashamed may find hope in your witness.

Witnessing Jesus to Others: Addressing Our Fears, Weaknesses, and Fear of Rejection

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities given to every believer. Yet, for many Christians, the thought of witnessing to others can stir up fear—fear of rejection, fear of saying the wrong thing, fear of being mocked or misunderstood. We may also feel unqualified, weak, or unsure of how to start the conversation. These fears are real, but they are not new—and the Bible speaks directly to them.

The early disciples faced intense persecution, ridicule, and rejection, yet they continued to proclaim Jesus with boldness. How? Not by relying on their own strength, but by being filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 reminds us: *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...”* God doesn’t ask us to witness alone. He empowers us with His presence, His words, and His courage. When we feel afraid or inadequate, we can remember the words of 2 Corinthians 12:9: *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”* Our weakness is not a hindrance—it’s an opportunity for God to show His strength.

Fear of rejection is perhaps one of the most common struggles. But we are not called to be accepted by the world—we are called to be faithful to Christ. Jesus said in John 15:20, *“If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”* Rejection of the message is not rejection of us personally—it’s a rejection of Jesus. We must anchor our identity in Christ, not in people’s responses. Our role is not to save anyone—that’s God’s work. Our role is to lovingly and clearly share the truth, trusting God with the results.

Lastly, we overcome fear by stepping out in faith, even in small ways. The more we obey, the more confident we become—not in ourselves, but in the faithfulness of God. Witnessing is not about having perfect answers or a flawless presentation. It’s about loving people enough to tell them the truth. Romans 1:16 says, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”* Let us remember that God uses ordinary, fearful, and even trembling people to do extraordinary things for His kingdom—when they’re willing to trust Him.

How To Witness and Minister To Others More Effectively:

1. Cultivate a Deep Relationship with Christ

Effective witnessing and ministry flow first and foremost from **a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ**. Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches... apart from Me, you can do nothing”* (John 15:5). No spiritual fruit can be sustained apart from abiding in Him. Before going out to the world, we must first sit at His feet like Mary did (Luke 10:39). Ministry is not merely about strategies or eloquence; it is the **overflow of a heart filled with the Holy Spirit**, rooted in the Word, and conformed to the character of Christ. As believers deepen their walk with the Lord through daily prayer, Scripture meditation, and obedience, they become vessels through which His light and love naturally shine to others (Matthew 5:14–16). An effective witness doesn’t merely carry a message but **embodies** it.

2. Share the Gospel with Clarity, Boldness, and Love

Paul reminded the Romans, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”* (Romans 1:16). Effective ministry requires a clear and bold presentation of the gospel: that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose again, and offers eternal life to those who repent and believe (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). But boldness must always be balanced with gentleness and respect. As Peter said, *“Always be prepared to give an answer... but do this with gentleness and respect”* (1 Peter 3:15). Our message must be **truthful and uncompromising**, yet **loving and compassionate**. We must be sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit, discerning the heart of the listener, and sowing the Word in fertile soil (Matthew 13). This means listening, building trust, and presenting the gospel in a way that resonates with where people are spiritually and emotionally.

3. Minister Through a Life of Authentic Love and Service

Words alone are not enough. Jesus said, *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:35). Authentic love opens hearts. In Galatians 5:13, Paul instructs us to serve one another through love. When people see Christ’s love demonstrated in practical ways—feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, listening to the broken—they begin to feel the reality of the gospel before they fully understand it. Effective ministry is **incarnational**—we must be the hands and feet of Jesus, stepping into the pain, mess, and need of people’s lives with humility and compassion. Whether in local communities or foreign countries, **servant-hearted ministry** softens hearts to receive truth. Like Jesus, we are called not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45), and in doing so, we reveal the heart of the gospel.

4. Depend on the Holy Spirit and Trust God with the Results

Finally, effective ministry and witnessing cannot be done in our own strength. Jesus instructed His disciples, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”* (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit empowers us to speak, gives us discernment, convicts hearts, and bears fruit through our efforts. We are called to sow and water, but **God gives the growth** (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). That means we must not become discouraged when results are slow or when rejection comes. Faithfulness, not success, is our measure. We witness and minister out of obedience, trusting God to move in His timing. Prayer must cover all we do—before we speak, while we minister, and after we part ways. When we labor with the Spirit’s power and in constant communion with God, even small acts of witness can bear eternal fruit.

How Souls Were Won in Bible Times:

A Biblical Overview of Evangelism in the Early Church and Old Testament Foundations

Winning souls—leading people to faith in God—has always been central to God’s redemptive plan. In the Bible, from the Old Testament to the New, we see people coming to know and follow God through personal encounters, public preaching, demonstrations of power, and faithful witness. Below is a breakdown of **how souls were won in Bible times**, drawn from Scripture.

1. Through Preaching the Word of God

In the New Testament, bold proclamation of the gospel was the primary way souls were won.

- **Peter at Pentecost** (Acts 2:14–41): After being filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter preached a powerful sermon explaining Jesus’ death and resurrection. The result? About **3,000 people** repented and were baptized that day.
- The apostles and early church consistently preached in **public places, synagogues, homes, and wherever people gathered** (Acts 5:42).

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” – Romans 10:17

2. Through One-on-One Conversations

Jesus and His disciples often engaged individuals personally.

- **Jesus and the Samaritan woman** (John 4): Jesus used a simple conversation to reveal spiritual truth and lead her to faith. Her testimony later brought many others to believe.
- **Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch** (Acts 8:26–39): The Spirit led Philip to meet one man, explain Scripture to him, and baptize him.

This shows the **power of personal witness** and the importance of being sensitive to the Spirit’s leading.

3. Through Signs, Wonders, and Miracles

God often confirmed His Word with miraculous power to open hearts to believe.

- **Healing and deliverance** (Acts 3:1–10; Acts 5:12–16): Miracles attracted crowds and gave apostles the opportunity to preach Christ.
- **Jesus’ own ministry** was filled with miracles that revealed His divine identity and caused many to believe (John 2:11; John 11:45).

“And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.” – Mark 16:20

4. Through Demonstrations of Love and Compassion

Acts of mercy and generosity often opened doors for the gospel.

- **Early Christians gave sacrificially** to meet needs (Acts 2:44–47; Acts 4:32–35). Their unity and love drew people to Christ.
- The **Good Samaritan parable** (Luke 10:25–37) teaches that compassion is essential in godly ministry.

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:35

5. Through the Testimony of Changed Lives

A powerful witness in the Bible was the transformation of a person’s life.

- **The man born blind** (John 9) and **the demoniac of the Gadarenes** (Mark 5:1–20) both shared how Jesus changed them, and others believed.
- Paul’s own **dramatic conversion** (Acts 9) and consistent testimony (Acts 22, 26) were used to persuade many of the truth of the gospel.

6. Through Scripture and Prophecy

God’s Word—read, taught, and explained—was a key tool for soul-winning.

- Jesus and the apostles often referred to **Old Testament prophecies** to explain that He was the Messiah (Luke 24:27).
- **Timothy** learned the Scriptures from childhood, which “are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

7. By the Power and Leading of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit was the true soul-winner, empowering believers and drawing people to Jesus.

- Every effective evangelistic moment in Acts begins with the **Spirit prompting or filling someone**.
- **Conviction of sin**, repentance, and new birth are all the work of the Spirit (John 16:8; John 3:5–8).

8. Through Prayer and Intercession

The early church prayed continually for the salvation of others and boldness to share the gospel.

- In Acts 4:29–31, the disciples prayed for boldness, and the place where they prayed was shaken, and they were filled with the Spirit to speak the Word.
- Paul urged the church to **pray for open doors** for the gospel (Colossians 4:3–4).

9. By Sending and Going to the Lost

Obedience to the Great Commission was central. Evangelism was **intentional and sacrificial**.

- Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19–20).
- Paul and others went on **missionary journeys**, often risking persecution to bring the gospel to unreached places (Acts 13–28).

10. Through God’s Sovereignty and Timing

While people were faithful in speaking and going, ultimately **God alone gives the increase**.

- “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” – 1 Corinthians 3:7
- Even when doors seemed closed, God moved in hearts at the right time (Acts 16:14 – Lydia’s heart was opened by the Lord).

How we can Witness to others about Jesus ... Just some suggested methods - Let God reveal more to you ...

1. 'The example' of our life in conduct, as we truly follow Jesus Christ.
2. The 'example' of our life toward non-Christians through doing good works for them in a sincere love, by God.
3. The 'example' of our lives, between other Christians and ourselves, when we demonstrate God’s love for each other, then seen by non-christians.
4. Direct verbal communication of God's word one on one or to groups.
5. Write a letter or postcard or personal note.
6. Give a Christian tract, that contains God’s Word
7. Start a blog or website that shares your testimony, Bible teachings, devotionals, or answers to common spiritual questions.
8. Host or participate in a Bible study group (in-person or virtual) and invite seekers or new believers.
9. Share your faith on social media platforms through posts, reels, stories, or live videos that point to Jesus.
10. Create or share short-form Christian content (TikTok, Instagram, YouTube Shorts) with Scripture, testimony, or encouragement.

11. Volunteer in community service or charity events in Jesus' name, and use opportunities to share why you serve.
12. Host a prayer booth or "free prayer" table in a public space or at events/fairs.
13. Offer to pray for someone on the spot when you learn of a need or concern they have.
14. Use your profession or business as a platform to share Christian values and personal faith naturally.
15. Create Christian-themed artwork (paintings, drawings, digital art) and display it with Scripture or a short message.
16. Share personal stories/testimonies in comment sections, discussion forums, or support groups online.
17. Create or distribute devotionals or scripture-based calendars to friends, coworkers, or neighbors.
18. Use creative writing (poems, parables, Christian fiction) to illustrate gospel truths.
19. Host a meal, cookout, or hospitality night and invite guests for fellowship and faith-sharing.
20. Host a movie night featuring a Christian film and allow space for discussion afterward.
21. Use hobbies as a bridge (e.g., sports, art classes, book clubs) to build relationships and open gospel conversations.
22. Join or start a prison, hospital, or nursing home ministry.
23. Send Christian eCards or emails with Scripture and encouragement.
24. Create or distribute Christian podcasts that discuss life, faith, and Jesus.
25. Sponsor a child through a Christian organization and share about it with others as a way to point to Christ's love.
26. Create or use QR codes that link to gospel resources, videos, or your church's website.
27. Host a Christian booth at a community event, festival, or fair with literature, music, prayer, and testimony.
28. Use Christian symbols tastefully (e.g., cross jewelry, wristbands with verses) as conversation starters.
29. Give a greeting card with a personal note and scripture.

30. Telephone call to someone - Share God
31. Give a Christian book.
32. Give a Christian tape teaching or music.
33. Give or present a Christian video or movie.
34. Distribute flyers inviting someone to a special Christian event.
35. Give a Church business card or Christian business card, Invite them.
36. Place a radio ad or do a Christian radio program.
37. Place a newspaper message ad or do a Christian Article.
38. Place a TV ad or do a Christian TV program.
39. Through singing Christian music.
40. Through playing Christian music live.
41. Through playing Christian music in a public place recorded.
42. Give a Bible.
43. Give a gift with a personal note, sharing about God and His way.
44. Give Christian printed material.
45. Give printed material of other peoples or your own testimony of Jesus Christ in your life.
46. Send a messenger
47. Through sign language
48. Through foreign language
49. T-Shirt with a Christian message
50. Buttons with Christian message
51. Signs and posters with Christian message
52. Banners and balloons with Christian message
53. Bumper stickers, decals with Christian message
54. Bulletin Boards
55. Lighted Display Boards

- 56. Christian Drama
- 57. Christian Dance
- 58. Give a Christian-related photo with a personal note.
- 59. Place an ad in a magazine or do a Christian article.
- 60. Take a survey with Christian oriented questions leading them to Christ
- 61. Through the Internet, Social Networking

We Are Called To Win Souls For Jesus Christ :

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come you after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Proverbs 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise."—

Matthew 4:19 "And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

James 5:19-20. "Brethren, if any of you do error from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

How To Lead Someone To Jesus Christ:

1. Begin with Prayer and Depend on the Holy Spirit

Before you share the gospel, pray for the individual. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation and open the person's heart. Evangelism is not just a human effort—it is a spiritual work of God (John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:4–5).

2. Build a Relationship and Listen First

Approach the person with love, patience, and respect. Ask questions. Show genuine care. Listening opens the door for meaningful spiritual conversations and helps you understand where they are on their journey (Colossians 4:5–6).

3. Explain the Reality of Sin

Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

All people have sinned, falling short of God's perfect standard. No one is good enough on their own to be accepted by a holy God.

4. Sin Separates Us from a Holy God

Isaiah 59:2 teaches, "Your iniquities have separated you from your God."

Sin is not just a mistake—it separates us from God spiritually. Without reconciliation, we are eternally lost and cut off from His presence.

5. The Penalty for Sin is Death

Romans 6:23 says, “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Sin leads to spiritual death, but God offers the gift of eternal life through Jesus. We must understand both the seriousness of sin and the hope of salvation.

6. God Loves Us Even While We Were Still Sinners

Romans 5:8 declares, “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God’s love is not based on our goodness. He loved us even in our rebellion and provided a way for us to be saved through Jesus.

7. Jesus, the Sinless Son of God, Paid Our Penalty

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us...”

John 14:6 says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Jesus lived a perfect life, died in our place, and rose again. He alone is the way to God. No amount of religion or good works can save us.

8. Believe in Jesus and You Will Be Saved

Acts 16:31 says, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ—not by trying harder or being better. Belief is placing full trust in Him as Savior and Lord.

9. We Are Saved by Grace Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8–9 teaches, “For by grace you have been saved through faith... not by works, so that no one can boast.”

We don’t earn salvation—it is a free gift. God’s grace, received by faith in Jesus, is what saves us.

10. Repent, Believe and Confess Jesus as Lord

Mark 1:15 says, “Repent and believe in the gospel.”

Romans 10:9 promises, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Repentance means “changing your mind” & “turning away” from sin. Salvation comes when we believe in Jesus and surrender our lives to Him as Lord. If they’re ready, invite them to pray and receive Him personally.

Example prayer:

“Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe You died for me and rose again. I repent of my sins and trust You as my Savior and Lord. Please forgive me and make me new. Amen.”

11. Reassure Them of God’s Promise

Romans 10:13 assures us, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

If they’ve sincerely repented and believed, they are saved. God is faithful to His promise. Their new life in Christ has just begun.

12. Encourage Growth and Discipleship

After someone is saved, help them take their next steps:

- Begin reading the Bible daily (start with John or Mark)
- Develop a regular prayer life
- Join a Bible-teaching church
- Be baptized as a public step of obedience (Acts 2:38)
- Grow in community and serve others
- Share their new faith with others (Matthew 28:19–20)

Helpful Soul-Winning Wisdom Principles

Practical and Biblical Guidelines for Effectively Witnessing and Ministering to Others

1. Minister from a Heart of Love and Compassion

- Always maintain sincere love for every person you witness to.
- Show genuine concern for their spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.
- Let God's joy and light shine through your attitude and presence (Matthew 5:14–16).
- Love the sinner but hate the sin—never act with superiority or self-righteousness.

2. Rely on the Holy Spirit

- Trust the Holy Spirit to guide your words, give you boldness, and prepare hearts (John 14:26; Acts 1:8).
- Step out in faith, knowing it’s not your eloquence but God’s Spirit who convicts and saves.
- Ask the Spirit for discernment on what to say and when to say it—or when to remain silent.

3. Be Courteous, Patient, and Wise

- Be gentle and respectful—zeal without wisdom can shut people down (2 Timothy 2:24–26).
- Don’t force the gospel; allow people time to listen, think, and respond freely.

- If someone is not open, don't argue—entrust them to God's timing and continue in prayer.

4. Stay Humble and Christ-Centered

- Recognize you're only a vessel—salvation belongs to the Lord (Jonah 2:9).
- Never point to yourself—always direct people to Jesus as Savior, not to your experience.
- Share your past struggles honestly so others can relate and feel hope.
- Avoid projecting perfection. Be real, approachable, and full of grace.

5. Avoid Arguments and Stay Focused on the Gospel

- Don't be sidetracked by irrelevant debates. Stay centered on Jesus, repentance, and salvation.
- If someone has questions you can't answer, humbly say you'll get back to them rather than guessing.
- Acknowledge the authority of Scripture and let it speak for itself (Hebrews 4:12).

6. Communicate Simply and Clearly

- Use plain language, especially with those unfamiliar with Christian terms.
- Illustrate spiritual truths through common life experiences.
- Keep your message focused and concise—speak what God places on your heart, and know when to stop.

7. Practice Spiritual Discernment and Avoid Traps

- Be cautious with those who twist Scripture or are combative with no openness to truth.
- Don't fall into intellectual debates that detract from Christ's message.
- If someone is trying to trap you with questions, follow Jesus' example—respond with grace, or ask a question in return (Matthew 22:15–22).

8. Create a Respectful and Focused Environment

- Whenever possible, witness to people one-on-one, without distractions.
- Encourage them to read Scripture aloud for themselves—especially key passages like John 3, Romans 6, or the Gospel of John.
- Ask sincere, thoughtful questions, and let them speak—be a listener, not just a talker.

9. Don't Pressure or Rush the Process

- Be patient—many people need time to process spiritual truth.
- Don't feel the burden to "convert" anyone—your job is to sow and water; God gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).
- Even if someone rejects your message, remain at peace and trust God's sovereign timing.

10. Remain Encouraged and Committed

- Don't beat yourself up if you miss an opportunity—God is able to complete His work in others.
- Stay committed to being available and obedient to God's call to witness.
- Never assume someone is beyond God's reach—keep praying and loving.
- Remember: it's your responsibility to share, but the results belong to God.

11. Be a Servant with the Right Motive

- Come with humility, not pride. Be a man or woman after God's heart.
- Let mercy, compassion, and grace be the foundation of your witness.
- Don't confuse loudness with power—true spiritual effectiveness comes from purity, not volume.

12. Preach the Whole Gospel with Hope

- Share both the seriousness of sin and the hope of salvation.
- Don't just preach judgment—share the need for repentance without condemnation, the good news of God's grace, eternal life, and God's desire to redeem.
- Let people know: the enemy seeks to destroy, but Jesus came to save and give abundant life (John 10:10).

Some More - Helpful Soul Winning Wisdom Principles:

1. Maintain a sincere love towards all those whom you are witnessing to or ministering to.
2. Maintain a genuine concern for the present and eternal welfare, both physically and materially, and most of all spiritually for all non-Christians and people from all ethnic backgrounds.

3. Be friendly - Let God's light and the joy of the Lord shine through you.
4. Rely completely on the Spirit of God for boldness, strength, wisdom, timing and what to say; step out in faith.
5. Be courteous and patient -being over zealous can cause people to whom you approach to become defensive and put up barriers that are impossible to penetrate.
6. Love the sinner but hate the sin. Don't look or relate to non-Christians in a judgmental way with condemnation. Don't come across as self righteous. By admitting your own past failures and sinful ways they will be more open to listen.
7. Use wisdom and discretion of the Holy Spirit to discern when and what to say or even to avoid a person who may have a hard heart and not open to listening to God's truth of His word (at least at that time.)
8. Don't force God's word on anyone. *"No one comes to the Father except the Father draws Him."*
9. Recognize and convey that it is God who saves souls and that you're only the vessel that He works through so God gets the glory.
10. Remain humble and of a contrite spirit.
11. Never lose your temper or become angry without a righteous cause, nor should we be contentious.
12. Be faithful and patient in sharing God's word and building upon God's word without always expecting to see immediate results.
13. Always hold the person to the main point of accepting Christ. Many opportunities for repentance and salvation and growth in Christ have been lost by an inexperienced worker allowing himself to become involved in an argument over some side issue.
14. Try to ever interrupt anyone else who is leading someone to Christ, however, if you are witnessing with another Christian team member to a non-Christian, be discerning when your partner has a word from the Lord to share and allow each other proper time.
15. Don't be in a hurry to convert someone.
16. Be an active listener.
17. Ask the Holy Spirit in prayer for a good opportunity to share with people and then be aware and watchful when the opportunity arises.
18. Be willing to step-out on God's promises in faith as the Holy Spirit directs you.
19. Don't condemn yourself if you miss an opportunity to share or to minister to someone. Just try to be faithful next time.

20. God is able to cover our mistakes and complete what He desires to do in someone's life. Trust God's wisdom and His ability to save.
21. Don't carry the burden of someone's salvation on your shoulders. Jesus is their Savior not you and it is God who produces growth in a person's life in His time. Even though God will use you to bring someone to Christ their salvation does not depend upon you or me.
22. Witnessing is your responsibility. Results and timing are God's.
23. Don't try to answer every question that you are asked. It's better to tell someone you can get back to them later with the answer rather than to answer in error.
24. Don't project that you are a perfect person with all the answers.
25. A wise soul winner points and leads a person to Jesus Christ and does not draw attention to himself nor claim to have all the answers.
26. Allow the word of God and His truth to defend itself. You don't need to be overly defensive and argumentative.
27. When possible, minister to members of your own sex.
28. Speak with true assurance of what you believe and give the person a word of encouragement and hope in Christ.
29. Preach and share repentance, the Kingdom of God, forgiveness of sin, eternal life and grace through what Jesus did at the cross. Let them know the penalty for sin is death in hell...yet God loves us and wants to save us from destruction, rather than just preaching hell, fire, and brimstone.
30. Let the people know that the devil is a thief who came to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus came to save sinners and to bring life.
31. Don't allow your finite/limited knowledge, or understanding or feelings or emotions to direct your steps; Rather acknowledge God, follow His word and the Holy Spirit's direction.
32. Use simple illustrations and simple statements when sharing the word so people can understand the truths of God: otherwise, your profound speech and intellectual vocabulary is all in vain.
33. Share the Good News and demonstrate God's love without partiality towards others, regardless of their dress, appearance, social standing or ethnic background.
34. Dialogue with a person rather than just preaching at a person.
35. After praying for someone, believe and trust in God's sovereign will and timing.
36. Ask questions, listening to the reply and respond with the word of God.

37. Allow the other person to often speak first, hear him out. Don't sharply disagree right away. He'll be more open to hear your response. The Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak.
38. Don't multiply your words. Say no more or less than what God has placed on your heart. Know when to stop.
39. When someone in opposition is trying to corner you in by using loaded questions, Jesus often used a question in return.
40. Use common interests and everyday life situations and give spiritual relevance along with the word of God.
41. Be yourself, Remember, most people don't understand "Christian" terminology.
42. Whenever possible, talk to someone alone, avoid distractions.
43. Encourage the person you are ministering to or witnessing toward to read the scriptural verse for himself aloud. Ask them if they have a Bible. Suggest they begin reading the book of John.
44. Beware of traps to; Distract you, Accuse you, Tempt you
45. Avoid such persons who intellectually twist scriptures or who use worldly knowledge to attack Christianity who are not open to hearing the truth.
46. Never assume someone is beyond the reach of the Lord. Keep them in prayer. But if they reject the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, be at peace, and walk away.
47. Be committed to serve.
48. Being loud with your voice is not necessarily being spiritual. Come with the right motive.
49. Be a man or woman after God's own heart. Love whom He loved. Have mercy on those whom He would have mercy. Have compassion on whom He would have compassion.

Steps to being a successful witness or Servant to others:

1. Love God, and demonstrate to others, the same Love that Jesus has Loved us.
2. Understand God's 'calling' for your life, by prayer and through His word.
3. Vision -recognize the need and how God can use you in specific places.
4. The assurance of our own salvation.

5. The conviction that all are lost without Christ.
6. A genuine love for the lost and needy and your enemies.
7. Pray for and rely on the power and direction of the Holy Spirit at all times. Only say and do what the Holy Spirit reveals.
8. Be prepared. Learn God's ways. Read His word. Depend on his promises.
9. A life of obedience to the word of God.
10. Be a faithful servant
11. Have no unconfessed sin in your life. If you do Repent and Change.
12. Earnest believing prayer. "Praying always"
13. Learn from the counsel and testimonies of other Christians.
14. Plan when needed, then commit your plans to the Lord.
15. 'Do' what God is calling you to do. Be willing to step out on God's promises.
16. Endure trials.
17. Deny yourself of certain worldly pleasures so that you have the time and resources to witness and to serve the needs of others.
18. Trust God in all circumstances. Find your strength in God.
19. Follow Jesus Christ. Do the will of God.
20. Let your light shine. Have faith. Fulfill your ministry.

Christian Ministry, Evangelism, and Mission Work

Vision of the Church

The scripture says, ***"Where there is no vision, the people perish, Proverbs 19:18.***

It is our responsibility, as pastors, teachers, and stewards of God's Word to impart to believers the vision God has given to all of us within the church. God has a plan and purpose for us as a body of believers, a **vision**, and as we bring that vision to reality, we'll be accomplishing the will of God for us as a local church and as individuals as we participate.

Throughout many years, we can see people come and go from church, and observe that there is a significant amount of believers whom fall away because they had no vision, or a very small one at best. God's highest purpose for us is much more than to fill a seat every time the church doors are open. His plan for our life involves more than just attending church and listening attentively to the minister preach good sermons. God wants us to be involved serving in the church, and ministering in the community !

In order for us to understand the vision of the church, we must first understand what the church is. Let me tell you first what it isn't, the church isn't a building or facility, its not these walls, chairs and carpet. Its not an organization or fraternal order with high ideals and lofty concerns for the betterment of society. No sir, God's church is so much more than that! The church is group of true believers of Jesus Christ , a body is what the Apostle Paul called it, that is made up of people who are born again, growing and maturing into the very image of Jesus Christ, who is the head. Yes, the church is the visible expression of Christ on the earth, finishing the ministry that Jesus began some 2000 years ago. That my friend, is what the church is! (See **Eph. 4:11-13, Rom. 8:29, Acts 1:1**)

Now that we know who and what the church is, we can better understand the vision. Lets take a closer look at our text verse, **Proverbs 29:18**. It says that without a vision, people perish, so in order for us not to perish, we need to have a vision, right? The Hebrew word for vision used in this passage is "chazown" and it means sight, a dream, revelation or oracle. So, according to our text, God wants us to have sight, a revelation of something. What do you suppose that is? God wants us to have sight of, a revelation of His will for our lives! Isn't that why we are here, to find out what God would have us to do, then be faithful to do it ? Isn't that what our hearts ask Him, "God what is it that you want me to do ? " What now is your Plan and Purpose for my life ? Isn't that what our innermost desire is ?

Our text verse continues to say that if we do not have sight or revelation, we perish. Does that mean we burn ? No, thank God, it doesn't. The Hebrew word is "para" and it means to loosen, to expose, dismiss. Its translated in other passages as "to go back" and "uncover", other translations bear this out. Listen to these different translations of this passage:

The Living Bible: ***"Where there is ignorance of God, the people run wild"***

New American Standard: ***"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained"***

New International Version: ***"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint"***

Amplified Version: ***"Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelations of God], the people perish"***

"The people run wild", "the people are unrestrained", "the people cast off

restraints", "the people perish". This doesn't sound much like the people of God and what they are supposed to be doing does it? Hardly. God wants us to be fruitful and to multiply (**John 15:16**), He wants us to be representing Christ here on earth (**2 Cor.5:20**). Without this vision, though, the people of God cast "off his restraints" and "go back" to their old ways.

Thank God we have a vision though.

" Many Christians, have no vision, do not perceive and understand specifically just, What, Why, When, Where, and How, God can work through any willing Christian's life, to truly minister to others.

They sometimes, say they don't know what they are called by God to do, and they sometimes also feel inadequate and/or unequipped to minister to others.

It is essential that we teach and equip the Body of Christ, with God's Word all that pertains to ministering to others;

Moreover to further instruction to them just, " How " God can and will empower believers with His Holy Spirit, to accomplish fulfilling God's Plan for each one of our lives.

This is Imperative, so that when we go out into the community it is no longer us depending only upon our own abilities to minister to someone, which is futile but rather it is, Jesus Christ, doing the work through us, by the Holy Spirit, which is always effectual, and to God be the Glory.

In a nutshell, here is the vision: That we as a body of believers are called of God, each one of us a minister, one who serves, (**Eph.4:12**), ministering to God, (**Acts 13:2**), to each other, (**Gal.5:13**), and to a lost world, (**II Cor.5:20**). With Christ as our Head, empowering us by His Spirit, we bodily share and proclaim, the victory He obtained at Calvary and bring to manifestation the Kingdom of God here, in our lives and thus, our cities.

This vision will reach into many areas: children, youth, singles, and adults of all ages. This Vision of serving and sharing the Love of God, by proclaiming the living Word of God, and doing Good Works is not only be for the surrounding area, but far reaching to the four corners of the earth. Our methods of ministry may change from time to time, but the motive will always be the same: to touch lives with God's saving Grace, to heal hearts and bodies, to restore lives that have been torn, broken and abused. By the power Holy Spirit that effectually works in us, Jesus will release those that are bound and captive to the enemy of our souls and bring them to the liberty that we know and experience in saving Grace , Forgiveness, and Love of Jesus Christ.

God's Purpose and Plan

Introduction

God's Calling For our Lives to Love and Minister to others

GOD'S CALLING/S To Love, To share God's Word, To Serve, To do Good Works, To Witness and Minister to Others >

Every Christian who is a true believer is called by God to be a witness and minister of Jesus Christ to others. Our lives will have exceeding joy and fulfillment as we purpose to serve God and bring the Good News of God's Word and His Love to others. We should always share God's Word and help others—even in small, seemingly insignificant ways within our everyday regular lifestyles—such as sharing our testimony of Jesus Christ in our workplace to co-workers or friends, leaving a Christian tract somewhere, or assisting someone in need and giving the glory to Jesus Christ by telling that person that the service you just did was because of the love of Jesus Christ for them.

Even in our free time, we should remain open for God to use us in unique other ways, such as hospital visitation, praying for or with others, visiting and assisting the elderly, street ministry, feeding the needy, prison outreach, foreign missions, youth crisis counseling, etc. Don't limit yourselves or make excuses. God is able to achieve anything through you—regardless of your limited resources or abilities—if you walk in faith, believing God. You can achieve God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit that He supplies. Remember, sometimes the smallest act of love that you do for someone, or a timely word of wisdom or God's truth spoken in love, can be the most effective witness. God can use each one of us in so many different ways, each and every day, bearing much good spiritual fruit.

To begin with, make an effort to find out all about the **in-church volunteer service opportunities and ministries** already existing within your church—such as Child Care, Usher, Greeter, Set-Up Helper, Musician, Singer, Video, Sound, etc. This is a good place to start learning how to serve and minister to others. Also, find out about the **outreach ministries** to the community that your church has organized or sponsors—such as Hospital Visitation, Street Ministry, Elderly Care Home Visitation, Christian Speaker/Concert Outreaches, etc. Start as a volunteer in the ministries that God reveals to you would be good for you to be involved in. Step out in faith and minister. Demonstrate God's love as you learn to discern between God's leading and leaning on your own understanding. God's grace is sufficient for you, and His power is made perfect in weakness. It's better to give others the light, love, and talents that God has given you than to do nothing at all.

Don't be discouraged when you feel that you did not do enough. Remember: just be faithful to plant the seed of God's Word and love. God will do all the work according to His will and produce the spiritual growth within anyone in due season. God may direct you to organize a ministry within your church that hasn't yet been formed. He will also give every Christian many opportunities to serve on an individual basis—to share one-on-one with others the love and truths of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Your part is vital, Christian! The hand cannot say to the arm within the Body of Christ, "I don't need you." We need each other in ministry to reach the world for Christ and to minister effectively His love.

NOTE *** The focus of this study is not to spend extensive review of the difference of Works Vs Salvation by Faith; However as a footnote , While we are definitely called by God to do His Works, and Minister to others, it must be noted that we are not Saved by our own works, nor can any Christian, save another person, by our works. Our works done in Christ can introduce someone to Jesus Christ, and it is Jesus Christ, alone who actually Saves someone, from their sins, by His Atoning Grace, made possible at the cross. Yet our Good Works through Jesus, is the evidence of our sincere faith in Jesus, -Faith without works is dead.

God's Purpose and Plan

God's Calling For our Lives to Love and Minister to others

#1 We need to PRAY - ACKNOWLEDGE GOD - ASK GOD FOR DIRECTION and WISDOM IN MINISTERING TO OTHERS, God will direct our path. We should Pray often something like the following ;

Father God, in the Name of Jesus, We pray that the Holy Spirit, would give us your Wisdom through your Word, and make known to us your perfect Will and Plan for each one of us, through the revelation power of Holy Spirit. We ask that the Vision, the callings, and the purpose, that you alone personally can give to each one of us, would begin and continue to grow and bring forth good fruit in our lives, your people, so that we can truly Love others, as you have Loved us. We pray that you Lord, would graciously remove any obstacle or any sin, within any our lives, minds and hearts so that the light of the Gospel can shine in, bringing daily revelation of your will, and the freedom to do all the Good Works as you purpose for us, so that our joy would be made full.

And that your Holy Spirit would give us your Wisdom and Strength to faithfully follow you Jesus, and the ability to serve the needs of others, in your Agape Love.

Lord God, of the Harvest, we ask that you raise up many disciples, and send many Workers into the Harvest.

We thank you now, Father, we declare our Love for you, for everything, for your saving Grace, and your steadfast Love, deliver us from temptations and evil, help us to remain faithful to do your Will, to Love others, and to do your Good Works, always. Amen.

Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

God has a wondrous plan for every Christian's life. Each Christian should pray and ask God for specific direction every day. We need to wait daily upon God to reveal to each of us, His purpose and specific plans for using us. The most essential calling for

any Christian's life is to fully learn, How to Love, as Jesus Loved us, and then demonstrate that same type of Agape Love to others each and every day of our life, as much as we are able. When we are Born Again, through believing in Jesus Christ, we are created anew to do various good works, according to His will. Know that God's purpose and plan for you is perfect;

Every Christian, throughout their lives are presented with numerous of opportunities to serve and to minister to others, and to walk in God's perfect plan for our individual lives . Some of main obstacles that keep us from walking in God's plan, are lack of God's Wisdom, laziness, slothfulness, selfishness, pride, stubbornness, hatred, unconfessed sin, satanic powers, etc.

Just because we go to church on Sunday, does not mean that we are walking in God's Will and Love towards others, nor Love towards God nor our we fulfilling His plan for us, if we not doing various Good Works as God desires;

God still has a Steadfast Love for us, and remains Faithful when we are faithless, but He does not want us to take advantage of His Grace, and remain ineffective and useless. He wants us all to become transformed and Spiritually productive, fruitful.

Therefore, if anyone of us choose to neglect His plan to do good works in Love, we will wander aimlessly in vain, under a self illusion, throughout life, until we choose to follow His Way, again. God's Word and Holy Spirit will often convict us, of our lukewarmness, and unfaithfulness. By neglecting or ignoring to serve others through Jesus, we are being selfish, and not walking in Love, and are not partaking of Jesus Christ. (Remember Jesus Christ washing the feet of his disciples John 13:1-20)

We need to periodically examine our own self, to see if we are truly walking in a sincere Faith, by continuing to demonstrate God's Love to others through good deeds, or are we just being hypocritical, idle, not serving others much in any significant way. So if at any time, we find ourselves drifting away from God' s purpose, we need to turn around, and follow Jesus again, and serve others. God will not force us to serve, we must discipline ourselves to willing choose to serve others in good deeds, because we truly Love God, and appreciate all that He has done for us.

When we Love others by willing doing good works in Jesus name, we are fulfilled within our selves by truly fulfilling God's plan and His desire for our lives. This is being spiritual fruitful in demonstrating God's Love to others and He is well pleased, and has assured to reward all Christians who are willing obedient to do good works.

We are to serve and minister to the needs of, family members, fellow Christians, non-christians, Not under our own understanding and self assumed ways; Rather we are to achieve doing various works God's Way, as He intends, according to His Will, through the specific discretion, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is accomplished by maintaining a Spirit filled life and relationship with Jesus Christ, through prayer etc. and a life apart from unconfessed sin within our life.

While there are specific callings on a person's life by God, still every Christian has the universal calling to truly Love God and serve others, this is the greatest calling, and the all inclusive calling and greatest commandment of all.

We are Created by for purpose of doing Good Works

Key Scriptures

Ephesians 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

2 Peter 1:5-11 Now for this reason supplement your faith with moral excellence, and your moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and your knowledge with self control, and self control with perseverance and perseverance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly kindness, and brotherly kindness with love.

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, then you will neither be rendered useless or unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind and shortsighted, and has forgotten his purification from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Ephesians 4:1,2 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love.

Exhortations for Christians to do Good Works

Titus 3:8 ⁸The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

Titus 3:14 ¹⁴And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. God's Word equips Christians for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is* useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction,

and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

John 14:12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

God supplies His the Words of Wisdom and Strength to serve and to minister to others

1 Peter 4:10-11 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is Jesus who Sends Us, His True Believers, Christian disciples to minister to others

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Luke 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

It is Jesus Himself who sends His true disciples into the world to minister, serve, and proclaim the gospel. In *Matthew 10:16*, He says, “*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*” This commission is both sobering and empowering. Jesus never hides the reality that the world may be hostile, resistant, or even dangerous for those who carry His message—but He also gives clear instruction on how we are to go: with **wisdom, gentleness, and integrity**. True disciples do not minister on their own authority; they are **sent by Christ**, bearing His name, His message, and His Spirit. We are not called to be aggressive or fearful, but discerning and filled with love, even in the face of opposition.

In *Luke 10:3*, Jesus says again, “*Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.*” This underscores the vulnerability and dependence required of every believer who accepts the call to minister. Lambs are not powerful in themselves—they rely on the guidance and protection of the Shepherd. Likewise, we minister not in our own strength but under the authority and care of Christ, who sends us. Whether in local communities or in foreign nations, our mission is clear: **we go because Jesus sends us**, and we go in His name, with His heart, and for His glory. Our confidence doesn’t come from favorable conditions or worldly success, but from knowing the One who called and commissioned us. When we walk in obedience to His sending, we become part of His redemptive work in the world.

When we minister to others, we've did it to Jesus.

Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

Jesus teaches in *Matthew 25:40*, "*Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.*" This profound statement reveals that **every act of love, compassion, service, and generosity toward others is received by Christ as if done to Him personally**. When we feed the hungry, care for the sick, visit the lonely, clothe the poor, or encourage the discouraged, we are not just performing good deeds—we are ministering directly to the heart of Jesus. This truth transforms the way we view people. No act of kindness is too small or unnoticed in God's eyes. Each person, especially the vulnerable or overlooked, carries infinite worth because Jesus identifies with them.

Understanding this should give us a deeper sense of purpose and reverence in our ministry. Whether we are serving in our local community or reaching out across cultures and borders, we must see every opportunity to serve as a sacred moment—**an encounter with Christ Himself**. Ministry is not simply about helping others; it is about honoring Jesus through our obedience and love. When our motivation is to please Him and reflect His love, our service becomes worship. We do not serve for recognition or reward but because we recognize the presence of Christ in those we serve. This mindset keeps our hearts humble, our actions sincere, and our focus clear: **to love Jesus by loving others well**.

We should use our Talents from God to Minister to Others

Matthew 25:14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents,* to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy

in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

We should be Wise and Faithful to Serve God, in Loving God and Loving your neighbor, by ministering to our neighbors spiritual, material, physical and mental needs:

Matthew 22:37-40 He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Matthew 24:45 ‘Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other servant their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master will find at work when he arrives. ⁴⁷Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

Jesus clearly teaches that the greatest commandment is to **love God with all our heart, soul, and mind**, and that the second is like it: **to love our neighbor as ourselves** (*Matthew 22:37–39*). These two commandments are the foundation of every other law and act of righteousness (v.40). Loving God with our entire being naturally flows into caring for the people around us—not just spiritually, but also physically, emotionally, and materially. This kind of love is active. It listens, helps, heals, and encourages. It sees the whole person. When we minister to someone’s spiritual needs through prayer or sharing the gospel, and also respond to their hunger, loneliness, pain, or confusion, we reflect the full compassion of Christ. True love doesn’t compartmentalize; it serves with wholeness and sincerity, because that’s how Jesus loved.

Jesus also commends those who serve faithfully and wisely in His name. In *Matthew 24:45–47*, He speaks of the servant whom the Master puts in charge of the household to give others their portion at the proper time. That servant is blessed—not just for doing the task, but for being found **faithful and alert when the Master returns**. This parable speaks to the heart of Christian ministry: we are stewards of God’s grace, called to serve diligently until Christ returns. Faithfulness means consistency, compassion, and a

readiness to respond to needs as they arise. It also means **managing the resources, time, and opportunities God gives us** with wisdom and love. When we love God deeply and love people selflessly, we become the kind of servants who please the Lord—those who care for His household well and are ready to receive His reward.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ²⁶He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ ²⁷He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ ²⁸And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ ³⁰Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ ³⁷He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Minister to others by giving food, shelter, clothing to the needy, and caring for your own family;

Minister to others by visiting the sick, those in prison, show hospitality to strangers.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 25:34-46

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and

welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Isaiah 58:7,8 "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard."

James 2:15-16 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Minister to others by Caring for the needs of your Christian brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help ?

Minister to others by visiting and caring for the needs of Widows and Orphans

James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Deuteronomy 14:29 the Levites, because they have no allotment or inheritance with you, as well as the strangers, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, may come and eat their fill so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work that you do.

Minister to the Poor by giving Money, Charity

Ministering to the Poor: Giving with Compassion and Discretion

Ministering to the poor through financial giving and acts of charity is a deeply biblical expression of Christ's love. Scripture consistently urges believers to care for the needy: *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed"* (Proverbs 19:17). Jesus Himself said, *"The poor you will always have with you"* (Matthew 26:11), not as a dismissal, but as a reminder that opportunities for compassion are ongoing. Giving money, resources, food, or clothing can be a powerful

way to meet immediate needs, open doors for the gospel, and demonstrate the tangible kindness of God. Paul affirmed this when he wrote, *“They asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do”* (Galatians 2:10). True ministry to the poor reflects God's heart for justice, mercy, and dignity.

However, the Bible also teaches us to give with **wisdom and discernment**. Proverbs 21:20 warns, *“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”* Our giving should not enable destructive patterns or be driven by guilt, pressure, or emotional manipulation. Paul advises, *“If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat”* (2 Thessalonians 3:10), showing that there is a place for personal responsibility. Discretion means asking God for guidance, giving through trustworthy channels, and sometimes pairing charity with mentorship, prayer, or practical support. Jesus taught His followers to be *“wise as serpents and innocent as doves”* (Matthew 10:16), which applies not only to evangelism but also to how we care for the poor. In short, **give generously, but also wisely—motivated by love and led by the Spirit**.

Mark 10:21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

2 Corinthians 9:9-15 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, ‘If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

More Blessed to Give

Acts 20:35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

What Does It Mean That It Is "More Blessed to Give"?

To say that it is *more blessed to give than to receive* means that there is **a deeper joy, spiritual reward, and fulfillment** found in selfless generosity. While receiving a gift may bring temporary happiness, **giving—especially with the right heart—draws us closer to the character of God**, who is the ultimate Giver. “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...*” (John 3:16). When we give—our time, resources, compassion, or encouragement—we reflect God's love and become instruments of His grace to others.

Giving also frees us from greed, selfishness, and materialism. Jesus warned in Luke 12:15, “*Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.*” When we choose to give, especially when it costs us something, we engage in a spiritual act of trust—believing that **God is our provider and rewarder** (Hebrews 11:6). The blessing isn't always financial; often it's **spiritual richness**, deeper relationships, peace, joy, and eternal rewards (Matthew 6:19–21). Giving with a cheerful heart (2 Corinthians 9:7) transforms us, impacts others, and brings glory to God.

Give your Charity in Secret

Matthew 6:1-4 ‘Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.² ‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:3–4, “*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*” This command goes beyond the physical act of giving—it challenges the **motives of the heart**. In a world that often glorifies public recognition and applause, Jesus calls His followers to a higher standard: humility, secrecy, and sincerity. When we give quietly, without drawing attention to ourselves, we align with the heart of God, who often works unseen but always with purpose. Secret giving shifts the focus away from the giver and onto the One who provides all things.

Giving in secret also protects both the giver and the recipient. It guards the giver from pride and the temptation to seek praise, while preserving the dignity of the one receiving

help. This kind of charity reflects the quiet generosity of God, who blesses His children daily without demanding acknowledgment. The promise Jesus gives is profound: *"Your Father who sees in secret will reward you."* These unseen acts of love do not go unnoticed by heaven. God honors faithful, humble generosity with eternal rewards, inner joy, and deeper fellowship with Him. True charity, then, is not about recognition—it is about worship.

Minister to others by Serving their various needs and Sharing that which you have. Serve Others

Mark 10:44-45 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'

1 Timothy 6:17-19 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Minister to others by being Salt and Let your Light shine to others by Sharing, God's Word and Truth with them in Love, and Testify of Jesus

Matthew 5:13-16 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Colossians 4:5 Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5

Matthew 10:27 What I (Jesus) say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Matthew 10:27

Isaiah 49:6 he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Acts 26:15-18 "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this

purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. ¹⁷I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Matthew 28:16-20 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

2 Timothy 3:14-17 as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is* useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

God's instruction of our Conduct and our Spiritual Condition, when ministering to others, Be Wise -

When ministering to others—whether in our communities, workplaces, or in mission fields—**God calls us to a standard of wisdom, grace, and spiritual maturity.** In Colossians 4:5–6, Paul instructs believers to “*conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time,*” and to let their speech be “*always gracious, seasoned with salt.*” This means that how we live and speak must reflect the character of Christ. Wisdom involves not just what we say, but how and when we say it. As ambassadors of the gospel, we are to be intentional, discerning, and kind in all our

interactions, showing that our message is not only true but also trustworthy and full of grace.

Likewise, Paul's counsel to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:23–26 is a reminder that **our inner spiritual condition deeply affects our outward witness**. We must not be drawn into fruitless arguments or harsh debates. Instead, God's servant must be *"kind to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness."* Ministry requires humility and dependence on the Holy Spirit—not only to speak the truth, but to speak it in a way that God can use to lead hearts to repentance. Jesus, in Matthew 10:16, tells His disciples to be *"wise as serpents and innocent as doves,"* recognizing that ministry happens in a world filled with resistance and spiritual opposition. Colossians 1:28 reminds us of our aim: *"to present everyone perfect in Christ."* That calls for a **wise, consistent, and Christ-centered approach** to every relationship, conversation, and opportunity. In all things, our conduct and character should point people not to ourselves—but to Jesus.

Colossians 4:5 Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the time.⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

2 Timothy 2:23-26 Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴And the Lord's servant* must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, ²⁵correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, ²⁶and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all Wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Be always Ready and prepared, to Witness when ministering

1 Peter 3:15-17 Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you: yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good.

Being ready to witness at any time is a vital part of Christian ministry. In *1 Peter 3:15*, believers are instructed to *"always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* This means that witnessing is not just something we schedule or plan—it's a way of life rooted in honoring Christ as Lord in our hearts. Readiness begins with spiritual preparation: a life that is grounded in prayer, saturated in God's Word, and shaped by the gospel. When our hearts are full of the hope of Christ, witnessing

becomes a natural outflow of who we are, not just something we do. We share the truth with gentleness, not arrogance; with clarity, not confusion; and with love, not pressure.

Paul reinforces this mindset in *2 Timothy 4:2*, saying, “*Be ready in season and out of season.*” Ministry opportunities often arise when we least expect them, so we must live alert and spiritually awake. Being prepared doesn’t mean having all the perfect answers, but it does mean living with a willingness to speak when the Spirit prompts. Whether in everyday conversations, moments of crisis, or divine appointments with strangers, a ready heart is one that listens to God and responds with boldness and compassion. Witnessing effectively requires a life surrendered to Jesus, a heart filled with His love, and a voice willing to declare His truth—even when it’s inconvenient or uncomfortable. When we live prepared, God will use us powerfully to plant seeds, share hope, and point others to salvation in Christ.

Be a Christian Role Model with integrity when doing Good Works.

Titus 2:7 Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, ⁸and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

As believers, we are called not only to do good works but to **live as examples of integrity, character, and Christlikeness** in all we do. In *Titus 2:7–8*, Paul urges Titus to “*show yourself in all respects a model of good works,*” and to teach with “*integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned.*” This means that our actions and our words must match. The world watches not only what we say about Christ but how we live it out. Integrity in ministry means doing the right thing even when no one is watching, refusing to cut corners, and serving others with honesty and humility. When our conduct is consistent and our motives are pure, even those who oppose us will have nothing credible to accuse us of—our lives become living proof of the power of the gospel.

Paul continues in *Titus 3:1* by instructing believers to be “*ready for every good work*”—not just occasionally, but consistently prepared to do what is right and helpful. This readiness includes obedience to authority, respect for others, and an eagerness to serve. A true Christian role model doesn’t seek recognition or praise but desires to glorify God through quiet faithfulness and love in action. Our good works should always flow from a transformed heart, not for self-promotion, but to reflect the goodness of God. In a culture often marked by compromise and selfishness, **believers who lead with integrity and grace stand out as light in the darkness**—drawing others not to themselves, but to Christ.

Don't be Selfish or Seek your own interest, this will hinder your ministry to others

Selfishness is one of the most subtle yet damaging hindrances to effective ministry. Paul's exhortation in *Philippians 2:1–4* reminds us that true Christian service must flow from **humility, unity, and love for others**. He urges believers to “*do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit*,” but instead to value others above themselves, looking out not only for their own interests but also for the interests of others. When ministry becomes centered on personal ambition, recognition, or comfort, it quickly loses its power and credibility. Jesus gave Himself selflessly to redeem and serve others (Mark 10:45), and His followers are called to do the same. Ministry rooted in self-interest leads to division, burnout, and fruitlessness; but when it flows from a heart submitted to Christ, it brings life, unity, and eternal impact.

Paul continues this call in *2 Timothy 4:1–5*, charging Timothy to stay faithful to the gospel—even when it's difficult or unpopular. In a time when people would “*accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires*,” Paul calls for selfless endurance: “*be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully*.” This kind of steadfastness can only come from a life that's been trained, as *Titus 2:11–14* describes, to renounce worldly passions and live upright, godly lives. Ministry is not about personal fulfillment or success; it is about **faithfully proclaiming Christ, reflecting His character, and serving others with integrity**. When we lay down selfish ambition and embrace the Spirit-led life, we become vessels God can truly use—zealous for good works and ready for every opportunity to point others to Jesus.

Philippians 2:1-4 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,* ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour,* Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who

gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority.* Let no one look down on you.

Good Works should be demonstrated along with integrity

Titus 2:6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity,

John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

The Christian life is not only defined by what we believe but also by how we live. In *Titus 2:6–7*, Paul instructs believers—especially younger men—to be **self-controlled** and to set an example by doing good works accompanied by **integrity, seriousness, and sound teaching**. Good works, when done with a pure heart, testify to the reality of our faith. But without integrity, even outwardly good actions can become self-serving or hypocritical. Integrity means being honest, consistent, and faithful—living in such a way that our conduct aligns with our confession of faith. As believers, we are called to be **models** of godliness, not just by what we teach or say, but by how we act in everyday life—through service, compassion, discipline, and truthfulness.

Jesus sets the ultimate example of love expressed through action in *John 15:13*: “*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*” This is the heart of integrity in good works—**sacrificial love** that gives without seeking reward. When we serve others with the humility and sincerity of Christ, our good works become a reflection of His gospel. Ministry that is fueled by love and shaped by integrity carries real spiritual weight—it opens hearts, earns trust, and honors God. In a world filled with empty words and inconsistent values, Christians who combine **genuine compassion with consistent character** shine brightly as true representatives of Christ.

Don't be Ashamed of Jesus, or sharing God's Word with others

As followers of Christ, we are called to boldly acknowledge Him before others without fear, hesitation, or shame. Jesus makes this clear in *Matthew 10:32–33*: “*Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.*” To be ashamed of Jesus—or silent when we have the opportunity to speak His truth—is to deny His lordship in our lives. In *Mark 8:38*, Jesus speaks strongly against being ashamed of Him and His words, especially in a world that rejects truth: “*Of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.*” This is not a call to argue or pressure others, but to stand unashamed, full of love and conviction, declaring the hope we have in Christ no matter the cost.

Paul's declaration in *Romans 1:16* captures the heart of Christian boldness: “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.*” The gospel is not just information—it is the very message that transforms lives,

heals hearts, and saves souls. Jesus Himself pointed to the power of the gospel through His works in *Matthew 11:4–6*, reminding John’s disciples that *“the blind receive their sight, the lame walk... and the poor have good news brought to them.”* The gospel is not something to hide or be timid about—it is a gift we are privileged to proclaim. Though some may reject or mock it, we must remember: *“Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”* The honor of being Christ’s witness outweighs the fear of rejection. When we speak His name and share His Word, we glorify Him—and He promises to acknowledge us before the Father.

Matthew 10:32-33 ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Mark 8:38 Those who are ashamed of Me (Jesus) and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.’

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Matthew 10:32-33 ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 11:4-6 Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.’

Minister to others by working by Faith the Spiritual Gifts of healing the Sick, etc, through the power of the Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ can work various miracles through any Christian. as He wills.

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:10 To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except

in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ...

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Hebrews 2:4 While God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Matthew 11:4-6 Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.'

Matthew 10:8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Minister to your enemies, - Love for your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48 You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reward for being a Faithful Servant of Christ

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.' Matthew 16:27

⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

Revelation 22:12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

Matthew 16:27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, ²⁴since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:25

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

The Judgement of the Nations

Matthew 25:31-46 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

James 2:14-18 What good is it, my brothers and sisters,* if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Where can we minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? For instance...

Homes

Hospitals

Orphanages

Widow Homes

Homeless Shelter

Abused Women Shelter

Elderly care homes

Handicapped Facilities

Mental Institutions

Rehabilitation Centers

Youth Detention Centers

Crisis centers

Children Day Care

Other Churches

Other Organizations Offices, Activities

Prisons

Grade Schools

High Schools

Colleges

Campus Activities, Programs

Public Streets

Highways, Freeways, Byways

Military Bases, Events

Sports Events

Tourist Areas

Shopping Center

Public Transportation

Buses

Taxi

Shuttles
Beaches
Parks
Work Areas
Business Office
Government Offices, Activities
Gyms
Recreational Facilities
Holiday Special Events
Concerts
Airports
Airlines
Ships
Stadiums
Sports Events
Hotels
Neighborhoods
Television Studio
Radio Stations
Movie Theaters
Restaurants
Coffee Shops
Foreign Countries
Public Servant Offices, Events, Police, Fire Etc.
Disaster Areas
Accident scenes
At various locations, everyday troubled circumstances, car breakdowns, door stuck,
somebody needs various help.
In the Ocean
Marathons

TO WHOM and FOR WHOM, can we minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? To whom should we help, give our time and resources ?

We should make an effort daily to reach individuals and groups of people who are among various facets of society. They all need the Love of Jesus Christ and need to know the Good News of salvation and Eternal Life.

Don't assume that someone else will come to them rather pray daily for God to show you personally who to go to and How. Then take action. >

This is How we become good and faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

The rewards are great, only be strong and of good courage. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will be with you, to give you the ability and the words to share...

EXAMPLES >

TO WHOM and FOR WHOM, can we minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? To whom should we help, give our time and resources ?

Family

Friends

Children

Youth

Enemies

General Public

Church Members

Other Christians

Non-Christians

Elderly

Widows

Sick People

Homeless

Needy/Poor

Hungary Individuals

Hospitalized Individuals

Troubled Teens

Abused / Neglected Children

Crime Victims

Families of Victims

Families of Prisoners
Prisoners
Juvenile delinquents
Grade School Children
High School Children
College Students
Tourists
Military Personal
Runaways
Abused Women
Abused Men
Lost - Search / Rescue
Leaders/ Civic / World
Singles
Single Parents
Divorced
Survivors
Gangs
Gang member
Prostitutes
Pimps
Drug abusers
Drug dealers
Sexual immoral persons
Business Individuals
Health minded people
Readers
Listeners
People with disorders
Needy Individuals
Musicians
Singers
Dancers
Civil Servants

Police
Firefighters
Postmen
Medical field workers
Doctors
Nurses
Refugees
Injured
Cult Believers / Followers
Sinners
Politicians
Sports Athletes
Ethnic Individuals
Ethnic Groups
Employees
Bosses
Leaders
Co-Workers
Travelers
Orphans
Patients
Alcoholics
Drug Abusers
Disaster Victims
Audiences
Troubled / Stressed Individuals
Depressed Individuals
Demonic oppressed
Demonic Possessed individuals
Observers
Lukewarm Individuals
Complaisant individuals
Religious Individuals
Un-Believers

All Foreigners
Strangers

Through What ways and means, can we truly minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? For instance...

The Holy Spirit
Thoughts
Words
Deeds
servantship
By Helping others in numerous ways
Prayer
Our lifestyle / walk
Scripture / Word of God
Bible Distribution
Scripture sharing - God's Word
Songs - Christian
Poems - Christian
Christian Tract distribution
Sign Language
Television
Radio
Photography
Video
Newspaper
Newsletter
Internet, Blogs, Chat, Social Network Sites,
Christian Books
Booklets
Food distribution to hungry
Water (Wells) to the thirsty
Clothing distribution to needy

Shelter to the homeless
Various supplies/goods to the needy
Transportation to needy
Money to the needy
Medical supplies
Medical service / assistance
Dental assistance
Emergency Relief work
Emergency service
Various helps
Counseling service
Youth Crisis Hotline
Youth Crisis assistance
Civil defense
Natural Disaster relief / assistance
Jesus Film
Christian Films
Discipleship

Evangelism & Discipleship Missions

1. Street evangelism
2. Door-to-door witnessing
3. Campus ministry
4. Youth evangelism
5. Children's evangelism
6. Sports evangelism
7. Church planting
8. House church movements
9. Bible distribution
10. Digital evangelism
11. Radio evangelism
12. Television evangelism
13. Social media evangelism
14. Film evangelism (e.g., "JESUS" Film Project)

15. Open-air preaching
16. Literature distribution
17. Short-term missions evangelism
18. Long-term discipleship missions
19. Tentmaking missions (self-supporting)
20. Revival/Crusade ministry

Compassion & Relief Missions

21. Disaster relief missions
22. Food distribution missions
23. Clean water projects
24. Medical missions
25. Dental missions
26. Eye care missions
27. Maternal health missions
28. Sanitation & hygiene missions
29. Orphan care missions
30. Refugee aid missions
31. Homeless outreach missions
32. Anti-human trafficking missions
33. Addiction recovery missions
34. Community development missions
35. Agricultural missions
36. Clothing distribution missions
37. Foster care missions
38. Elderly care missions
39. Disability care missions
40. Mental health support missions

Educational Missions

41. Christian schools abroad
42. Bible college missions
43. Seminary training missions
44. Sunday school missions

45. Literacy missions
46. ESL (English as a Second Language) missions
47. Vocational training missions
48. Teacher training missions
49. Theology teaching missions
50. Curriculum development missions

Cultural & Language-Specific Missions

51. Bible translation missions
52. Linguistics missions
53. Ethnomusicology missions
54. Indigenous people group outreach
55. Tribal missions
56. Oral storytelling missions
57. Sign language Bible translation
58. Diaspora missions (immigrants & refugees)
59. Minority language missions
60. Cultural reconciliation missions

Church Support & Growth Missions

61. Pastoral training missions
62. Worship leadership missions
63. Church revitalization missions
64. Leadership development missions
65. Women's ministry missions
66. Men's ministry missions
67. Small group ministry support
68. Marriage and family missions
69. Prayer ministry missions
70. Church infrastructure building

Creative & Arts-Based Missions

71. Worship music missions
72. Christian drama & theater missions

73. Christian art therapy missions
74. Dance ministry missions
75. Christian film production missions
76. Graphic design missions
77. Photography missions
78. Christian writing and publishing missions
79. Podcasting missions
80. Puppet ministry for children

Marketplace & Vocational Missions

81. Business-as-mission (BAM)
82. Christian entrepreneurship missions
83. Medical professionals as missionaries
84. Engineering & construction missions
85. Law/legal aid missions
86. Technology & IT missions
87. Aviation missions (e.g., MAF)
88. Maritime missions (e.g., Mercy Ships)
89. Farming & sustainable agriculture missions
90. Finance/accounting missions

Specialized Target Missions

91. Prison ministry missions
92. Military chaplaincy missions
93. Urban missions
94. Rural outreach missions
95. Inner-city missions
96. Deaf ministry missions
97. Muslim outreach missions
98. Hindu outreach missions
99. Buddhist outreach missions
100. Jewish outreach missions

HOW is it possible for us to minister the way God intended ? , and HOW should we minister to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ?

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

To minister the way God intends, we must rely fully on the **Holy Spirit's power, wisdom, and gifts**. Jesus promised in *John 14:26* that the Holy Spirit—the Helper—would teach us and remind us of everything He said. This means effective ministry is not about our own strength or cleverness but about being sensitive and obedient to the Spirit's guidance. In *Acts 1:8*, Jesus emphasized that the disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Similarly, the gift of the Holy Spirit, received through repentance and baptism as Peter declared in *Acts 2:38*, equips believers with spiritual gifts and boldness for ministry. To minister God's way is to operate in humility, love, truth, and wisdom—leaning completely on the Spirit's enabling presence rather than on human effort alone.

When ministering both locally and internationally, our approach must reflect the heart of Christ: one that is **non-judgmental, free from pride and hatred, and grounded in genuine love and truth**. Ministry is not about condemning others but about offering grace and pointing people to Jesus. We must speak God's truth with humility and gentleness, always seeking to build up and encourage rather than tear down. Whether we are reaching out to neighbors in our community or sharing the gospel in foreign lands, our attitude should be one of servant-hearted love, guided by God's wisdom. This posture opens doors for the Spirit to work, enabling transformation that lasts. True ministry flows from a surrendered life, empowered by the Spirit, and marked by the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When we minister in this way, we fulfill God's purpose and bring glory to His name.

Acts 1:8 -But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come on you: and you shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth.

By the Power of the Holy Spirit, By the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit, By the Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

How is it possible for us to minister the way God intended ?

What Spiritual Gifts/Tools are from God and WHAT manifestations / operations, of the Holy Spirit are given to Christians to help us minister to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ?

Further speaking of the same which are sometimes are given freely by God without us asking Him, and at other times, God desires that we seek Him in prayer / ask Him for a specific Spiritual gift. Sometimes God gives a specific Spiritual Manifestation of His Holy Spirit for a specific task, and at other times gives us an anointing to continue to operate in a specific Spiritual Gift for various and numerous tasks to truly minister to others around us.

Spiritual Gifts are to be used in the manner which is in order, and according to God's Word. Also there are sometimes False attempts by Christians and Non-Christian to minister in a Spiritual Gift that was Not given to them by the Holy Spirit;

1 Corinthians 12:10 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ...

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

God's Love

God's Wisdom in general

A specific Word of Wisdom

A specific Word of Knowledge

A specific Word of God's Truth

Gifts of Healing

The working of Miracles

Prophecy - Prophetic Word

Discerning of Spirits

Various kinds of Tongues (Speaking inn Tongues)

Interpretation of Tongues

Exhortation to others

Edification to others
Correction to others
Reproof
Testimonies
Encouraging
Counseling
Preaching
Teaching
Proclaiming
Gentleness
Forgiveness
Grace towards others
Mercy towards others
Hospitality
Charity
Prayer
Discipleship

How Do We Receive The Holy Spirit?

1. Through Faith in Jesus Christ

- **Verse:** *"Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by believing what you heard?"* – **Galatians 3:2**
- **Explanation:** Faith in Jesus opens the door for receiving the Spirit, not our own efforts.

2. By Repentance and Baptism

- **Verse:** *"Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* – **Acts 2:38**
- **Explanation:** Turning from sin and publicly identifying with Christ through baptism are key starting points.

3. Through Prayer and Asking

- **Verse:** *"How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"* – **Luke 11:13**
- **Explanation:** We receive the Spirit when we humbly ask God with sincere hearts.

4. By Obedience to God

- **Verse:** *"The Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."* – **Acts 5:32**
- **Explanation:** A life submitted to God's will creates space for the Spirit to dwell and work.

5. Through the Laying on of Hands

- **Verse:** *"Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."* – **Acts 8:17**
- **Explanation:** In some instances, God uses human touch as a means of imparting the Spirit.

6. Hearing and Believing the Gospel

- **Verse:** *"While Peter was still speaking... the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message."* – **Acts 10:44**
- **Explanation:** As people hear and believe the gospel, the Spirit is poured out.

7. Through Jesus' Baptism with the Spirit

- **Verse:** *"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* – **Luke 3:16**
- **Explanation:** Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Spirit, empowering believers for life and service.

8. Being in Unity and Expectation with Other Believers

- **Verse:** *"They were all together in one place... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."* – **Acts 2:1–4**
- **Explanation:** The Spirit came upon the early believers when they waited together in unity and prayer.

9. Through Faithful Hearing and Acceptance

- **Verse:** *"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."* – **Ephesians 1:13**
- **Explanation:** Believing and accepting Christ seals the believer with the Holy Spirit.

10. Through God's Sovereign Choice

- **Verse:** *"The wind blows wherever it pleases... so it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* – **John 3:8**
- **Explanation:** The Spirit moves by God's will—sometimes unexpectedly and powerfully.

In WHAT Manner and Way, should we minister and give to those in need ?

Concerning Almsgiving

Matthew 6:1-4 'Beware of practicing your charitable deeds before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

What can Hinder a person from being able to minister the Love and Truth of Jesus to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ?

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

Galatians 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Unconfessed Sin

- **Verse:** *"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* – **Psalms 66:18**
- **Impact:** Ongoing, unrepented sin dulls our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and weakens our spiritual authority.

2. Pride and Self-Reliance

- **Verse:** *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."* – **James 4:6**
- **Impact:** Pride shifts focus from Christ to self, making ministry about performance instead of service.

3. Unforgiveness and Bitterness

- **Verse:** *"Forgive as the Lord forgave you."* – **Colossians 3:13**
- **Impact:** Bitterness poisons relationships and contradicts the love we're called to show.

4. Being Ashamed of the Gospel

- **Verse:** *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation..."* – **Romans 1:16**

- **Impact:** Fear of rejection or social pressure can silence boldness in sharing Jesus.

5. Neglecting Spiritual Gifts and Calling

- **Verse:** *"Do not neglect the gift you have..."* – **1 Timothy 4:14**
- **Impact:** When we ignore or fail to develop our spiritual gifts, we miss opportunities to serve and build up others.

6. Misusing Christian Freedom (Selfishness)

- **Verse:** *"...do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh..."* – **Galatians 5:13**
- **Impact:** Comfort, laziness, or consumer Christianity can keep us from sacrificially loving others.

7. Fear of Man

- **Verse:** *"The fear of man lays a snare..."* – **Proverbs 29:25**
- **Impact:** Worrying about others' opinions stifles the courage needed to speak truth in love.

8. Lack of Compassion or Love

- **Verse:** *"If I... have not love, I am nothing."* – **1 Corinthians 13:2**
- **Impact:** Ministry without genuine love becomes noise—ineffective and unfruitful.

9. Disobedience to Known Truth

- **Verse:** *"Anyone... who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin."* – **James 4:17**
- **Impact:** Delayed obedience or passive disobedience can close spiritual doors and grieve the Spirit.

10. Spiritual Apathy or Lukewarmness

- **Verse:** *"Because you are lukewarm... I will spit you out of my mouth."* – **Revelation 3:16**
- **Impact:** A heart that's indifferent to Christ will never burn with His love for others.

We need to Repent (Turn away from) any sin

Luke 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Encouragement:

Even if you've experienced these hindrances, **God restores and empowers those who return to Him** with humble hearts. As Paul urged Timothy, “**fan into flame the gift of God**” (2 Tim. 1:6) — and **go boldly, not perfectly**, into the mission God has placed before you.

James 4:17 “ **Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.** “ Solution - Repent, Change your mind and turn away from sin, God will forgive, by His Grace we saved through faith

Qualified or Disqualified To Serve ?

Many people who come to faith in Jesus Christ struggle with feelings of unworthiness or disqualification when it comes to serving God. They may look at their past mistakes—sins, addictions, broken relationships, or failures—and believe that those things disqualify them from being used by God in ministry, witnessing, or missions. But the truth of the Gospel is that **no one qualifies themselves by their own righteousness**. We are saved by grace through faith, and once we are in Christ, we are made **new creations** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our past no longer defines us; our identity is now rooted in Jesus, not in what we've done or where we've been. God delights in transforming broken people and using them for His glory. Your scars can actually become the very testimony that brings hope to others.

In fact, throughout Scripture, God used men and women with deeply flawed pasts to accomplish incredible things. Moses was a murderer, yet God chose him to lead Israel out of Egypt. David committed adultery and murder, but he repented and was called a man after God's own heart. Paul persecuted the church and consented to the death of Christians, but after encountering Jesus, he became one of the greatest missionaries and witnesses to the Gospel the world has ever known. These examples remind us that **God's mercy and grace are greater than our failures**, and that **His calling is not revoked because of our past**. When we surrender our lives to Christ, God takes our brokenness and reshapes it into a powerful instrument for His kingdom.

Rather than disqualifying you, your past—when surrendered to Christ—can become one of your greatest tools in ministry. When you testify about where God has brought you from, people listen. They see authenticity, humility, and the power of God's grace in action. Your story becomes a living witness that only Jesus could have changed your life and saved you. No self-help book, no new habit, no religious ritual could have done what Christ has done in your heart. Sharing that truth boldly can reach people who are convinced they are too far gone. Your past does not silence your ministry—it gives it

depth, compassion, and credibility. When God redeems a life, He often sends that person back into similar environments to reach others who are lost in the same darkness He rescued them from.

So don't listen to the lie that you are disqualified from witnessing, serving in your community, or even going on mission for Jesus. If anything, your redemption qualifies you to go forth with boldness, humility, and gratitude. God doesn't call the perfect; He perfects those He calls. If you are in Christ, then He has given you His Spirit, His Word, and His love to pour into others. Ministry isn't about being flawless—it's about being faithful and available. Let your life be a testimony of what the love of God can do in someone who was once lost but is now found. **You are forgiven, chosen, and commissioned**—not because of who you were, but because of who Jesus is. Step forward in obedience, and watch how God will use your life to bring glory to His name.

The Commissioning of the Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"Behold, I (Jesus) am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. "

Revelations 22:12

Abide in Jesus, Let His Light and Love Shine Through You – Go Make Disciples.

To be an effective witness and disciple-maker for Jesus Christ, we must first learn to **abide in Him**. Jesus said in John 15:4-5, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches."* This means our spiritual life and power come directly from our relationship with Christ. Without Him, we can do nothing of

eternal value. But when we stay close to Him—through prayer, obedience, and meditating on His Word—His Spirit fills us with love, wisdom, and strength to live and serve as His faithful disciples. Our calling to go out and reach others must begin with being rooted in Him.

When we truly abide in Jesus, **His light and love will naturally shine through our lives**. We do not need to manufacture it—His love flows through us as we yield to His Spirit. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14-16, *“You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* This light is not our own—it is His light reflected through us. When we walk in humility, forgiveness, kindness, and truth, people around us can see the love of Christ in action. And often, it is through simple, daily acts of faith and love that God draws others to Himself.

Jesus gave His followers a clear commission in Matthew 28:19-20: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”* This is not just a suggestion—it is a divine command. We are called not merely to make converts, but to make disciples: people who will grow in Christ, obey His teachings, and in turn, disciple others. Whether it’s in your local community, your workplace, your home, or on foreign soil, God is sending you to be His ambassador. As you go, remember you are not alone—Jesus promised, *“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

So let your life reflect Jesus. **Abide in Him daily**, remain sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and take every opportunity to share the Gospel. The world is in desperate need of the hope, healing, and salvation that only Christ offers. As you live for Him, serve others, and speak His truth in love, many will come to know the Savior through your witness. Be bold. Be faithful. And above all, remain in the One who called you—Jesus Christ, the true Vine, your source of life; Be strong in Him and of good courage. **Now go—make disciples in His name.**