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**“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God
were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s
behalf, be reconciled to God.”**

2 Corinthians 5:20

PREFACE

I want to share a story about one of the members of our church to illustrate why I wrote this book and why I believe it is important for all believers. I'll refer to him as John. John was a quiet, unassuming, ordinary man. He and his wife were faithful members of the church and seldom missed a service. John hardly ever said anything. He owned a small retail store, and his life, for the most part, seemed uneventful, just like the lives of so many others. Then, one day after church, he shared a story with me about a stranger who came into his store. John explained how the man was clearly troubled, burdened by something deeper than a mere shopping list. As the man approached the checkout counter, he began to share with John how his life seemed hopeless — a life full of mistakes, regrets, and pain. The stranger explained how he had tried everything to find peace but had come up empty.

John listened patiently, offering more than just sympathy; he offered something far more valuable — hope. He quietly shared how his life had been transformed when he encountered Christ. He explained how Jesus had taken away his guilt and given him a purpose, a peace that he couldn't explain but could only live out. That day, the stranger's life was forever changed. He walked out of that store a different man, forever impacted by the simple, humble witness of a Christian who understood the power of representing Christ.

This story is a reminder of how one moment, one conversation, can alter the course of someone's eternity. It illustrates the profound impact of being a witness for Christ — an ambassador whose words and actions can make all the difference in

someone's life. Each of us, regardless of our background or station in life, has been called to carry this message, not only through what we say but in how we live. John shared with me how he had remembered a series we had done on how to be an effective witness for Christ, and he was moved by compassion for this man to share his testimony.

For over 40 years as a pastor, I have been privileged to see countless lives transformed by the power of the gospel. And I have learned that this mission isn't just for pastors or missionaries — it's for every believer. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul writes, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." This is the ministry to which every Christian is called: to be His ambassadors, sharing His message of reconciliation with the world.

Being an ambassador for Christ means representing Him in every part of our lives — in our workplaces, in our homes, in our communities. It means being a living witness of the life-changing power of the Gospel. And, just like John in the hardware store, we may never fully understand the eternal impact of a simple conversation or action. But God has entrusted each of us with the ministry of reconciliation, and through us, He is making His appeal to a broken world.

In this book, *Ambassadors for Christ – Handbook*, I want to help you understand the significance of this call. As Christ's ambassadors, we are entrusted with the incredible responsibility of representing God on earth and sharing the message of His love, forgiveness, and grace. This book will explore what it means to be an ambassador for Christ, how to

live effectively as one, and the incredible rewards that come from answering this call.

As you read these pages, I want you to see the importance of your role in building God's Kingdom. Whether you're speaking to a friend, a colleague, or a stranger on the street, you have the opportunity to impact lives for eternity. You have been chosen by God to carry the most powerful message the world has ever heard.

I believe that as you embrace your role as an ambassador for Christ, you will not only witness others' lives being transformed, but your own life will be forever changed as well. You will discover the joy of seeing God work through you, as you faithfully share the message of reconciliation with a world that desperately needs it.

May this handbook serve as both an encouragement and a challenge to step boldly into your calling as an ambassador for Christ. The world is waiting for you to make a difference, and the Kingdom of God is advancing with every life touched by His love.

In His service,

Pastor Bruce

INTRODUCTION

Imagine standing in front of a room full of people. Your heart is racing, your palms are sweaty, and the words you want to speak are trapped in your throat. You know what you have to say could change their lives, but the fear of rejection, judgment, and failure paralyzes you. The question looms: "How can I be a witness for Christ in a world that seems so hostile to His message?"

This fear is one that many believers face at some point — the fear of stepping out, sharing the Gospel, and truly living as an ambassador for Christ. But what if I told you that this fear, though real, is not only conquerable but can be transformed into boldness and power? What if you discovered that you've been equipped all along — not with mere words, but with the authority and identity of heaven itself?

Allow me to share a story.

A young man named David had always felt uncomfortable talking about his faith. He admired the confident, bold preachers he saw on television and wished he could speak with that kind of authority. One day, a friend asked David to attend a Bible study he had been leading. When the moment came for David to share something, his heart began to race. He was about to speak — not to a crowd, but to a group of believers. And yet, he froze.

But then, in the quiet of that moment, something shifted. David remembered a teaching he had heard: *You are an ambassador of Christ, not by your own strength, but by the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you.* It was as though a light bulb turned

on, and the fear was replaced with peace. As David shared his testimony, his words carried weight — not because of his eloquence, but because he had stepped into his role as a representative of Christ. That day, his fear of witnessing was replaced by a deep understanding of his calling. David had tapped into something far greater than his own abilities — he had embraced the truth that he was a co-laborer with Christ, called to do greater works than Jesus Himself.

This book, *Ambassadors for Christ – Handbook*, is your guide to overcoming the fear of being a witness for Christ. If you’ve ever hesitated to speak out or wondered how to navigate the challenges of representing Christ in a world that often rejects His truth, this book will equip you to step boldly into your calling. Whether you’re in the workplace, at home, or in the marketplace, God has called you to be His ambassador — and you are fully equipped to do so.

Throughout the pages of this book, we will explore how you, as a believer, are first and foremost a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Before you are an ambassador, you are a member of God’s family, an heir to the Kingdom, and a co-laborer with Christ. It is from this identity that you are sent out as an ambassador, not in fear but in authority. Jesus Himself has called you to do greater works — works that bring His light into the darkness, His love into the broken places, and His grace to those who need it most.

In this book, we will explore:

1. **What an ambassador is** — not just a title, but a life purpose.

2. **How to overcome the fear of witnessing** — stepping into your God-given authority with boldness.
3. **The rewards and benefits of being an ambassador for Christ** — both in this life and in eternity.
4. **How to partner with Christ** — to be a co-laborer in the most important mission on earth: the ministry of reconciliation.

You have been chosen. You have been called. And, you have been equipped for this moment.

So, let me ask you this: Are you ready to embrace your role as an ambassador for Christ? Are you ready to step into your destiny as a citizen of the Kingdom and partner with Jesus in bringing His message of hope, healing, and reconciliation to the world?

The journey begins now. Let's dive in.

“Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,”
2 Corinthians 5:18

CHAPTER ONE

You Must Be Born Again

In the Gospel of John, Jesus teaches a profound truth essential for becoming a Christian: one must be "born again." This spiritual rebirth, crucial for understanding and entering into the kingdom of God, is explained through Jesus' dialogue with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews. Let's delve into the significance of this teaching and its implications for Christian faith and discipleship.

John 3:1-12

Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader, approached Jesus under the cover of night, acknowledging Him as a teacher sent by God due to the signs and wonders He performed. In response, Jesus declared, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3 ESV). Perplexed, Nicodemus questioned how one could be born again after having grown old, to which Jesus explained the necessity of being born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God—highlighting the distinction between physical birth (of flesh) and spiritual rebirth (of the Spirit).

Jesus' popularity stirred both curiosity and controversy in first-century Judea. Crowds flocked to hear His teachings and witness His miracles, yet religious leaders like Nicodemus approached Him cautiously, wary of endorsing teachings that challenged established norms. As a Pharisee, Nicodemus adhered strictly to religious law and tradition, deeply committed to interpreting and practicing the Torah through detailed rules set forth by the Scribes and Pharisees.

Teaching of Jesus

Jesus' discourse with Nicodemus in John 3 marks a foundational teaching on spiritual regeneration. He likened the process of being "born again" to a new birth initiated by God rather than by human effort. This metaphor underscores that salvation and entry into God's kingdom are not achieved through human works but through faith and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. It emphasizes God's grace, and the redemptive plan fulfilled through Jesus Christ, echoing the scriptural truth that "what is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6 ESV).

A Pharisee Named Nicodemus

Nicodemus, a prominent Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council approached Jesus privately, likely seeking deeper understanding amidst the public debate surrounding Jesus' ministry during the Passover Feast in Jerusalem. His inquiry into the concept of spiritual rebirth reveals his earnest pursuit of truth beyond legalistic interpretations of the law. As a Pharisee, Nicodemus belonged to a sect known for their meticulous observance of religious practices and their zeal for upholding Jewish traditions, as defined in the Talmud and other scholarly writings.

In essence, Nicodemus represents a pivotal figure grappling with the intersection of faith, tradition, and the radical teachings of Jesus. His nocturnal visit to Jesus reflects both personal curiosity and the Pharisaic caution in engaging with a controversial yet compelling figure challenging the religious status quo.

The encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus illuminates fundamental truths about Christian faith and discipleship. It underscores the necessity of spiritual rebirth through faith in Jesus Christ, transcending mere adherence to religious rituals or legalistic interpretations of the law. As believers, the call to be "born again" resonates as a transformative experience initiated by God's grace, leading to a renewed life in Christ and entry into His eternal kingdom.

Physical Birth vs. Spiritual Birth

To fully understand Jesus' teaching on the New Birth we must understand the difference between physical birth and spiritual birth. Our physical birth is the first birth—one that every human being experiences. It is the entryway into this world, marking the beginning of our earthly existence. Jesus refers to this when He speaks of being "born of water" (John 3:5), which many scholars believe signifies natural birth. During pregnancy, the unborn child is surrounded by amniotic fluid, which is commonly associated with the phrase "her water broke"—signaling the impending delivery.

However, while physical birth gives us life in this world, it does not grant us eternal life. In fact, every person born into this world inherits something far more serious than just human traits—we inherit spiritual death. This condition traces back to Adam, the first man, whose sin in the Garden of Eden separated humanity from God.

The Consequence of Sin: Spiritual Death

Romans 5:12 states: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Adam was created perfect, in communion with God. Unlike animals, humans were given a spirit to fellowship with their Creator. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they experienced spiritual death—separation from God. As their descendants, we are all born into this fallen state, alienated from the presence of God.

Because God is holy and cannot tolerate sin in His presence, those who remain spiritually dead cannot enter His kingdom. If sin were allowed in heaven, it would cease to be a place of purity and righteousness. Instead, sin carries an eternal consequence: separation from God in hell. Romans 6:23 (KJV) makes this clear:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Need for Spiritual Rebirth

Recognizing humanity's helplessness in saving itself, God, in His great love, provided a way for people to be restored to Him. This is why Jesus came—to pay the penalty for our sins and offer us new life through spiritual birth.

John 3:16-17 declares:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that, just as physical birth is necessary for life on earth, spiritual birth is necessary for eternal life. This new birth is not something achieved through human effort, good works, or religious rituals—is it a supernatural transformation brought about by the Holy Spirit.

What Does It Mean to Be Born of Water and Spirit?

Some misunderstand Jesus' words "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5) as referring to water baptism. However, baptism is an outward sign of faith, not the means of salvation. Instead, Jesus was pointing to the cleansing and renewing work of the Holy Spirit, which was foreshadowed in the Old Testament.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 (KJV) prophesied this spiritual renewal:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

Jesus was reinforcing that salvation is an internal transformation, not an external act. Just as water cleanses the body, the Spirit cleanses the soul, removing sin and giving us a new nature.

An Analogy: The Butterfly's Transformation

To illustrate this truth, consider the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. A caterpillar crawls on the ground, bound to the earth, much like a person bound by sin. But when it enters the cocoon, a miraculous transformation occurs. It emerges as a butterfly, no longer limited to crawling but able to soar in the sky.

Similarly, when we are born again, we are no longer bound by our sinful nature. We receive a new identity in Christ, empowered to live according to God's will and experience the fullness of His kingdom.

Physical birth is necessary for earthly life, but spiritual birth is essential for eternal life. Jesus' teaching in John 3 emphasizes that salvation is not about religious affiliation or good deeds but about a supernatural rebirth by the Spirit of God.

Just as we had no control over our physical birth, we cannot earn our spiritual rebirth—it is a gift of grace, received through faith in Jesus Christ. Through Him, we are made alive, restored to fellowship with God, and given the promise of eternal life.

Have you experienced this second birth? Jesus invites everyone to be born again. The question is: Will you receive His gift of new life today?

So how does this spiritual birth happen?

Jesus explains it. Since we cannot enter heaven because of our sins, He, the sinless one, was lifted up on the cross to die for our sins. However, this sacrifice is not imputed to everyone automatically, but only to those who believe in Christ and what He did for them.

Born Again Through Faith and Confession

According to Romans 10:9, this transformation happens when a person believes in their heart and confesses with their mouth that Jesus is Lord. This is not merely an intellectual agreement or religious ritual; it is a supernatural rebirth that changes a person's eternal destiny. In this paper, we will explore the significance of this truth, supported by Scripture, theological insights, and illustrations that make this profound concept easy to grasp.

The Heart of Salvation: Romans 10:9

Romans 10:9 (NKJV) states: *“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* This verse clearly outlines two essential components of salvation:

1. **Believing in the heart** – A deep, personal faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not just head knowledge, but a deep conviction within.
2. **Confessing with the mouth** – An open declaration that Jesus is Lord.

Both aspects work together to bring about salvation. This is not about religious performance or good deeds but about placing faith in Christ and openly declaring allegiance to Him.

Belief in the Heart: A Transformation from Within

Believing in the heart means more than mere agreement with the fact that Jesus existed or even that He died and rose again. It requires trusting in Him personally for salvation. This kind of belief leads to transformation.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** affirms that salvation comes by grace through faith, not by works.
- **John 3:16** teaches that whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** states that anyone in Christ becomes a new creation.

An illustration of this transformation can be seen in the life of the Apostle Paul. Once a persecutor of Christians, Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). His belief in Christ changed his heart, leading him to become one of the greatest evangelists in history.

Confession with the Mouth: Declaring Jesus as Lord

Confessing Jesus as Lord is more than just words; it is a public acknowledgment of His authority over one's life. In the early church, this confession often led to persecution because it meant renouncing allegiance to Caesar and proclaiming Jesus as the true King.

- **Matthew 10:32** – Jesus promises to acknowledge before the Father those who confess Him before men.
- **Philippians 2:11** – Every tongue will ultimately confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- **Luke 6:45** – What is in the heart will come out through speech.

A modern illustration is the testimony of countless believers who, upon accepting Christ, boldly declare their faith despite opposition. For example, former Muslim-turned-Christian Nabeel Qureshi shared in his book *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* how confessing Christ cost him relationships, yet it was worth it for the sake of truth.

The Power of Faith and Confession

When belief and confession come together, the miracle of new birth takes place. **Romans 10:10** explains, *“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* This means faith justifies us before God, and confession solidifies our salvation experience.

Salvation is not earned but received by faith. Believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth are the God-ordained steps to being born again. This simple yet profound truth has changed millions of lives throughout history and continues to do so today. As Charles Spurgeon once said, *“Faith is the eye that sees, the hand that grasps, the mouth that tastes the goodness of God.”*

Summary

Being born again is not just a concept; it's a spiritual reality that Jesus emphasized to Nicodemus in John 3:3-7. When Jesus told Nicodemus, "You must be born again", He wasn't speaking of a physical rebirth but a spiritual transformation that changes everything. Being born again is the doorway to eternal life, the moment when we step out of spiritual death and into the abundant life God has prepared for us. It signifies a profound transformation that occurs when a person believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Before anyone can truly serve as an Ambassador for Christ, they must first experience this rebirth. It is the foundation of everything that follows. Without being born again, we are spiritually powerless, but with this new life in Christ, we are equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our calling.

When you become born again you become a new creation, a child of God, a citizen of the Kingdom of God, and part of a chosen generation. We are going to explore each of these in detail in the next chapter. Before you can be Ambassador of Christ you must be born again.

CHAPTER TWO

Citizens of the Kingdom

Before you can become an ambassador for Christ you must be born again. Why? Because when you are born again you become a citizen of the Kingdom of God. In the natural, you may be a citizen of the United States, Mexico, England, or any other country, but now that you have been born of the Spirit your citizenship is in heaven. “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;” (Philippians 3:20)

Not only are you now a citizen of the kingdom, but you are a child of God, you are a new creation in Christ and part of a chosen generation. We are going to discuss each of these in detail and explain what it all means in relationship to our calling as Ambassadors for Christ. First, let's look at what it means to be a citizen of heaven.

Being a citizen of heaven means we are now foreigners in this place we call the world. This world is not our home – we are in the world but not of the world. The sooner we understand this truth the sooner we can fulfill our purpose. When Jesus came to the planet, He didn't come to start a religion. He came to give us the opportunity to become members of His family and citizens of His kingdom. As believers in Christ, our heavenly citizenship should encourage us and challenge us daily to walk in such a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27).

What is the Kingdom of God

A kingdom is simply a territory that is ruled by a king. Therefore, the kingdom of God is the place where Jesus the King of Kings rules and reigns. When we think of kingdoms, we often think of physical territory, but the kingdom of God goes beyond that. In our present state, the kingdom of God is not a physical kingdom – it is a spiritual one. It is not about land or territory; it begins in the heart of a person. Jesus defined the kingdom in Luke 21:20-21 He said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Romans 14:17 tells us, “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” This verse provides insight into the true nature of God’s kingdom – that it is defined by spiritual realities, not mere physical practices. When believers live by the Spirit and not by the flesh (Romans 8:5-8), God’s kingdom is manifested – a kingdom not defined by outward behaviors but by an inward transformation of the heart.

Rights and responsibilities

Just as we would have rights and responsibilities as citizens in the countries we inhabit on earth, so it is with our citizenship in Heaven. Our first right is that of eternal life with Christ in Heaven (John 3:16). Our citizenship in the kingdom of God grants us the promise of eternal life and glorification through faith in Jesus Christ. “We eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). The second coming of Jesus Christ will result in the glorification of physical bodies for those in Christ Jesus, and it will be by His power (Philippians 3:21).

As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, it is our responsibility to conduct ourselves differently from those who do not know God. Our primary focus should be on eternal things rather than worldly or temporal passions. We are to rid ourselves of sin. We are to keep ourselves pure from the desires of our human nature, for these are things we did in our old selves before salvation transformed us anew. With our new life, we honor Him and wear our citizenship proudly as those who live in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins and guides us toward righteous living. (Col. 3:5-9)

We are granted the right to a renewed life in Christ, a chance to start new and fill ourselves with the knowledge of our Heavenly Father. In our renewed spirit, we are given the revelation of God and made aware of His presence in and around us. Thus, we are to fill our renewed spirits with His Word.

Also, we are one with HIM and with each other! *“There is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”* (Col. 3:11) In the kingdom of heaven all barriers – racial, religious, gender, social status, etc. are erased and we all are equal in God’s eyes.

Another responsibility we have as citizens of the kingdom of heaven is to exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. Our lives should be a testimony of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and, most importantly, love for one another.

We have the right and privilege to enter the presence of God with praise and worship. worship and praise God. We have the responsibility of encouraging and praying one for another. Therefore, it is good for us to have a church family to meet with

regularly as we build each other up. When citizens of Heaven come together on earth, we can strengthen and encourage one another to walk in the Spirit. We inspire each other to continue onward, as we will one day advance upward.

We have the right to the help of the Holy Spirit and access to all the King and Kingdom has for us. The Holy Spirit helps us, comforts us, leads and guides us, and teaches us. All of the promises of God belong to us, peace, joy, grace, forgiveness, mercy, favor, healing, prosperity, and much more.

Most importantly, it is our responsibility to share the message of and about the kingdom with others and to be light and salt to the world. Jesus gave us a mission to preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations. (Mt. 28:19 & Mk 16:15) It is what an Ambassador of Christ does.

Finally, in all we do, we do it in the name of our king...King Jesus. Everything we set out to do, we do for His Kingdom and His glory, giving thanks to Him each day for what He has given us.

You Are a New Creation

Being a citizen of heaven leaves us as foreigners in this world. We are temporary residents, awaiting a heavenly city much like those described in the letter to the Hebrews. We realize that this world is not our home. We do not set our hearts on the things of this world, nor do we store up treasure where moth and rust can destroy. Instead of having an expectation for the things of this world, we have an eager expectation for the return of our Savior.

Our names are written in Lamb's Book of Life, a future promise of our eternal security as citizens in the heavenly city. In the meantime, we need to understand God is at work in us and

through us. When we become born again we become “**new creations in Christ**.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) It is the start of our faith journey.

What does new creation in Christ mean?

The moment you accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and make Him the Lord of your life, you are instantly, miraculously given a brand-new spirit. The words ‘new creation’ literally means “a new species of being, never before created”. The Bible says that becoming a new creation is what happens when you receive salvation. Your old spirit man dies, and a new spirit comes alive. The new spirit is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:24). You become one spirit with God (1 Corinthians 6:17). To be a new creation in Christ means that the spirit of man has been recreated. The old spirit of man, or fallen sin nature, is destroyed and replaced with the new nature that is made in the likeness of God. This miracle occurs when a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and receives salvation.

Spirit – Soul – Body

Your spirit becomes brand new, but your soul and body are a work in progress. God created us as a 3-part being - spirit, soul, and body. Your spirit is your inner man, the real you. Your soul is your mind, will, and emotions. It needs to be sanctified by the renewing of your mind. Your body is your flesh. It is all of your senses, what you feel, hear, smell, and see. The Bible tells us our flesh needs to be “crucified daily”. One day we will receive a new glorified body. When we receive Christ – the spirit is justified, the soul begins the process of sanctification, and one day the body experiences glorification. It is the

New Creations in Christ

To be a new creation in Christ means to be a completely new creature. You have drastically changed. You are not just a sinner saved, but a brand-new person. When we are born again, we become a saint.

It is not the result of striving or working to turn yourself into a different person. For you cannot cause yourself to exist. Birth is the result of seed and is the greatest miracle you will ever encounter. Surrounding our soul in the cocoon of God's Presence and His Word is what causes us to be transformed. It is designed to reveal to us our new identity.

You have also gone from death to life. John 14:19 states, *"because I live, ye shall live also"*. This implies that we were dead, but Jesus came to bring life back to us (John 10:10). This means that your spirit is alive. It can see and hear and is designed to encounter Father. You see, our spirit has come from heaven. This is its origin, so it is not strange to have heavenly encounters.

We are truly citizens of heaven, but we have been sent into a body to dwell here on earth with a mission. This is what Paul is talking about in 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. To be an ambassador, we must be aware of the environment and culture of our original country. We are sent (just as Jesus was) with the full support, ability, and resources of our heavenly kingdom.

You are a Child of God

When you become born again you become a new creation, as a new creation you become a child of God. John 1:12 tells us, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he

gave the right to become children of God.” This verse highlights the transformative power of belief and acceptance of Jesus Christ, establishing a personal relationship with God that transcends mere creation. You are a child of God if Jesus is your personal Savior. You are born into God’s family through the blood of Jesus shed for you at Calvary. There is no other way that you can belong in God’s family. He is THE way, THE truth, and THE life. No one can come to the Father except through Him.

Before being born again you are a “child of the devil”, but the moment you receive Christ you become a child of God. God is your Father. 1 John 3:1 says, “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

Romans 8:15-17 says, “Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory” We grow spiritually and physically as children of God into mature Christians, “transformed by the renewing of your mind . . . able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will” (Romans 12:2). As children of God, Father God raises us and rewards our loyalty to the family of God.

You are a Chosen Generation

You are a citizen of heaven. When you receive Christ as your personal Lord and Savior you become born again and a citizen of heaven. You become a new creation in Christ and child of God. God is your father. You are also part of the “chosen generation”.

The phrase *“you are a chosen generation”* comes from 1 Peter 2:9, where the apostle Peter declares:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

This verse is packed with profound truths about our identity as believers. It's not just a poetic phrase—it's a life-altering reality that should shape how we see ourselves and our purpose in the world.

To fully grasp what it means to be *"a chosen generation,"* let's break this verse down and explore the significance of each phrase, drawing from both scripture and insights from Christian leaders.

1. We Are Chosen by God

The verse begins with the declaration that we are a *chosen race*. This means that, as Christians, we have been personally selected by God. This doesn't imply favoritism or an arbitrary selection process, but rather that God, in His infinite wisdom and love, extends the invitation of salvation to all people. Those who respond in faith become part of His chosen people.

Dr. Charles Spurgeon once said, *"I believe the doctrine of election because I am quite sure that if God had not chosen me, I should never have chosen Him."* This truth humbles us because it reminds us that our salvation is not based on our merit but on God's mercy (Titus 3:5).

God's desire is for all people to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), but only those who respond in faith to His call become His children (John 1:12). Being chosen means we are part of a divine plan, handpicked by the Creator of the universe to belong to Him.

Illustration:

Imagine a coach selecting players for a championship team. He doesn't just choose randomly—he sees potential, value, and purpose in each player. In the same way, God has chosen us, not because of our own greatness, but because of His love and purpose for our lives.

2. We Have a Special Purpose

Peter continues by calling us *"a royal priesthood, a holy nation."* These words describe both our status and our purpose. We are not just saved from sin; we are saved *for* something greater.

- **A Royal Priesthood** – We have direct access to God and the privilege of interceding for others, just as priests did in the Old Testament (Revelation 1:6).
- **A Holy Nation** – We are set apart, called to live differently from the world and to reflect God's character in our daily lives.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* God didn't just save us to sit idly—He saved us to fulfill His divine purposes.

Illustration:

Think of an ambassador appointed by a king. They don't represent themselves; they represent their kingdom and its values. Likewise, we are representatives of God's kingdom, called to display His goodness to the world.

3. We Belong to God

Peter further describes us as *"a people for his own possession."* This means we are not our own—we have been purchased by the blood of Christ (Romans 8:15). We belong to Him, and this brings us security, identity, and purpose.

Pastor John Piper explains it this way: *"God's choosing you is not so you can revel in being chosen, but so you can make much of the One who chose you."* Our belonging to God is not just a privilege—it's a responsibility to glorify Him in all that we do.

Illustration:

A child adopted into a loving family is given a new name, a new home, and a new inheritance. In the same way, we have been adopted into God's family, and with that adoption comes incredible blessings and responsibilities.

4. We Are Called Out of Darkness

The verse also says that God *"called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* Before knowing Christ, we were lost in spiritual darkness—separated from God, blinded by sin, and without hope. But through His mercy, we have been transferred from darkness into light (Ephesians 2:1-5).

Jesus Himself declared, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12). Now, as people of light, we are called to shine that light for others to see (Matthew 5:16).

Illustration:

Imagine being in a pitch-black room, unable to see anything. Then, suddenly, someone turns on a light. That's what happens spiritually when we come to Christ—we move from confusion to clarity, from fear to faith, from hopelessness to purpose.

5. We Have a Mission

We are not chosen just for our own benefit—we have been called *"that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you."* Our mission is to declare the goodness of God, both in our words and our actions.

As C.S. Lewis once said, *"Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him."* Our lives should point people to Jesus.

Application:

- Proclaim God's goodness through your testimony.
- Serve others with love and compassion.
- Live in a way that reflects God's holiness and grace.

6. Living with Confidence and Joy

When we understand our identity in Christ, we can live with boldness and joy. Here's a summary of who we are in Christ:

- **Chosen** – Handpicked by God to be part of His family.
- **Royal** – Children of the King, given authority and purpose.
- **Holy** – Set apart for God's purposes.
- **God's Possession** – We belong to Him and find our security in Him.
- **Called** – Invited from darkness into light by His grace.
- **Sent** – Given a mission to proclaim God's glory.

This privileged position is not based on our efforts, but on God's mercy (Titus 3:5). We can walk in full assurance of our salvation and live boldly as His representatives.

Illustration:

Think of a soldier who knows they have the full backing of their commander and nation. They go into battle with confidence. In the same way, knowing we are chosen by God gives us the courage to face life's challenges with faith and victory.

7. Sharing This Privilege

While this identity applies to believers, God's desire is for all people to come to Him (2 Peter 3:9). We must not hoard this blessing but share it with others, inviting them into the family of God.

Billy Graham once said, *"The greatest legacy one can pass on is not material wealth, but a legacy of faith in Christ."* We have the honor of sharing this good news with the world.

1 Peter 2:9 is a powerful reminder of our identity and purpose. We are a chosen generation—called, loved, and sent for God's glory. This should produce humility, worship, and a passion for sharing the gospel.

Let's embrace our calling with gratitude, knowing that our lives are part of God's eternal plan. As His chosen people, we have the privilege of shining His light in a dark world, proclaiming His excellencies, and leading others to His marvelous light.

Summary

As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we are not merely visitors in God's kingdom—we belong to it as His redeemed people. This citizenship is granted not by birthright in the natural, but by being born again through faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:3). When we accept Christ, we are transferred from the kingdom of

darkness into the Kingdom of God, gaining both the rights and responsibilities that come with this new identity. As citizens, we have access to God's promises, His divine protection, and the authority of His name. Yet, with these privileges come the call to live righteously, to represent Christ well, and to advance His kingdom on earth. More than just citizens, we are also children of God, adopted into His family and chosen for a divine purpose (1 Peter 2:9). As a chosen generation, we are set apart to declare His praises and reflect His glory. Our heavenly citizenship is not just a future hope but a present reality, shaping how we live, love, and lead as ambassadors of Christ in this world. The point to understand here is before we can be Ambassadors for Christ we must be citizens of the Kingdom and to be a citizen of the kingdom we first must be born again. Are you born again?

Truths about the Kingdom of God.

- It is now
- It is in power
- It is righteousness, peace, and joy
- It is within us.
- It cannot be shaken.

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” – **Matthew 4:17***

*“For the kingdom of God is ..., but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” – **Romans 14:17***

*“For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” – **Luke 7:21***

*“For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.” – **1 Corinthians 4:20***

*“Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.” – **Matthew 6:10***

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken,..” – **Hebrews 12:28***

CHAPTER THREE

What is an Ambassador?

The Apostle Paul introduces us to the concept or idea of being ambassadors in 2 Corinthians 5:20 where he calls us as Christians to be “Ambassadors”. He says, **“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.”**

When we first read this verse, we may not fully grasp the weight of the calling it conveys. That is understandable. First, most of us are not familiar with what an ambassador is and then we are probably not sure how that applies to us or what we should do.

Let’s begin by defining an ambassador. While dictionary definitions provide valuable insight, I believe the following definition is bit more descriptive and better captures the essence of what it means to be an ambassador:

An ambassador is a dignitary whose full-time job is to live for a period (usually years) in a foreign land, intentionally building relationships with the people native to that land and purposefully representing to those people the desires of his king.

Let’s break it down into its key components and apply them to our role as ambassadors for Christ.

A Dignitary with Authority

The first characteristic of an ambassador is that they are a dignitary—a person of high rank or office. If a country were to send an ambassador to a foreign land who had no authority, no knowledge, and no official standing, they would not be taken seriously. Their mission would likely fail.

The same principle applies to us. We may not always recognize it, but we are dignitaries of the highest order. As believers, we are children of the Most High God (Romans 8:16-17). We represent the King of Kings, the Creator of all things! Understanding our position as His chosen representatives should give us confidence. As Pastor Tony Evans said, “You are not merely a churchgoer; you are a kingdom representative.”

Living in a Foreign Land

An ambassador must leave their home country and reside in a foreign land to fulfill their duties. Their role is not a short-term assignment or a remote position; they must be fully present in the country where they are assigned.

As Christians, we are in a similar position. This earth is not our home. The Bible frequently reminds us that we are strangers and pilgrims here (1 Peter 2:11). Our true home is heaven, but for now, we are placed on this earth with a purpose.

For a Temporary Time

An ambassador understands that their assignment is not permanent. They will eventually be recalled home to their native land.

Likewise, our time on earth is temporary. Whether our earthly journey lasts a few decades or a century, we will one day be called home to be with the Lord (Job 14:1-2). Knowing this should create a sense of urgency in fulfilling our mission.

Building Relationships

An effective ambassador does not isolate themselves; they intentionally build relationships with the people in the foreign land. Without connection and trust, they cannot represent their king effectively.

Similarly, as Christ's ambassadors, we must engage with the people around us. Jesus modeled this beautifully. He dined with sinners, healed the sick, and showed compassion to the lost (Matthew 9:10-12). If we are to impact lives for the kingdom, we must invest in genuine relationships.

Representing the King's Desires

Building relationships is only the beginning. The primary role of an ambassador is to communicate the desires of their king and convince others of their value.

We have been given the mission of representing Christ and His message. Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). We are to share the good news, embody His love, and help others understand the life-transforming

power of salvation. As Charles Spurgeon once said, “Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter.”

Reflecting Christ’s Character

Being an ambassador means we must reflect the nature of the One we represent. The world should see Christ in us—in our actions, our words, and our attitudes. Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:22-23 that we should embody the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Living According to God’s Standards

As representatives of Christ, we must uphold the principles of His kingdom. Our lives should reflect righteousness, integrity, and holiness (Philippians 4:8). This requires continual spiritual growth, prayer, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Fulfilling Christ’s Mission

Jesus left His followers with a clear mission: to share the gospel and make disciples. This is our calling as ambassadors. Whether through personal evangelism, acts of service, or simply living in a way that draws others to Christ, we must take this responsibility seriously (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

Demonstrating Christ’s Love

One of the most powerful ways we represent Christ is through love. Jesus said that the world would recognize His followers by their love for one another (John 13:35). Love is our greatest tool in drawing others to Him.

Speaking on Christ's Behalf

Ambassadors must communicate their king's message clearly and accurately. We, too, must be prepared to share the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Studying Scripture and developing a personal testimony equips us to speak truth with confidence.

Standing Firm in Spiritual Warfare

Representing Christ in a fallen world is not without challenges. We will face opposition, but God has given us spiritual armor to stand firm (Ephesians 6:10-18). By staying rooted in prayer and God's Word, we can resist the enemy's schemes.

Pointing People to Christ

Ultimately, our role as ambassadors is not about promoting ourselves but pointing people to Jesus. As John the Baptist declared, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Our focus should always be on bringing glory to Christ.

Being an ambassador for Christ is both an honor and a responsibility. It requires understanding our identity, living with intentionality, and embracing our mission. We must reflect Christ's character, live by His standards, share His message, and love others unconditionally.

As the great missionary Hudson Taylor once said, "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." Let us rise to the challenge and faithfully represent our King until He calls us home.

The Importance of Being a Christian Ambassador

In the world of diplomacy, an ambassador is a carefully chosen representative, entrusted with carrying the message, values, and interests of their home country to a foreign land. As Christians, we are called to be ambassadors—not for a nation, but for the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul makes this clear: *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV). This role is not optional; it is an essential part of our identity in Christ.

1. Representing Christ to the World

Jesus left us with the Great Commission: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV). Just as an ambassador represents their leader, we represent Jesus. The way we speak, act, and interact with others directly reflects our Lord.

Pastor Charles Spurgeon once said, *"Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter."* A Christian who does not represent Christ well is failing in their mission. We are called to be walking testimonies of His grace, demonstrating the love and character of Jesus to a world that desperately needs Him.

2. Sharing the Message of Salvation

As ambassadors, we are entrusted with the most important message in history—the gospel. Jesus paid the price for sin on the cross, offering redemption and eternal life to all who believe

in Him. However, many people will never step into a church or open a Bible; their only encounter with Christ might be through us.

Dr. Billy Graham once remarked, *"We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding."* Our lives should reflect the gospel in such a way that those around us are drawn to Christ. Whether in our workplace, community, or social circles, we must be ready to share the good news in both word and action.

3. Living as an Example

The way we live speaks volumes about our faith. Paul urges believers in Philippians 1:27 (NIV), *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."* Our integrity, kindness, and compassion should set us apart in a world filled with selfishness and compromise.

D.L. Moody put it this way: *"Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian."* If someone were to study your life, what would they learn about Jesus? Would they see His love, patience, and righteousness in you? As Christian ambassadors, we must embody Christ's teachings in our daily interactions.

4. Being a Light in the Darkness

There are people in our lives who may never encounter Christ except through us. Our role as ambassadors means that our words and actions can either draw people closer to God or push

them further away. Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden"* (Matthew 5:14, NIV).

Imagine walking into a dark room and lighting a single candle. That one flame instantly changes the atmosphere. In the same way, our presence as Christians should bring light into dark places—offering hope, truth, and love in a world that is searching for meaning.

Being a Christian ambassador is not just a title; it is a calling. We are representatives of Christ, entrusted with His message, called to live as His example, and commissioned to be His light in the world. Our actions, attitudes, and words have the power to influence others and bring them closer to Jesus.

Let us embrace this role with passion and dedication, remembering the words of Francis of Assisi: *"Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."* May our lives be a living testimony of God's grace, drawing others to Him through our love, integrity, and unwavering faith.

Traits of a Good Christian Ambassador

As followers of Christ, we are called to be His ambassadors, representing Him to the world. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." This is both an honor and a responsibility. To be an effective ambassador for Christ, we must develop certain traits that reflect His character and communicate His message clearly. Let's explore some key qualities that define a good Christian ambassador.

1. Love for God and People

At the heart of being a Christian ambassador is love. Jesus emphasized this when He said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35). Love should be the foundation of all we do—love for God and love for others. This love compels us to share the gospel, serve others, and live in a way that honors Christ.

Illustration: Imagine a diplomat representing their country but having no genuine concern for its values or people. They would be ineffective. Likewise, a Christian ambassador must have a deep love for the One they represent and for those they are sent to reach.

2. Humility

A good Christian ambassador understands that they are not perfect but are recipients of God’s grace. James 4:6 reminds us, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humility allows us to approach others with gentleness and empathy, recognizing that we, too, were once lost and in need of salvation.

Quote: Pastor Rick Warren says, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it’s thinking of yourself less.”

3. Knowledge of Scripture

An ambassador must know their message. In the same way, a Christian ambassador needs a solid understanding of Scripture to effectively communicate the gospel. 1 Peter 3:15 instructs

us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." This means studying God's Word, knowing its truths, and being able to explain them clearly.

Illustration: Just as a lawyer must understand the law to defend a case, a Christian must understand the Bible to share and defend their faith.

4. Boldness

Sharing the gospel can sometimes be intimidating, but a good ambassador for Christ is bold. Acts 4:29 records the prayer of the early disciples: "Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness." This boldness comes not from self-confidence but from reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Quote: Evangelist Billy Graham once said, "Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened."

5. Compassion

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the lost (Matthew 9:36). A Christian ambassador should be the same—caring deeply for the spiritual and physical needs of others. This means listening with an open heart and responding with grace.

Illustration: Consider a doctor treating a patient. The best doctors are not just knowledgeable but compassionate, showing care and concern for the well-being of those they treat. A Christian ambassador must do the same for the souls they encounter.

6. Integrity

People are watching. Our lives must align with our message. Proverbs 10:9 states, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out." A Christian ambassador who lacks integrity damages their witness and hinders the spread of the gospel.

Quote: Charles Spurgeon wisely said, "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered."

7. Patience

Spiritual growth and transformation take time. A good Christian ambassador does not force or rush conversion but trusts God's timing. 2 Timothy 2:24-25 encourages us to be "kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance."

Illustration: A gardener does not plant seeds today and expect a full harvest tomorrow. They water, nurture, and wait patiently for growth. In the same way, a Christian ambassador sows the seeds of the gospel and trusts God to bring the increase.

Summary

Being an ambassador for Christ is a great responsibility that requires love, humility, knowledge, boldness, compassion, integrity, and patience. It's not just about preaching the gospel—it's about living it out daily.

Throughout this book, we will be expanding and expounding on each of these traits and what it means to be an ambassador for Christ. Every Christian is called to be an ambassador for Christ—but issues is not all are truly living as one. The title alone isn't enough; it takes the power of God to represent Him effectively. You cannot do this by human effort alone (1 Samuel 2:9). That's why Jesus commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Without His power, we will fall short.

Think about earthly governments—when an ambassador fails in their duty, they can be recalled, even before their term ends. If a representative misrepresents their nation, acts in disloyalty, or proves ineffective, they are removed. What about you? Are you faithfully representing Christ, or are you at risk of being replaced? May Heaven never recall you before your time. May no one else take the assignment God has given you. I pray that you will live up to God's expectations so that, in the end, you will hear those glorious words: *“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord”* (Matthew 25:23, NKJV).

If you truly desire to be Christ's ambassador, the time to act is now. Commit yourself daily to prayer, discipleship, and growing in God's Word. Look for every opportunity—big or small—to

share your faith, whether through a ministry or simply in your everyday interactions. But remember, being an ambassador isn't about counting converts; it's about living a life that radiates Christ's love and truth. The world is watching. Heaven is counting on you. Will you answer the call?

YOU ARE A MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION

“Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,”

2 Corinthians 5:18

CHAPTER FOUR

MISSION, MOTIVE, & MEANS

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THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL

The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are Where Does the Phrase “The Harvest Is Plentiful” Come From?

In the ninth chapter of Matthew’s gospel verse 9 we find Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” (Matthew 9:35)

This came on the heels of Jesus casting out demons from two possessed men in the country of the Garadenes (Matthew 8:28-34), calling the tax collector Matthew to be His disciple (Matthew 9:9-13), and after He had healed Simon Peter’s mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-17), the paralytic man (Matthew 9:1-8), the synagogue official’s daughter (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25), the bleeding woman (Matthew 9:20-22), and two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31).

Matthew further observed that “seeing the people, He (Jesus) felt compassion for them because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

In Jesus’ day, the physical and material needs of the people were tremendous, so too was their spiritual need for a savior. At this point, Jesus looked to His disciples and said, “The harvest

is plentiful, but the workers are few.” (Matthew 9:37; see also Luke 10:2).

He continued, “therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

Jesus had identified a clear and pressing need and saw an opportunity for ministry. Now it was time to get to work.

What Does Jesus Mean by the Harvest?

In His wisdom, Jesus often employed agrarian metaphors, which His more rural audience would undoubtedly understand and relate to. However, this would not be the only time Jesus looked to the harvest to describe salvation, the gospel, and His role in rescuing souls from the consequences of sin (see Matthew 13:1-23, 24-30, 36-43; 21:42).

In this instance, however, Christ used the harvest, or the time when workers of the orchard, vineyard, or field went out to collect fruit that was ready to be gathered, to describe weary souls ready to receive the gospel and embrace salvation.

In this metaphor, God the Father is the owner of the field and lord of the harvest. He planted the seed and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, prepared His crop for harvest. Christ, acting on behalf of the Father, saw that the time was now right. The prize of God’s creation, humanity, was ready to respond to salvation and many were to be gathered.

Naturally, there will always be bad and unseasoned crops in every harvest. Some fruit needs more time to grow. The same is true of salvation. Some are not ready to receive and be gathered. Others will not respond or reject the message of salvation

entirely and never be gathered. However, in the words of the great commentator Matthew Henry, “the multitudes desirous of spiritual instruction formed a plenteous harvest.” In the eyes of Jesus, not a moment should be wasted, lest the opportunity, like the fruit, wither away.

To reach the multitudes and reap such a plentiful harvest, Jesus looked for workers to send out into the field and into the world (Matthew 9:38). But where would Jesus find such faithful workers to join Him in His work?

Who are the Workers Jesus is Calling?

As Jesus looked forward to the harvest, His immediate attention turned to His closest followers, His students, who we know as the twelve disciples.

In Matthew chapter 10, we read that “Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness” (Matthew 10:1).

Before, the Twelve had followed Jesus, watched Him closely, and learned from His example, character, and teachings. This was the essence of what it meant to be a disciple (see Matthew 10:24-42).

Now, however, the Twelve were being given authority and sent out as qualified representatives of Jesus Christ to reap in the harvest (see Luke 9:1-6). Their role had changed. Now they were taking on the duties and responsibility of apostles.

At the time, Christ’s twelve apostles were sent into Galilee and, to use another metaphor, “the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

(Matthew 10:6) Later, Jesus would commission an additional seventy of His followers to go into every city and place He was about to visit, preparing the way for His arrival (Luke 10:1). As the Twelve were sent out by twos, so too would the seventy be sent out on their divine mission (Mark 6:7; Ecclesiastes 4:9, 11; Acts 13:2; 15:27, 39-40; 19:22; Revelation 11:3).

It is important to remember, however, that Christ alone is the Lord of the harvest. Those He sends are hired workers chosen to participate in His work. Jesus reminded His disciples of as much when He said, “for in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.” (John 4:37-38)

In His grace, Jesus chose to include His disciples in His ministry, allow them to participate in His mission, and entrust them to later build His church. And though the Twelve hold a unique position given their proximity to Jesus and the authority He specifically gave to them; all believers of all generations are called to participate in the harvest through the bold and faithful preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why is the Harvest Important Today?

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus’ mission was made evident, “the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

After His death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus then commissioned and empowered His *followers to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”* (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15).

Though Jesus had completed His saving work on the cross, the harvest would not be complete, so long as countless souls in every corner of the world have yet to hear the gospel preached. Just as in Jesus' day, the world is filled with broken, hurting, and sinful people in need of salvation. In the words of Jesus, they are like "sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

Our work, the work of all Christians, therefore, is not done.

As it is written, "how then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'" (Romans 10:14-15).

To put it in other terms, how will a world living in darkness ever see if those who've been given the light refuse to shine or hide their light from the world? (Matthew 5:14-16).

Unfortunately, the words of Jesus ring true even today: "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

How Can Christians be Effective Workers in the Harvest?

There are many reasons why the chosen workers neglect the harvest and refuse to go into the field. Be it sin, fear, apathy, doubt, or any number of excuses we can come up with, Christ's followers are called to heed the call to evangelism and participate in the harvest however they can.

Does this mean that every Christian must travel overseas to participate in global missions? Not necessarily. It is incumbent on every believer to remember, however, that Christ has placed

them in a field of souls ready for the harvest, a harvest that is both local and global in reach.

This harvest may involve friends, family members, coworkers, or neighbors. Likely, it is some combination of all these. In any case, to become an effective laborer and active participant in the Lord's harvest, we must...

1. Make ourselves available to the Lord's call and be obedient to go and do the work wherever the Lord leads (Isaiah 6:8)
2. Never be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16) but always eager to share the saving message of the cross wherever opportunities can be found.
3. Be bold and courageous in our work, knowing we are being sent into the world as sheep among wolves (Luke 10:3)
4. Be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks for the reason we have hope in Jesus Christ, treating everyone with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15)
5. Be patient and perseverant in our work, enduring hardship even in the difficult seasons of ministry (2 Timothy 4:5).
6. Be faithful ambassadors of Jesus Christ, the lord of the harvest, who called and sent us into the field (2 Corinthians 5:20)
7. Be more concerned with winning the approval of God than man (2 Timothy 2:15).

Lastly, we must be active and faithful in prayer, praying for the harvest to come and the workers who are called to go out to seek and save the lost.

In the words of Matthew Henry, “let us pray that many may be raised up and sent forth, who will labor in bringing souls to Christ. It is a sign that God is about to bestow some special mercy upon a people, when he stirs them up to pray for it. And commissions given to laborers in answer to prayer, are most likely to be successful.”

Ambassadors are “harvesters.”

The phrase “the harvest is plentiful” represents the urgency to heed God’s call to reach out to others and share our faith.

Christianity is the most widespread religion. Although billions of people know and have a relationship with Jesus, many worldwide still have not even heard of His name – people who are like lost sheep without a shepherd to care for them.

Jesus desires for the lost to repent and come to Him. He said the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. What did Jesus mean by this, and how would it make a difference in our world today?

What Does Harvest is Plentiful Mean?

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and [healing](#) every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “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.*” Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus taught, preached, and healed others while traveling through many towns and villages. He saw that people were helpless, waiting for the Messiah, and wanting eternal life. He felt mercy for them. But He also knew that the way to fill their spiritual hunger was through Himself.

He knew they needed the Truth and compassion that only God’s Word could give. At that time, many people were ready to believe in Him – like crops ready to be harvested, leading Jesus to say that the harvest is plentiful. And just like more farmers are needed to harvest crops, God needs more people to share the gospel of Christ.

Harvest is plentiful.

The word “harvest” appears three times in Matthew 9:35-38. In its biblical sense, harvest refers to gathering God’s people. The phrase “the harvest is plentiful” is loaded with significance. During that time, many people were waiting for the Messiah and the redemption of God. This implies why “harvest” represents the people’s receptivity to the gospel.

When we parallel the phrase to its literal sense, if farmers fail to harvest with urgency at the ripe time, the crops will be destroyed and go to waste. So, just as Jesus says, “harvest is plentiful,” we need to share the Good News of the gospel of Jesus with others.

Laborers are few.

Jesus did not always receive an enthusiastic reception from all of Israel during His time on earth. He faced opposition from

religious authorities like the Pharisees. There were also a number of skeptics or non-believers.

However, many who came to Him sought God's rescue and redemption. So, while they were sinners, God's grace allowed them to be ripe and ready to receive Him.

At the heart of Jesus's work and invitation is the reality that only some of His followers are bold enough to work for Kingdom building. Some individuals claim allegiance to Christ but live a double life—one where they're convinced to have a relationship with Jesus and the other giving into the lusts and desires of the flesh and this world.

Therefore, they succumb to the fear, discomfort, and inconvenience of working on the mission to spread the gospel.

The need to work for the Kingdom.

The work referred to in Matthew 9 refers to each Christian's critical mission, which is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. This mission is also covered in Matthew 28:19-20, best known as the Great Commission. But how do we do this exactly? How do we expand the Kingdom of Jesus here on earth?

First and foremost, we must have an intimate relationship with Jesus, abiding in Him and anchoring our lives on the truth of His death and resurrection. Then, as an outflow of this relationship, we are to love other people as Jesus Christ Himself loved us (John 13:34). This Kingdom work is us witnessing Christ's love to a world of sin and depravity.

What does harvest is plentiful mean for today's Church?

Today, there is still a significant demand for laborers in the Kingdom. There are billions of people who have never heard of the Good News of the gospel of Jesus. It is not a lack of opportunity that prevents Christians from participating in Kingdom building, but fear, worry, and comfort usually hinder followers from sharing the gospel.

Ministering to others in a sinful world that does not recognize Christ as Savior and Lord is not easy. Sometimes, it will cost our own lives. But our great mission as part of God's family is to plant the seeds of God's Word, just as laborers in the field.

As Christians, we must also keep praying that God will further commission additional laborers into the fields to take part in the harvest. In other words, we are to pray that God will increase the number of individuals who follow Jesus and share the gospel.

We are encouraged to pray for God to situate us in places where we can meet non-believers, reach out to them, love them in truth, and pray for them. We are to be bold in our allegiance to Jesus and not back down when we are called to be missionaries in different parts of the globe, even in violent places. Also, we must actively pray for divine appointments to participate in gospel ministry.

In the same vein, we are also to care for and disciple those already part of the Body of Christ, not neglecting our role in their lives. All these with our hope secured in Christ alone, who enables, equips, and empowers us.

Questions to reflect on

The harvest is plentiful, but there is a need for more workers. Therefore, realizing our Christian mission is essential to our Christianity.

To do this, I encourage these questions as points of reflection and prayer:

1. What is stopping me from sharing the gospel and being a witness of Jesus to the world?
2. How can I respond to God's call to share the gospel and make disciples?
3. In what ways can I participate in the expansion of God's kingdom?

Prayers About the Harvest is Plentiful.

Jesus saw a need among His followers, felt compassion for them, foretold a possible harvest, and instructed us to pray for it. It seems weird that the farmers are supposed to ask the farm owner to send out additional laborers into the fields to harvest. Is Jesus implying that God is unaware of His people's condition?

Reading Matthew 9 tells us that God intended prayer to precede the "work." When it comes to the Christian ministry workforce, prayer is still the most significant place to start. God intends for His people to gather in prayer. Here are prayers you can pray about harvest is plentiful:

Prayer to spread the gospel.

Heavenly Father, I ask for guidance and strength in fulfilling my mission to spread Your gospel. I beg for Your help because I know I am powerless to do it on my own. Replace the fear in my heart with the security and confidence I can only find in You.

Place in my heart a burden for Your people so that I may love them with the same compassion, mercy, and grace that you selflessly afford me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Prayer to make disciples.

Dear God, I am overwhelmed with thanksgiving for the gift of Your Word. Thank You for Your sacrifice, which allowed me to reconcile with God. Without Your finished work, I would not have the gift of eternal life. Lord, my desire is for more people to know You. Thus, may I have the bravery to proclaim your gospel without fear or hesitation.

As I reflect Your Good News to everyone around me, may I be a good witness of Your love to my family, friends, colleagues, and other spheres of influence. May I not compromise my walk and not take this mission of making disciples for granted.

As I bring people closer to You, Lord, may I remain humble as I give back all the honor and glory to You alone. In Jesus' mighty Name. Amen.

Final Thoughts

It is the Holy Spirit's work to open people's spiritual eyes and call them to God. But Jesus used the image of a plentiful harvest and a ripe crop as a call to prayer for additional workers for His kingdom. A bountiful harvest means multitudes of people repenting, coming to the Lord, and sharing the gospel.

Jesus desires us to heed His call to fulfill the Christian mission of reaching out to others and sharing our faith. May the Lord give you the strength, wisdom, and power to be a laborer in expanding His Kingdom!

THE MOTIVE - COMPASSION

With the right motivation behind our efforts in evangelism, the job will get done. Whenever evangelism does not occur, lack of motivation (or in some cases, improper motivation) is always at the root of the problem!

What Is "Motivation?"

As defined by Denis Waitley in his book, "The Joy of Working"...

- "Motivation is an inner drive, an idea captured in the imagination."
- "Motivation can be harnessed to an intense drive toward a goal."
- "Men and women who are motivated push themselves forward, plow through the inevitable setbacks, heading ever onward to their dreams."

- "Motivation is essential to succeeding in any endeavor you try."

Motivation is like "steam." Properly channeled, it can move large objects, like a steam powered train. But without it, the train remains motionless. All the careful construction in preparation for travel is for nothing if there is no steam to propel the train.

So, it is with us. If motivated and properly channeled, great things can be done in the area of evangelism. Unfortunately, many people, despite all of the spiritual education they have received on the subject of evangelism, still do very little with what they know. The reason? Lack of proper motivation!

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR MOTIVATION IN EVANGELISM?

Well, I believe the same thing that motivated Jesus should motivate us. Since He is to be our example (**1Pe 2:21**), whatever motivated Him should be the motivating force in our lives as disciples and ambassadors for Christ.

So, what motivated Jesus? There are at least five things we can see that moved our Lord. The first was...

1. COMPASSION FOR LOST SOULS

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the mass of lost souls (**Mt 9:35-36; 14:14; 15:32**). This is the primary thing that motivated Jesus, and it should be what motivates us. We should see the lost and hurting and be motivated by compassion to reach them with the love of Christ. Compassion motivated Jesus to do two things.

Do we ever find ourselves filled with compassion for the lost? And doing something about it? If we can only have this same compassion for lost souls, we will not rest till we are doing something to save their souls!

How can we develop or strengthen this compassion for lost souls? The best way is to LET GOD TEACH US TO LOVE, as He did with the Thessalonians (**1Th 4:9**). This He does through the example of Christ (**1Jn 3:16-17**). I am suggesting, therefore, that the more we meditate upon God's love for us as manifested in His Son's sacrifice, the more we will come to love others!

It also helps to BE AROUND PEOPLE. To love people, you have to get to know them. When we do, we can begin to appreciate the saying attributed to Will Rogers, "I never met a man I did not like." So, beware of becoming "wrapped up in your own little world." Remember that Jesus was one to become involved with "the multitudes."

Have we allowed the love of God to fill our hearts with compassion for the multitude of lost and dying souls? Are we making an effort to be around people and getting to know them?

Jesus also had...

2. A SENSE OF PURPOSE

While having compassion is the primary thing that will motivate us we do see how His purpose motivated Him. We see it in His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. While speaking with her, his disciples marveled at what His motive might be (**Jn 4:27**). Jesus explained: "To do the will of Him who sent Me...to accomplish His work" (**Jn 4:34**).

He stated this same purpose in life on many other occasions (**Jn 5:30, 36; 6:38; 17:4; 19:28-30**). And what was the will of His Father? To save a dying world (**Jn 3:16**). To "seek and save the lost" (**Lk 19:10**).

Do we have this same "sense of purpose" in our lives? To put first the Father's will? Jesus taught that we should (**Mt 6:10,33**). But people often have "DIFFERENT PURPOSES" for living. The "workaholics" make their jobs their purpose in life. Many make their families, friends, or hobbies the reason for living.

But the "RIGHT PURPOSE" comes from studying God's Word. As we understand God's will for us, we learn that our purpose for being His special people centers around proclaiming the praises of Him who called us (**1Pe 2:9-10**). One way we do this, of course, is through evangelism.

Have we let the Word of God develop within us the "right sense of purpose"? If not, our motivation will be inadequate!

Another force that moved our Lord was...

3. THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

Jesus had experienced "the love of the Father", which prompted Him to love others (**Jn 15:9**). But it went beyond that. This "love" was such that He wanted to share it with others (**Jn 17:26**), even if it was necessary for Him to go the cross to make it possible!

Have we experienced "the love of the Father" in our lives? If so, how can we not be moved (motivated) to want to share it with others? Is it not worth sharing? Of course it is! But if we must confess that our sense of the Father's love is not as strong as we

would like, how can we develop a greater sense of God's love for us?

The way to experience the Father's love is to "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF JESUS" (**Jn 14:21,23**). A most important commandment in this regard is the one to love one another as Christ loved us (**Jn 15:12**). This is because loving one another is crucial to experiencing the love of the Father in our lives. As John wrote: "If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us" (**1Jn 4:12**).

Another way to increase our experience of the Father's love is to "MAKE OUR LOVE FOR JESUS STRONGER." This is because the Father's love for us is directly related to our love for Jesus (**John 16:27**). How can one increase their love for Jesus? The best way is to spend time learning more about Him from the Word of God.

Have we experienced the Father's love by loving Jesus and keeping His commandments (esp. loving one another)? If not, we will not have much worth sharing, nor will we be motivated to share it!

We can also add to our list of the things that motivated Jesus...

4. THE FEAR (REVERENCE) OF THE LORD

Jesus was very much aware of God's "righteous indignation". He taught that we should "fear" God (**Mt 10:28**). It was not to be afraid of God, but to have a holy reverence and respect for the Lord. Jesus was willing to go to the cross so that man might be saved because He had honor and had a holy reverence for the Father. He was to please the Father.

Are we willing to make the effort to save others, like Jesus? We may not have to die for them... But are we even willing to speak to them? Or could it be that we don't really have a holy fear of the Lord?

How can we develop a healthy appreciation for "the fear of the Lord"? I recommend frequent "MEDITATING UPON THE WORD OF GOD", and spending time in the presence of the Lord.

We need to guard against becoming complacent and being too casual with our relationship with the Lord. Could it be we have not let the Word of God have its true effect on our lives? A lack of concern and involvement in trying to reach the lost for Christ would certainly imply this to be the case!

Finally, we see that the Lord was moved by...

5. THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

As expressed by the writer of Hebrews (**He 12:2**), Jesus was motivated by the joyful prospect of being with His Father, at His Right Hand. Notice that this enabled Him to "endure the cross" and "despise the shame".

Does not the prospect of spending eternity with God move us to do what we can to save souls? It should! It also helps to "THINK OF WHAT GOD WILL DO FOR THOSE WE REACH". Paul did, as he describes in **1Th 2:19-20**; and it gave him great joy that I am sure helped him to PRESS ON teaching others.

Conclusion

The ability to press on and fulfill our call as Ambassadors hinges on proper motivation. Such was the case with our Lord... He fulfilled His goals, being motivated by:

- **Compassion for lost souls**
- **A strong sense of purpose**
- **The love of the Father**
- **Reverence for the Father and**
- **The joy set before Him.**

Since Jesus is the "AUTHOR" and "FINISHER" of our faith (**Heb. 12:2**), we should be "looking unto Jesus" for the motivation we need to do His will. We should "consider Him" (**He 12:3**), lest we become weary and discouraged in doing God's will.

I am convinced the early church looked to Jesus and found the motivation necessary to grow as they did. I believe that we can do the same today!

The "KEY" to developing and strengthening the proper motivation is to let the Word of God have its intended effect upon us. But if Christians are not daily reading, studying, and meditating upon the Word of God, THEN HOW CAN WE EVER HOPE TO STAY MOTIVATED LIKE JESUS, PAUL AND THE EARLY CHURCH WERE? However, if we will I believe we will be like JEREMIAH...who at first made excuses (**Jer 1:6**), but as he fed upon the Word found great joy (**Jer 15:16**). So much so, that when ridiculed for speaking, he first tried to refrain but found that he just couldn't keep it in (**Jer 20:7-9**)!

May we also allow God's Word and the example of Jesus to motivate us in be Ambassadors for Christ.

THE MEANS – LABORERS OF THE HARVEST

To review we have learned how the “**Mission**” of an Ambassador of Christ is the “harvest”. The harvest being those who are lost, unsaved, not born again. Then we learned the “**Motive**” of an Ambassador of Christ is compassion. Ambassadors are moved with compassion for the lost. In this section, we are going to look at the “**Means**” by which the mission is accomplished. It is with “laborers”.

Jesus told His disciples to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”.

A Labor Shortage

Jesus told His disciples to “**pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest**” (Matt 9:38), so why are so few entering into the harvest by sharing the gospel? I have to ask myself this question: When was the last time I shared Christ or prayed for someone who is lost? Have I neglected the harvest of human souls by which God uses us as a means to His ends? That is, have I allowed God to use me as a witness so that I’m actually entering into the harvest? Am I part of the reason Jesus said to pray for more laborers because there are not enough now? I must admit, yes, I have been silent when I’ve had a chance to share Christ, but I try to do that every time I go into public, at least once a day, even if it’s to ask if I can pray for someone. I admit it is a labor...but it is a labor of love.

Who is the Lord of the Harvest?

Jesus told His disciples that “**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**” (Matt 9:37-38),

so who is this “Lord of the harvest?” I believe it is God Himself Who calls and sends people from around the world to share the gospel around the world. By His Spirit and by His Word (Bible) He sends people with His Spirit to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself told the disciples to go into all the world and make disciples (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8), but many won’t even go next door. There is a severe shortage of laborers of the gospel. Most fear men over God and fear rejection and scorn over saving souls. That sounds harsh, but ask yourself, when was the last time you shared the gospel with a lost person, known or unknown? Pray that God would send you into the harvest but to send forth more laborers too. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest Who is God Himself.

Who Will Go For Him?

This verse may be my favorite verse of all time because it makes me weep for being so silent at times about Christ. No one I’ve met in the last 14 years has ever come up to me to share Christ, even though I am already saved (but they don’t know that!). How many hundreds and thousands of souls have never heard the gospel because of the silence of the Christians they know in their lives? Here we read that the Lord cares deeply about the lost, but knows so few are willing to God, so the Lord makes a plea to and through Isaiah, but to all of us when He says, **“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me”** (Isaiah 6:8). Will you go for Him? If not you, then who?

That None Should Perish

God takes no pleasure at all in the death of the wicked (Ez. 18:32). Rather, He seeks to save those who come to Him and His

Son, Jesus Christ. God desires that none should perish apart from Jesus Christ (2 Pet 3:9), so do we care enough to be involved? Since God's desire is that not one person perish, is that our passionate desire too? If not, why not? Over and over again, God declares His desire to save men and women from the coming wrath of God. He takes no pleasure in their eternal destruction (Ez. 18:32, 33:11; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9). If you have not recently read these Bible verses (Ez. 18:32, 33:11; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9), then read them again and again and re-discover how God feels about lost souls. Remember, someone shared Christ with you. God loved us first before we ever loved Him (1 John 4:19), making the first move in our lives, so that is what we too must do; make the first move to share the gospel to a lost and dying world.

Not Your Responsibility

When I share the gospel, I realize it's not my responsibility to save anyone. If that were so, none would be saved I talked to, so even though it's not my responsibility to save anyone, it is my responsibility to share Christ. It is really their response to His ability. God alone saves, but He is pleased to use us as a means to do so. It takes a person from God with the Word of God and the Spirit of God to birth a child of God, so the pressure is off us to save anyone. Isn't that a relief? Today and tomorrow morning, pray that God prepares hearts and minds to be receptive to the gospel before you go out and share Jesus Christ. Let God's Spirit prepare the soil before you plant the seed (His Word).

The Great Omission

Instead of obeying the imperative command from the King of Glory, called the Great Commission, today it is the "great

omission?” Why? The Barna Research Company reports that “Almost half of Millennials (47%) agree at least somewhat that it is wrong to share one’s personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith.” [1] What’s sad about that is around half of Christian millennials think it’s wrong to share their faith...but Jesus said it is wrong if we don’t. Who’s right? Of course, it’s not the millennials. For most people, it’s the fear of rejection, facing scorn, risking relationships, or even losing their job, but when we fear God more, we will fear man less.

Conclusion

The harvest is so great because the laborers are so few. That’s the problem. The harvest is all around you. Just look for people and there’s the field! Jesus said, **“There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest”** (John 4:35). The time is now.

CHAPTER FIVE

10 Biblical Examples of Ambassadors

As we have explained an ambassador in the Bible holds significant meaning, representing the role of individuals who serve as representatives of God in the world. This role encompasses both duties and privileges, emphasizing the impact one's actions and words can have on their faith and community.

Historical Context

Ambassadors were vital figures in ancient civilizations. They carried messages and negotiated on behalf of their kings or rulers, ensuring that diplomatic relations remained intact. In biblical times, this role reflected a deeper spiritual significance. As believers, you act as ambassadors for Christ, representing His teachings and values in daily interactions. Recognizing this historical context reinforces understanding of the responsibilities you hold as a representative of your faith.

The Role of an Ambassador in Biblical Times

Ambassadors in biblical times served crucial functions as representatives of nations or leaders. They bridged gaps between different groups, conveying messages and maintaining relationships.

Duties and Responsibilities

Ambassadors held several important duties:

- **Representation:** Ambassadors represented their nations before foreign leaders. They communicated intentions and requests to ensure mutual understanding.

- **Negotiation:** Ambassadors engaged in discussions to settle disputes or establish treaties. They sought peaceful resolutions and aimed to strengthen alliances.
- **Information Sharing:** Ambassadors relayed vital information. They informed their nations of developments, opportunities, and threats in foreign lands.
- **Promotion of Interests:** Ambassadors advocated for their nation's interests. They worked to protect their homeland's trade and security, ensuring favorable conditions abroad.

The Biblical Meaning of Ambassador in a Modern Context

In the modern context, being an ambassador holds significant spiritual implications for believers. This role extends beyond mere representation; it involves embodying values and messages of faith in daily life. In this book, we are focused on explaining all the details related to this modern context of being an Ambassador for Christ. Under the New Testament, every believer is called to be an ambassador for Christ.

However, we find examples of individuals who served as ambassadors for God both in the Old and New Covenants, demonstrating unwavering faith and trust in the Lord. Let's explore some of these outstanding examples of ambassadors in the Bible and learn from their experiences.

Examples of Ambassadors in the Bible

#1. Moses

Moses, God's Ambassador to Pharaoh. Moses was chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and deliver His message to Pharaoh. In Exodus 3:10, God tells Moses, "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of

Egypt.” Despite his initial reluctance, Moses obeyed God’s command and served as a faithful ambassador, demonstrating courage and trust in God’s plan. Through various trials and challenges, Moses remained steadfast in his role, showcasing unwavering faith and dedication to God’s mission.

As an ambassador, Moses faithfully conveyed God’s demands to Pharaoh, declaring, “So says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness’” (Exodus 5:1, NKJV). He demonstrated unwavering faith and courage in the face of Pharaoh’s stubborn refusal and performed miraculous signs and wonders as proof of God’s power and authority.

Through the ten plagues, Moses persistently delivered God’s judgment and displayed His supremacy over the gods of Egypt. He acted as a mediator between God and Pharaoh, relaying messages and instructions while advocating for the release of the Israelites.

Moses’ role as an ambassador extended beyond his interactions with Pharaoh. He also served as a leader and teacher to the Israelites, guiding them through the wilderness and delivering God’s laws and commandments. He interceded on their behalf, pleading for God’s mercy and forgiveness when they sinned.

Key aspects of Moses’ ambassadorship include:

1. Obedience to God’s call even though personal doubts
2. Boldly proclaiming God’s message to those in authority
3. Performing miracles as a sign of God’s power
4. Advocating for God’s people and their deliverance
5. Serving as a mediator between God and man

As an ambassador, Moses exemplified faith, courage, and humility in fulfilling his divine mission. His story demonstrates the importance of obedience, perseverance, and trust in God when representing Him to others.

#2. Joshua

Joshua, God's Ambassador to the Israel to lead them into the promised land. After Moses' death, Joshua was appointed by God to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. In Joshua 1:9, God encourages Joshua, saying, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua faithfully carried out his role as an ambassador, leading the people with unwavering faith and obedience. Despite facing formidable obstacles, Joshua remained resolute in his commitment to God's plan, inspiring others through his steadfast leadership.

As God's ambassador, Joshua:

1. Followed God's battle plans for conquering Jericho (Joshua 6)
2. Allocated the Promised Land to the tribes of Israel (Joshua 13-21)
3. Renewed the covenant between God and His people (Joshua 24)

Through his leadership and faith, Joshua demonstrated that victory comes through obedience to God's Word. He declared, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15 NKJV).

Joshua's life exemplifies the key qualities of an ambassador:

- Courage in the face of adversity
- Unwavering obedience to God
- Faithfulness in fulfilling God's purposes.
- Leading by example in serving the Lord

As God's ambassador, Joshua's legacy inspires us to trust in God's promises, follow His commands, and lead others into a deeper relationship with Him. Like Joshua, we can confidently represent God and advance His kingdom in our spheres of influence.

Prophets in the Bible serve as powerful examples of divine ambassadors, called by God to deliver His messages and represent Him to the people.

#3 Isaiah

Isaiah was a prominent prophet and ambassador of God to fearlessly proclaimed the Lord's messages to the kings and people of Judah. He spoke out against their sins, warning of impending judgment while also offering hope through the promise of a coming Messiah. Isaiah's life exemplified unwavering obedience and trust in God, as he declared, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8 NKJV). His prophecies, such as the suffering servant passage in Isaiah 53, pointed to Jesus Christ and the salvation He would bring.

#4 Jeremiah

Jeremiah served as God's ambassador to faithfully deliver the Lord's messages to Judah, calling the people to repentance and warning of

the Babylonian captivity. Even though facing opposition and persecution, Jeremiah remained obedient to God, proclaiming, “But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not” ([Jeremiah 20:9 NKJV](#)). His life demonstrates the courage and perseverance required of a divine ambassador, even in the face of adversity.

Jeremiah, known as the weeping prophet, served as a powerful ambassador for God’s message to the nations during a time of great political upheaval and moral decay.

Despite facing severe persecution and rejection, Jeremiah fearlessly delivered God’s words to both Israel and the surrounding nations, urging them to turn from their wicked ways and embrace righteousness.

His unwavering commitment to his role as an ambassador serves as an inspiring example of boldness and faithfulness in delivering difficult messages.

One fresh insight into Jeremiah’s ambassadorship is his willingness to speak the truth even when it was unpopular or met with hostility.

Rather than seeking approval or comfort, Jeremiah embraced his calling with courage and determination, demonstrating the importance of prioritizing obedience to God above earthly concerns.

His example challenges readers to consider their willingness to stand firm in delivering God’s messages, even when faced with opposition or discomfort.

Furthermore, Jeremiah’s role as an ambassador provides a compelling perspective on the universal relevance of God’s message.

By speaking not only to Israel but also reaching out to surrounding nations, Jeremiah exemplifies the inclusivity of God's love and concern for all people.

This underscores the timeless nature of divine truths that transcend cultural boundaries and emphasizes the vital role of ambassadors in disseminating God's message beyond familiar territories.

#5 Ezekiel

Ezekiel, a priest and prophet, served as God's ambassador to the exiled Israelites in Babylon. Through powerful visions and symbolic acts, he delivered messages of judgment, restoration, and the sovereignty of God. Ezekiel's life was a living testament to his role as an ambassador, as he obeyed God's commands, even when they were difficult or unconventional. He proclaimed, "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" (Ezekiel 24:14 NKJV). Ezekiel's ministry reminds us that divine ambassadors must be willing to follow God's leading, no matter the cost.

#6. Elijah

Elijah stands out as a bold and unwavering ambassador in the Bible, particularly in his role as a messenger to Ahab. (1 Kings 21:17-29)

The narrative of Elijah confronting Ahab showcases the prophet's unwavering commitment to God's message despite facing significant opposition.

In **1 Kings 18**, Elijah fearlessly challenges Ahab and the prophets of Baal, exemplifying the courage and conviction required of an ambassador for God.

His unyielding faith in God's power is evident as he constructs an altar and calls upon the Lord to demonstrate His supremacy through fire.

Moreover, Elijah's interactions with Ahab also highlight the diplomatic nature of an effective ambassador. Despite condemning Ahab for his wickedness, Elijah maintains a sense of diplomacy by delivering God's message with firmness yet without arrogance or personal animosity.

This demonstrates how ambassadors should embody both strength and grace in their approach to conveying important messages.

Additionally, it emphasizes that being an ambassador often requires navigating complex relationships while remaining steadfast in one's beliefs.

Ultimately, studying Elijah as an ambassador offers valuable lessons on standing firm in faith amidst opposition and carrying out divine mandates with courage and diplomacy.

It also serves as a compelling example for modern-day ambassadors to strive for boldness rooted in humility when representing higher truths or causes beyond themselves.

#7 John the Baptist:

Preparing the Way

John the Baptist stands out as a remarkable biblical ambassador who paved the way for Jesus Christ's ministry. He was a bold and uncompromising prophet who fearlessly proclaimed the message of repentance and the coming Messiah.

John's life was marked by his unwavering obedience to God's call. From birth, he was set apart for a unique purpose, as the angel

Gabriel declared, “He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb” ([Luke 1:15](#)).

As an ambassador, John the Baptist:

1. Preached a message of repentance.
2. Baptized people in the Jordan River
3. Prepared the way for Jesus’ ministry.
4. Pointed others to Christ.

John’s message was clear and powerful. He called people to turn from their sins and be baptized, declaring, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2).

His lifestyle reflected his commitment to his divine mission. John lived a simple life in the wilderness, wearing camel’s hair and eating locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6).

Even though his popularity, John remained humble and focused on his role as a forerunner. He stated, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30), acknowledging that his purpose was to point others to Jesus.

John’s courageous witness eventually led to his imprisonment and martyrdom. Yet, his legacy as an ambassador endures, inspiring believers to boldly proclaim the truth and live lives fully dedicated to God’s service.

Through his example, John the Baptist challenges us to embrace our calling as ambassadors, fearlessly sharing the gospel and preparing the way for others to encounter Christ.

#8 Philemon

Philemon, a lesser-known figure in the Bible, serves as a powerful example of an ambassador of forgiveness. (Philemon 1:8-22) In the book of Philemon, he is confronted with the opportunity to extend grace and mercy to his runaway slave, Onesimus.

Despite Philemon's justified anger and hurt, he chooses to embody the qualities of Christ by demonstrating forgiveness and love towards Onesimus.

Philemon's actions challenge us to consider our capacity for forgiveness in our relationships. He shows that being an ambassador of forgiveness doesn't mean ignoring or dismissing wrongdoing but rather acknowledging it while choosing to extend grace beyond what is deserved.

This timeless example reminds us that true reconciliation requires humility, empathy, and a willingness to let go of resentment.

Moreover, Philemon's story sheds light on the transformative power of extending forgiveness. By choosing reconciliation over retaliation, he creates an environment where healing and restoration can flourish.

His courageous act serves as a model for how we can break free from cycles of bitterness and strife in our own lives through the radical practice of forgiveness.

#9 Peter:

Peter, one of Jesus' closest disciples, was a key ambassador to the Jewish people. His ministry focused on proclaiming the gospel and establishing the early church among his fellow Jews.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Peter boldly preached to the crowd in Jerusalem, resulting in 3,000 people

being saved (Acts 2:14-41). He declared, “Hence let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36 NKJV).

Peter’s ministry was marked by:

1. Powerful preaching
2. Miraculous healings
3. Courageous faith in the face of persecution

He fearlessly proclaimed the gospel before the Jewish religious leaders, stating, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Peter’s ministry extended beyond Jerusalem as he traveled to various cities, sharing the gospel with both Jews and Gentiles. In Joppa, he had a vision that led him to preach to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and his household (Acts 10).

This event marked a significant shift in the early church, as Peter recognized that the gospel was for all people, not just the Jews. He declared, “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:34-35).

As an ambassador to the Jews, Peter played a crucial role in the growth and expansion of the early church. His ministry laid the foundation for the spread of the gospel throughout the Roman Empire and beyond.

10. Paul

Paul was God's ambassador to the Gentiles. Paul, formerly known as Saul, was a persecutor of Christians until he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In Acts 9:15, God tells Ananias, "This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel."

Paul embraced his role as an ambassador for Christ, spreading the gospel throughout the Roman Empire with boldness and conviction. Despite facing numerous hardships and opposition, Paul remained steadfast in his mission, tirelessly sharing the message of salvation and grace to all who would listen.

Paul's Ministry as Christ's Ambassador

He went from being a fierce persecutor of the church to its most zealous advocate. As an ambassador for Christ, Paul undertook three extensive missionary journeys, establishing churches and preaching the gospel in strategic cities across the Mediterranean world.

His ministry was marked by unwavering dedication, even in the face of severe hardships and opposition. Paul endured beatings, imprisonment, shipwrecks, and numerous dangers for the sake of the gospel. He declared, "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20, NKJV).

Through his preaching, teaching, and writing, Paul laid the theological foundation for the early church. His epistles make up a significant portion of the New Testament, offering timeless wisdom and guidance for believers. Paul's ministry as an ambassador demonstrates the power of the gospel to transform lives and the importance of persevering in the face of adversity.

Summary

There are many other men and women we could have mentioned who faithfully represented God to leaders, nations, and others. From Joseph in Egypt to Daniel in Babylon, we see individuals who upheld their integrity and commitment to their faith while serving as ambassadors in foreign lands.

Their stories inspire us to be diligent, respectful, and unwavering in our representation of our own beliefs and values. By studying these biblical accounts, we can gain insights into the qualities that make a successful ambassador: wisdom, tact, and a strong moral compass. As we navigate our roles as ambassadors in our communities and workplaces, let us strive to emulate the virtues displayed by these exemplary figures from the Bible.

Embracing the role of an ambassador for Christ is a profound journey that shapes your daily life. It's about living out your faith in a way that resonates with those around you. By embodying God's values and messages, you create authentic connections that can draw others in.

CHAPTER SIX

The Benefits & Rewards of Being an Ambassador of Christ

Introduction:

Imagine walking into a foreign country, not as a tourist, but as an official representative of your homeland. You carry a message, a mission, and the full authority of the government you serve. Every word you speak, every action you take, reflects not just on you but on the nation you represent. You are an ambassador, and your role is of utmost importance.

As believers, we are called to be ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), representing His kingdom in a world that is not our home. We are sent with a divine commission to proclaim His message, live out His character, and demonstrate His love to a world in desperate need of salvation. This is no small task, yet it comes with immeasurable rewards.

In earthly terms, an ambassador enjoys unique privileges. They are granted protection by the government they represent, provided with resources to carry out their duties, and honored for their service. Likewise, as ambassadors of Christ, we receive heavenly provisions, divine protection, and eternal rewards for our faithfulness in carrying out His mission. But beyond these tangible blessings, there is a deeper, more profound reward—the joy of partnering with Christ in His redemptive work.

This chapter will explore the benefits, rewards, and blessings that come with being an ambassador of Christ. These benefits are not merely incentives; they serve as **reminders** of God's

faithfulness and assurances that He equips those He calls. They remind us of two important truths:

1. **Obedience to God always leads to blessing.** No act of faithfulness goes unnoticed or unrewarded in His kingdom. When we live as Christ's representatives, we experience His provision, guidance, and supernatural favor.
2. **We have nothing to fear in an uncertain world.** The days we live in are filled with challenges—spiritual opposition, cultural resistance, and the pressures of an increasingly secular society. But as ambassadors of the King of kings, we walk in the confidence that His power is greater than any opposition, His promises are sure, and His presence is with us.

Throughout this chapter, we will examine the specific blessings and rewards of being Christ's representatives. From divine provision to spiritual growth, from the joy of sharing the gospel to the privilege of eternal impact, we will see how this calling is not just a duty, but a life of abundant blessing and eternal significance.

Let us step boldly into our role as Christ's ambassadors, knowing that the One who sends us also sustains, protects, and rewards us beyond anything we could ever imagine.

1. God's Blessings Upon Our Family:

When we think of the word "blessing," we often associate it with material prosperity—financial provision, a comfortable home, and the absence of hardship. While God certainly provides for

our physical needs, His blessings go far beyond material wealth. To be blessed means to experience the favor, presence, and goodness of God in every area of life. It means living under His divine protection, receiving His guidance, and walking in His peace.

As ambassadors of Christ, this blessing is not limited to us as individuals. It extends to those closest to us—our families. Whether we are married with children or single, God's promises of blessing cover those connected to us. Our faithfulness to God impacts those around us, and His favor flows through us to our loved ones. Psalm 128:3 provides a beautiful picture of a blessed family:

"Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table."

This verse describes a household flourishing under God's favor. The wife is like a fruitful vine—strong, life-giving, and productive. The children are like olive shoots—growing, full of potential, and destined to bear lasting fruit. This image reinforces the truth that a household built upon faithfulness to God will be strong, enduring, and filled with His abundance. Proverbs 3:33 further supports this promise:

"The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous."

When we live as ambassadors of Christ, representing His kingdom in word and action, our homes become places of blessing, peace, and divine protection.

How God's Blessings Extend to Our Families

1. Spiritual Inheritance

One of the greatest blessings we pass down to our families is a spiritual legacy. As ambassadors of Christ, we create an environment where faith is cultivated, and the next generation learns to walk with God.

Consider the story of Timothy in the New Testament. His faith was influenced by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (2 Timothy 1:5). Their faithfulness impacted Timothy, who later became a great leader in the early church. When we are faithful ambassadors, our devotion to Christ can shape the destinies of our **children and future generations**.

2. Divine Protection

God's blessing upon our families includes divine protection from harm. The story of Noah provides a powerful example. Because of Noah's righteousness and obedience to God, his entire family was saved from destruction in the flood (Genesis 7:1).

Even if our families do not yet fully follow Christ, our faithfulness can cover them. Acts 16:31 states:

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

This verse doesn't mean salvation is automatic for every family member, but it shows that God's blessing and influence extend to our households when we remain faithful to Him.

3. Peace and Stability in the Home

A home that honors God is filled with peace, wisdom, and stability.

Proverbs 14:26 declares: *"Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge."*

When we prioritize God's ways, our homes become places of peace instead of chaos, love instead of strife, and wisdom instead of confusion. Even in times of trial, a Christ-centered home remains **anchored in God's presence**.

4. Provision for Our Needs

God promises to provide for those who serve Him. As ambassadors, we do not have to live in fear of lack, because He is our source.

Psalms 37:25 affirms:

"I have been young, and now am old; yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor their children begging bread."

Our families experience the overflow of God's provision when we faithfully walk in our calling. This provision is not just financial—it includes wisdom, guidance, and opportunities that bless generations to come.

What If You Are Single?

God's blessings are not just for those with a spouse and children. His favor extends to every believer, regardless of marital status. The Bible is filled with examples of single individuals whom God blessed immensely because of their faithfulness.

- **Paul, the apostle**, was unmarried, yet he was one of the most influential ambassadors of Christ in history. God provided for him, protected him, and gave him deep spiritual relationships in the faith.
- **Ruth**, though widowed and alone, experienced God's provision and favor, eventually becoming part of Jesus' lineage.

For single believers, God's blessings may manifest through close friendships, spiritual family, mentorship, and the ability to impact countless lives. The church itself becomes a spiritual household, providing the support and connection needed to thrive in the Christian walk.

Psalms 68:6 reassures us:

"God sets the lonely in families; he leads out the prisoners with singing."

If you are single, you are still part of **God's family**, and His blessings surround you just as they do for those with spouses and children.

Illustration: The Power of a Godly Household

Consider the story of a man named John, a devoted Christian who served as an ambassador for Christ in his community. John was faithful in leading his family in prayer, studying the Bible together, and serving in ministry.

Over time, his children grew up in the atmosphere of faith he had created. One became a pastor, another a missionary, and the third a godly business leader who used his resources to fund kingdom work. Because John chose to live as an ambassador for

Christ, his legacy continued beyond his lifetime, impacting countless lives.

Conclusion: Walking in the Blessing of God

Being an ambassador of Christ is more than a personal calling—it is a generational blessing that extends to our families, whether biological or spiritual. Through our faithfulness, we invite God's favor, protection, provision, and peace into our households.

Even if challenges arise, we can trust in His promise: *"The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."* (Proverbs 20:7)

May we fully embrace our role as Christ's representatives, knowing that our obedience today will bless the generations to come.

2. God's Provision:

One of the most reassuring promises in Scripture is that God provides for those who serve Him. As ambassadors for Christ, we are not left to struggle on our own. The One who calls us to represent Him also equips and sustains us. His provision extends beyond just meeting our daily needs; it includes every resource required to fulfill His purpose in our lives.

When we walk in obedience, trusting God as our source, we can confidently declare, as **David did in Psalm 23:1**:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing."

God's Promise of Provision

Paul assures us in **Philippians 4:19**:

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

This verse was written to the Philippian believers, who had generously supported Paul's ministry. Paul's confidence in God's provision was based on his own experience—he had seen God faithfully supply everything necessary for his mission.

Jesus also emphasized God's provision in Matthew 6:31-33: *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

This passage teaches a crucial principle: when we prioritize God's kingdom, He ensures that all our needs are met.

How God's Provision Manifests

1. Daily Sustenance

God promises to take care of our basic needs—food, clothing, shelter, and health. This is evident in the story of Elijah during the drought. When food was scarce, God miraculously provided for him through ravens that brought bread and meat (1 Kings 17:4-6). Later, God used a widow in Zarephath to sustain Elijah, demonstrating that His provision can come from unexpected sources.

This reminds us that God is not limited by circumstances—He provides even in times of scarcity.

2. Resources for the Calling

As ambassadors, we are called to advance God's kingdom, and He supplies the resources necessary for the task. This includes:

- **Finances for ministry** (Luke 8:1-3 – where women financially supported Jesus' ministry).
- **Wisdom and knowledge** (James 1:5 – God gives wisdom generously to those who ask).
- **Open doors and divine connections** (Proverbs 18:16 – “A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great.”).

When Jesus sent out His disciples in Luke 10:4, He instructed them, “*Do not take a purse or bag or sandals.*” Yet, when they returned, He asked, “*Did you lack anything?*” to which they replied, “*Nothing.*” (Luke 22:35). God took care of them as they fulfilled His **mission**.

3. Supernatural Provision

At times, God provides in ways that defy natural logic. We see this in the miracle of the five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-14). Jesus took what seemed insufficient, blessed it, and multiplied it to feed over 5,000 people.

This principle applies to our lives: when we surrender what little we have to God, He multiplies it beyond what we could imagine.

4. Favor and Open Doors

Provision is not just about money or material things—it includes divine favor, opportunities, and relationships that position us for success.

- **Joseph** went from being a slave to second-in-command in Egypt because **God's favor** was upon him (Genesis 39:2-4).
- **Nehemiah** received resources from a pagan king to rebuild Jerusalem because of **God's favor** (Nehemiah 2:4-8).

When we represent Christ well, **God opens doors that no man can shut (Revelation 3:8).**

Illustration: The Missionary's Testimony

A powerful modern example of God's provision is found in the life of George Müller, a 19th-century Christian evangelist who founded orphanages in England. He cared for over 10,000 orphans without ever asking for financial support. Instead, he relied entirely on prayer and faith, and God miraculously provided everything needed—food, buildings, and even personal provisions.

One morning, there was no food for the children's breakfast. Müller prayed, thanking God for the provision He would send. Within minutes, a baker knocked on the door saying, "*God led me to bake extra bread for you.*" Soon after, a milkman's cart broke down outside the orphanage, and he offered all the milk before it spoiled.

This testimony illustrates that when we trust God as our provider, He meets our needs—even in impossible situations.

What If You Struggle with Provision?

There are times when even faithful believers experience financial difficulties or lack. What should we do?

1. **Examine Priorities** – Are we truly seeking first the kingdom? (Matthew 6:33)
2. **Trust God’s Timing** – Delays do not mean denial. God often uses waiting periods to strengthen our faith.
3. **Practice Generosity** – Proverbs 11:25 says, “*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*” Sometimes, God provides **through our willingness to give to others.**
4. **Remain Diligent and Obedient** – Proverbs 10:4 teaches that **lazy hands lead to poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.** Faithfulness in small things leads to greater blessings.

Conclusion: Trusting the Provider

Being an ambassador for Christ comes with the assurance that God will meet our needs. Whether through natural means, supernatural provision, or divine connections, we can be confident that He is Jehovah Jireh—The Lord Who Provides (Genesis 22:14).

As we walk in obedience, we must remember:

- God provides for our daily needs.

- He supplies the resources for His calling.
- His provision may come in unexpected ways.
- He blesses those who trust and obey Him.

May we, as ambassadors, walk in faith and rest in the promise that our Heavenly Father is our provider.

3. God's Protection:

One of the greatest assurances we have as ambassadors of Christ is that we are under divine protection. Representing Christ in a fallen world often brings challenges, opposition, and even dangers. Yet, we can walk in boldness and confidence because the One who has sent us also protects us. His presence surrounds us, His angels guard us, and His power shields us from harm. Psalm 91:11-12 declares:

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

This promise is not just poetic imagery—it is a **spiritual reality**. God's protection is active, powerful, and personal for those who walk in His calling.

The Nature of God's Protection

1. Protection from Physical Harm

Throughout the Bible, we see God supernaturally protecting His people from harm.

- **Daniel in the lion's den** – When King Darius was tricked into throwing Daniel into the lion's den, God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths (Daniel 6:22).
- **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace** – They refused to bow to Nebuchadnezzar's idol, yet God preserved them in the fire. When they emerged, they didn't even smell like smoke (Daniel 3:27).

These examples demonstrate that when we walk in obedience and faithfulness, no weapon formed against us will prosper (Isaiah 54:17).

Illustration: There are numerous testimonies of missionaries facing life-threatening situations but being miraculously protected. One missionary in Africa recounted how a band of armed men attempted to attack their mission station at night. The next morning, the attackers confessed that they saw a great army of warriors surrounding the mission house—but in reality, no human guards were there. God had sent His angels to protect them!

2. Protection from Spiritual Attacks

As ambassadors of Christ, we are engaged in **spiritual warfare** (Ephesians 6:12). The enemy seeks to discourage, deceive, and destroy, but God provides armor and protection:

- **The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)** – We are equipped with truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word of God to stand firm.

- **Jesus' intercession (Luke 22:31-32)** – Jesus told Peter that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat, but Jesus prayed for him. Even today, **Jesus intercedes for us (Romans 8:34)**.

Example: In Acts 16, Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten, and thrown into prison for preaching the gospel. But instead of being discouraged, they worshiped God—and He responded with an earthquake that set them free (Acts 16:25-26). This is proof that God not only protects us but also delivers us from spiritual opposition.

3. Protection from Fear and Anxiety

God's protection is not just about **external dangers**; it also extends to **our minds and emotions**. Many believers struggle with fear, but God assures us that:

- *"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind."* (2 Timothy 1:7)
- *"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"* (Psalm 27:1)
- *"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."* (Isaiah 26:3)

When we truly believe that God is our protector, we no longer live in fear but in confidence and peace.

How God's Protection Works

God's protection is not just an abstract promise—it is a real and practical reality. Here's how He protects us:

1. Through Angelic Assistance

Scripture teaches that angels are actively involved in guarding believers.

- Psalm 34:7 – *"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."*
- Hebrews 1:14 – *"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"*

Many believers have testified to **angelic intervention** in their lives, whether it be **miraculous rescues, warnings, or supernatural strength** in difficult times.

2. Through the Leading of the Holy Spirit

God often guides us away from danger before we even realize it. The Holy Spirit directs our steps, keeping us in the safest place—God's will.

- Proverbs 3:6 – *"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."*
- Isaiah 30:21 – *"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"*

3. Through the Power of Prayer

Prayer is one of the greatest weapons of protection. Jesus Himself taught us to pray, **"Deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13).**

- Psalm 121:7-8 – *"The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

- James 5:16 – *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

When we pray, we **activate divine protection** over our lives and the lives of those around us.

What If Bad Things Still Happen?

Some may ask, "If God protects His people, why do some still suffer harm?" The answer lies in God's sovereignty and eternal perspective.

1. **Sometimes, protection means strength to endure.** – Paul faced imprisonment and shipwreck, but he was **never outside God's plan** (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
2. **God may allow trials for a greater purpose.** – Joseph was sold into slavery, yet later declared, *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good"* (Genesis 50:20).
3. **Ultimate protection is eternal.** – Even if believers suffer on earth, **nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39)**, and we have **the ultimate victory in Christ**.
4. **We live in a broken world.** God is not the one behind the disasters, calamities, and problems we encounter in this world. As a result of the fall of man in the garden of Eden a curse came upon the earth. That curse resulted in viruses, bacteria, germs, and other harmful elements we can be exposed to. The devil is still roaming about looking for those he can devour. He is a thief that comes to still, kill, and destroy. Just because

God allows things to happen does NOT mean that it is His will. God is for us and not against us.

Conclusion: Walking in Divine Protection

As ambassadors of Christ, we can live with confidence, knowing that God is our protector. His presence surrounds us, His angels guard us, and His Spirit leads us. No danger, enemy, or trial can defeat us when we remain under His covering.

Let us remember:

- God protects us from physical harm.
- He shields us from spiritual attacks.
- He gives us peace, removing fear and anxiety.
- His angels guard us, and His Spirit guides us.
- Even in trials, He works all things for good.

As we serve Christ, let us walk boldly, declaring:

"The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:2)

4. The Joy of Proclaiming the Good News:

One of the greatest privileges of being an ambassador for Christ is sharing the gospel and witnessing its life-transforming power. The joy that comes from proclaiming the Good News is unlike anything else in the world. It is the joy of partnering with God in His redemptive mission, seeing souls saved, and lives restored by His grace.

Isaiah 52:7 declares:

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

This verse captures the beauty and significance of carrying the message of Christ. As ambassadors, we are bearers of hope, peace, and eternal salvation.

The Source of Joy in Proclaiming the Good News

1. The Joy of Obedience to Christ's Commission

Jesus' final command before ascending to heaven was the **Great Commission**:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
(Mark 16:15)

There is a deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing we are fulfilling Jesus' command. When we share the gospel, we are walking in obedience, and obedience brings blessings and joy (John 15:10-11).

- **Jesus said in John 15:11** – *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."*
- **Charles Spurgeon once said**, *"Our duty is to preach the gospel, and we should be filled with delight in doing it. He who does not rejoice in proclaiming the good news has forgotten its sweetness."*

Obedience to God's call aligns our hearts with His, filling us with divine joy that surpasses circumstances.

2. The Joy of Seeing Lives Transformed

Few things bring greater joy than watching a person come to Christ and experience His love, forgiveness, and transformation.

- **Luke 15:7** – *“There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”*
- **Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20** – *“For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.”*

When Paul saw the spiritual growth of those he had ministered to, he considered them his joy and crown. Leading someone to Christ is one of the most rewarding experiences a believer can have.

Illustration: Imagine a doctor discovering a cure for a terminal illness and joyfully sharing it with others. That’s what it’s like to share the gospel—it is the cure for sin, death, and separation from God. Seeing people set free from sin and enter into the abundant life of Christ is a source of immeasurable joy.

3. The Joy of Partnering with the Holy Spirit

We do not proclaim the gospel in our own strength—the Holy Spirit empowers us!

- **Acts 1:8** – *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

- **Romans 15:13** – *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

When we step out in faith to share the gospel, the Holy Spirit works through us, giving us the right words, convicting hearts, and drawing people to Christ. This divine partnership brings deep joy as we witness God moving powerfully through us.

Example: Many evangelists have shared stories of people weeping in repentance or experiencing immediate peace and transformation after hearing the gospel. These moments are not the work of human effort but of the Holy Spirit.

4. The Joy of Overcoming Fear and Boldly Proclaiming Christ

Many believers hesitate to share the gospel due to fear—fear of rejection, fear of saying the wrong thing, or fear of opposition. But as ambassadors, we are called to be bold and unashamed.

- **Romans 1:16** – *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.”*
- **2 Timothy 1:7** – *“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”*

When we step out in faith despite our fears, we experience a greater joy than we ever imagined. Each time we share the gospel, our faith grows, our boldness increases, and our joy overflows.

Illustration: Imagine a child learning to ride a bike. At first, they are scared, but once they start riding freely, the fear disappears

and is replaced by joy. The same happens when we begin sharing Christ—we move from fear to joyful confidence.

How to Experience the Joy of Proclaiming the Gospel

1. Stay Connected to Jesus

Joy in sharing the gospel comes from our personal relationship with Christ. Jesus said:

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." (John 15:4,7)

The more we **abide in Christ**, the more His joy fills us, and the more naturally we share the gospel.

2. Develop a Heart of Compassion

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the lost (Matthew 9:36). If we pray for God's heart for people, our love for them will compel us to share the Good News.

- Ask God to break your heart for the lost.
- Look for divine opportunities to share.
- Pray for specific people by name.

3. Share the Gospel in Everyday Life

Not everyone is called to be a missionary, but we are all called to be witnesses. Sharing the gospel happens in daily conversations, through acts of love, and in the way we live.

- **Colossians 4:5-6** – *"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your*

conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Example: A coworker going through a hard time might ask why you seem joyful. This is an opportunity to share how Christ is your source of peace and joy.

4. Rejoice in Every Gospel Seed Planted

Not every person will accept Christ immediately. Some plant seeds, some water, and God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Whether we see immediate results or not, we can rejoice that we are participating in God’s mission.

Conclusion: The Unshakable Joy of Proclaiming Christ

The joy of sharing the gospel is not based on results or responses but on the privilege of partnering with God in His eternal mission.

- We experience joy in obeying Christ’s command.
- We rejoice as we see lives transformed by the gospel.
- We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim boldly.
- We are freed **from fear and filled with confidence in Christ.**

Let us embrace the joy of our ambassadorship and declare with boldness:

"Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)

5. The Blessings from Serving Others

1. Serving Reflects the Heart of Christ

Jesus did not come to be served but to serve.

- **Matthew 20:28** – *“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*
- **John 13:14-15** – *“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”*

When we serve others with humility, we are imitating Jesus. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, reflects His love for the world.

Example: Mother Teresa, known for her selfless service, once said, *“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”* Even the smallest acts of service carry eternal significance when done for God’s glory.

2. Serving Brings Joy and Fulfillment

There is a supernatural joy that comes from putting others before ourselves. Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). When we serve with a willing heart, we experience deep satisfaction and joy.

- **Proverbs 11:25** – *“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”*
- **Isaiah 58:10-11** – *“If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then*

your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

Illustration: Think of a candle. It loses nothing by lighting another candle, yet it **brings light to the darkness**. Likewise, when we serve, **we are not depleted—we are refreshed**.

3. Serving Allows Us to Be God’s Hands and Feet

As Christ’s ambassadors, we are called to be His representatives on earth. Through acts of service, we become His hands and feet, bringing His love to a broken world.

- **Matthew 25:35-36** – *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

Jesus teaches that when we serve the least of these, we are serving Him.

Example: Many missionaries and Christian organizations serve in impoverished areas, providing food, medical care, and education. Their service is a tangible expression of Christ’s love, drawing many to the gospel.

4. Serving Strengthens Our Faith and Character

Serving others requires humility, patience, and sacrifice—all of which strengthen our character and deepen our faith.

- **Philippians 2:3-4** – *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above*

yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

- **James 2:17** – *“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

As we step out in faith to serve, we experience God’s provision, strength, and wisdom. Our faith grows as we see how He works through us to bless others.

Illustration: A young believer hesitant to serve in a homeless ministry soon realizes that by stepping out in faith, they experience God’s love in a deeper way and grow in compassion and boldness.

5. Serving Opens Doors for Evangelism

When we serve selflessly, people see Christ in us and become open to the gospel. Many who would never enter a church are touched by acts of love and kindness.

- **1 Peter 3:15** – *“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.”*
- **Colossians 3:23-24** – *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.”*

Example: A Christian business owner who treats employees with kindness, fairness, and generosity becomes a witness of Christ’s love. Over time, employees begin to ask about the faith that drives such compassion.

How to Cultivate a Heart of Service

1. Ask God to Give You a Servant's Heart

Pray for a heart like Christ's, one that sees opportunities to serve and responds with love.

- *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”* (Psalm 51:10)

2. Serve with the Right Motives

Our service should be motivated by **love for God and others**, not for recognition or reward.

- *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”* (1 Peter 4:10)

3. Look for Opportunities to Serve Daily

Service doesn't have to be dramatic—it can be as simple as helping a neighbor, encouraging a friend, or supporting a struggling family.

- **Jesus said:** *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”* (Luke 16:10)

4. Serve with Joy, Not Obligation

True service comes from **a willing heart**, not mere duty.

- *“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.”* (Psalm 100:2)

5. Trust God to Use Your Service for His Glory

Even small acts of service can have an eternal impact.

- *“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*
(Galatians 6:9)

Conclusion: The Blessing of Serving Others

Being an ambassador for Christ **is not about seeking personal gain but about reflecting His love through service.**

- Service reflects the heart of Christ.
- Service brings joy and fulfillment.
- Service makes us God’s hands and feet.
- Service strengthens our faith.
- Service opens doors for evangelism.

As we humbly serve others in love, we experience God’s abundant blessings and become a light in a dark world.

Let us embrace the words of Galatians 5:13:

“Serve one another humbly in love.”

May we joyfully serve as Christ served, knowing that in giving, we receive far more than we ever imagined.

6. The Privilege of Growing in Faith:

Being an ambassador for Christ is not just about representing Him to the world—it is also about being transformed by Him. As we walk in obedience, we have the privilege of deepening our faith, growing in grace, and becoming more like Jesus. This

growth happens through study, prayer, and a life of surrender to His will.

The apostle Peter exhorts us in **2 Peter 3:18**:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Faith is not static. It is meant to grow, mature, and be strengthened through our journey as Christ's representatives. The more we walk with Him, trust Him, and serve Him, the deeper our faith becomes.

How Ambassadorship Leads to Growth in Faith

1. Growing in Faith Through the Word of God

An ambassador must be well-versed in the message they represent. For us, that means immersing ourselves in God's Word so that we can know Him more deeply and proclaim His truth accurately.

- **Romans 10:17** – *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*
- **Colossians 3:16** – *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom."*

Example: Imagine a diplomat sent to a foreign country without knowledge of their nation's values or laws. They would be ineffective in their role. Likewise, a Christian who does not study God's Word will struggle to represent Him well.

As we spend time in Scripture, our understanding of God's character deepens, and our faith is strengthened.

2. Growing in Faith Through Prayer

Prayer is our direct line of communication with God. The more time we spend in prayer, the more we grow in intimacy with Him and learn to rely on His wisdom and strength.

- **Philippians 4:6-7** – *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** – *“Pray without ceasing.”*

Illustration: Think of faith like a muscle. If we do not exercise it through prayer and dependence on God, it remains weak. But when we engage in consistent, heartfelt prayer, our spiritual muscles grow strong.

Through prayer, we learn to trust God more fully, develop spiritual discernment, and become sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

3. Growing in Faith Through Obedience

Faith grows when it is **put into action**. Every step of obedience **strengthens our trust in God** and reveals more of His faithfulness.

- **James 1:22** – *“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*
- **Hebrews 11:8** – *“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance,*

obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”

Example: Abraham’s faith grew because he acted on God’s promises. If he had waited until he fully understood God’s plan, he would have never left his homeland. Likewise, when we step out in faith—even when we do not see the full picture—God reveals more of Himself to us.

Faith is like a journey: each step of obedience leads to greater confidence in God’s faithfulness.

4. Growing in Faith Through Trials and Challenges

As Christ’s ambassadors, we will **face opposition, difficulties, and trials**. But these challenges **refine our faith** and make us stronger.

- **James 1:2-4** – *“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”*
- **Romans 5:3-4** – *“We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

Illustration: Think of gold being refined in fire. The intense heat removes impurities and makes it more valuable. Similarly, trials purify our faith and deepen our dependence on God.

Every challenge we endure with faith builds spiritual endurance and strengthens our witness to the world.

5. Growing in Faith Through Fellowship with Other Believers

God never intended for us to grow alone. As ambassadors for Christ, we are **part of a larger body—the Church**—where we can be encouraged, corrected, and strengthened.

- **Hebrews 10:24-25** – *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*
- **Proverbs 27:17** – *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*

Example: A lone coal removed from a fire quickly loses its heat. But when surrounded by other hot coals, it stays ablaze. Similarly, when we remain connected to other believers, we stay spiritually strong and encouraged.

Fellowship with other Christians helps us stay accountable, gain wisdom, and receive support in our faith journey.

How to Actively Grow in Faith as an Ambassador for Christ

1. **Commit to Daily Bible Study** – Let God’s Word be the foundation of your faith. (Psalm 119:105)
2. **Prioritize Prayer** – Speak with God continually and trust Him for guidance. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
3. **Step Out in Obedience** – Do what God calls you to do, even when it requires faith. (James 1:22)

4. **Embrace Challenges as Opportunities for Growth** – Trust that trials will refine and strengthen your faith. (James 1:2-4)
5. **Stay Connected to the Body of Christ** – Fellowship with other believers for encouragement and support. (Hebrews 10:25)

Conclusion: The Lifelong Journey of Growing in Faith

Faith is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey. As we serve as Christ's ambassadors, we have the privilege of growing deeper in our relationship with Him.

- Through the Word, we gain knowledge.
- Through prayer, we develop intimacy with God.
- Through obedience, we see His faithfulness.
- Through trials, our faith is refined.
- Through fellowship, we are strengthened.

This growth not only strengthens our faith but also makes us more effective in representing Christ to the world.

As 2 Peter 3:18 reminds us:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

May we embrace the privilege of spiritual growth, knowing that as we deepen our faith, we become stronger ambassadors for Christ—equipped, empowered, and transformed to reflect His love and truth to the world.

7. The Opportunity to Make a Difference:

One of the greatest privileges of being an ambassador for Christ is the opportunity to make a real, lasting impact in the world. We are not called to blend in with the culture but to stand out as representatives of Jesus—bringing light, truth, and hope to those in spiritual darkness. Personally, this is the greatest benefit. My prayer is to leave a spiritual legacy that impacts my family, my church, and the bible colleges we have helped to start.

Jesus declared in Matthew 5:14-16:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

As His ambassadors, we have the responsibility and the honor of shining His light in a dark world. Every act of love, every word of truth, and every step of obedience has the power to influence lives and advance God's kingdom.

How Ambassadors for Christ Make a Difference

1. Bringing Hope to a Broken World

The world is filled with **pain, confusion, and hopelessness**. People are searching for meaning, identity, and peace—but they often look in the wrong places. As Christ's representatives, we have **the answer**: Jesus.

- **Isaiah 61:1** – *"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the*

brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”

- **Romans 15:13** – *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Example: Imagine a lighthouse standing firm in the middle of a raging storm. That is who we are called to be—a **beacon of hope, guiding others safely to Christ.**

Through our words, actions, and testimony, we can **point people to the One who can heal their wounds and restore their hope.**

2. Transforming Lives Through Love and Service

True ambassadors for Christ do not just preach the gospel; they live it out through acts of love, kindness, and service. When we demonstrate Christ’s love in practical ways, people see the reality of God at work.

- **John 13:35** – *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*
- **Galatians 6:9-10** – *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

Illustration: Mother Teresa once said, *“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”* Even the simplest acts—a kind word, a listening ear, a helping hand—can change someone’s life.

Every time we serve others in love; we reflect Jesus and bring His kingdom to earth.

3. Sharing the Gospel and Leading Others to Christ

There is no greater impact we can have than helping someone come to know Jesus personally. The gospel is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16), and as His ambassadors, we have the privilege of sharing it with the world.

- **2 Corinthians 5:20** – *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*
- **Mark 16:15** – *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*

Example: Billy Graham, one of the greatest evangelists of all time, once said, *“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is a legacy of faith.”* Whether we preach to thousands or share Christ with one friend, every soul won for Christ has eternal significance.

Never underestimate the power of one conversation, one testimony, or one invitation to church—it might be the moment that changes someone’s eternity.

4. Being a Light in the Darkness

We live in a world filled with spiritual blindness and moral confusion. Many people **call evil good and good evil** (Isaiah 5:20). As Christ’s ambassadors, we are called to **stand boldly for truth and righteousness**, even when it is unpopular.

- **Ephesians 5:8** – *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”*
- **Philippians 2:15** – *“Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.”*

Illustration: Think of a single candle in a dark room. Even the smallest light drives away the darkness. Likewise, even in a corrupt world, our Christ-centered life can make a powerful difference.

By living with integrity, speaking truth, and reflecting Christ’s character, we can be a light that draws others to Him.

How to Make a Difference as Christ’s Ambassador

1. **Live with Purpose** – Be intentional about using your life to bring glory to God. (Colossians 3:17)
2. **Serve Others with Love** – Demonstrate Christ’s love through acts of kindness and compassion. (John 13:35)
3. **Share the Gospel Boldly** – Look for opportunities to tell others about Jesus. (Mark 16:15)
4. **Stand Firm in the Truth** – Do not compromise your faith, even when the world pressures you to conform. (Romans 12:2)
5. **Be a Light in Your Community** – Influence your workplace, family, and society with Christ’s love and wisdom. (Matthew 5:16)

Conclusion: Your Life Can Make an Eternal Impact

Being an ambassador for Christ is more than a title—it is a **life-changing responsibility**. Every day, we have the **opportunity to influence others, bring hope to the broken, and shine the light of Christ** in a dark world.

- Through acts of love, we display God's heart.
- Through sharing the gospel, we bring salvation to the lost.
- Through standing for truth, we reflect Christ's righteousness.
- Through serving others, we embody the hands and feet of Jesus.

Matthew 5:16 sums it up perfectly:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Your life has a purpose. Your voice has power. Your actions have an impact. As Christ's ambassador, you have the privilege and responsibility to make a difference—one person, one conversation, and one act of love at a time.

May we **embrace this calling** and shine brightly for His glory!

Additional Rewards of Ambassadorship

Beyond the incredible benefits of being an ambassador for Christ, there are additional eternal rewards that make this calling even more fulfilling. When we represent Christ, we are not only serving in the present, but we are also investing in eternity. The work we do as His ambassadors has everlasting consequences, shaping both our eternal destiny and the destiny of those we reach with the gospel.

Let's explore three profound rewards of ambassadorship:

1. Eternal Impact –

Investing in Souls for Eternity

One of the greatest rewards of being an ambassador for Christ is the eternal impact we have on others. Sharing the gospel is not just about improving someone's life on earth—it is about securing their eternity with God. Every soul won for Christ lives forever in His presence, and every seed planted in faith has the potential to bear fruit beyond our lifetime.

The Wisdom of Winning Souls

Proverbs 11:30 states:

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives."

Charles Spurgeon once said, *"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay."*

This is the heart of an ambassador—to do everything possible to bring people to Christ, knowing that the reward is not just a changed life, but an eternal destiny secured.

Illustration: Planting Seeds for a Future Harvest

Consider a farmer who plants seeds. At first, the land looks the same—barren and unchanged. But over time, with water, sunlight, and care, the seeds begin to sprout and grow into a bountiful harvest. In the same way, every time we share the gospel, encourage someone in faith, or disciple a believer, we are planting seeds that will bear eternal fruit.

Paul reminds us in **1 Corinthians 3:6-8**:

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor."

We may not always see the results immediately, but God promises that our labor in Him is never in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Your Life as a Living Testimony

Billy Graham once said, *"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is a legacy of faith."* The impact of our faithfulness will outlive us and extend into eternity.

Every soul we lead to Christ is a life that will never perish, a destiny forever changed. What could be more rewarding than that?

2. Partnership with Christ – Co-Workers in God's Redemption Plan

As ambassadors for Christ, we are not working alone—we are co-laborers with God in His mission of redemption. The King of the Universe has invited us to partner with Him in bringing salvation to the world!

The Privilege of Co-Laboring with God

2 Corinthians 6:1 declares:

"As God's co-workers, we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain."

God does not need us, yet He chooses to use us. This is a privilege beyond measure—to walk alongside Him, sharing His heart for the lost, and being part of His eternal purposes.

Illustration: A Child Helping His Father

Imagine a father building a house. His young son, eager to help, picks up a hammer and starts mimicking his father's actions. The father could easily do the job alone, but he allows his child to work alongside him, not because he needs help, but because he loves his son and wants to involve him in the work.

This is exactly how God invites us into His mission. He could accomplish His will without us, but He delights in partnering with His children to fulfill His redemptive plan.

God's Power Working Through Us

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, once said, *“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.”* When we partner with Christ, we are not relying on our own strength—we are relying on His power, wisdom, and provision.

- **Philippians 2:13** – *“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”*
- **John 15:5** – *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

As Christ's ambassadors, we **do not labor alone**—we labor **with Him** and through **His strength**.

3. Heavenly Reward – *The Promise of Eternal Recognition*

Beyond the joy of making an impact and partnering with Christ, there is a final, glorious reward awaiting every faithful ambassador—the commendation of our Lord.

Hearing “Well Done” from the Master

Matthew 25:21 gives us a powerful promise: *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"*

Nothing will compare to the moment we stand before Jesus and hear Him say these words. The applause of men is temporary, but the commendation of Christ is eternal.

Illustration: Running the Race for the Eternal Crown

Paul likens our Christian life to a race in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25: *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."*

In the ancient Olympic Games, athletes would train rigorously for years to win a crown made of wreaths that would wither. But Paul tells us our reward is an imperishable crown—one that will never fade away (1 Peter 5:4).

The Rewards Awaiting Faithful Ambassadors

The Bible speaks of various **heavenly rewards** given to those who serve faithfully:

1. **The Crown of Righteousness** (2 Timothy 4:8) – For those who long for Christ’s return.
2. **The Crown of Life** (James 1:12) – For those who endure trials and remain faithful.
3. **The Crown of Glory** (1 Peter 5:4) – For those who shepherd others in the faith.
4. **The Crown of Rejoicing** (1 Thessalonians 2:19) – The soul-winner’s crown.
5. **The Incorruptible Crown** (1 Corinthians 9:25) – For those who exercise self-discipline and endurance.

These rewards are not just symbols—they represent eternal honor and the joy of sharing in Christ’s victory.

Conclusion: A Life Well Spent for Christ

The **calling of an ambassador** is not always easy. It requires sacrifice, faithfulness, and perseverance. But the rewards—**both now and in eternity—far outweigh the cost.**

- Through eternal impact, we leave a legacy that lasts forever.
- Through partnership with Christ, we experience the joy of working alongside God.
- Through heavenly rewards, we receive eternal recognition from our King.

What greater purpose could there be than living for Christ and making Him known?

As we continue this journey, may we strive to hear those beautiful words one day:

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Conclusion: The Call to Be a Faithful Ambassador for Christ

Being an ambassador for Christ is not just a duty—it is a divine calling, a sacred privilege, and a life-transforming mission. This calling is not for the half-hearted or the indifferent; it demands commitment, courage, and unwavering faithfulness.

Every day, you stand as a representative of the King of Kings. Every word you speak, every action you take, every soul you encounter—it all carries eternal significance. You are not just living for yourself; you are living as a witness to the world of Christ's love, grace, and redemption.

A Life That Echoes in Eternity

The benefits of ambassadorship are beyond measure:

- You walk in divine authority, knowing that heaven backs you up.
- You grow deeper in your faith, becoming more like Christ.
- You have the privilege of impacting lives and leading souls to salvation.
- You share in Christ's work, laboring side by side with the King.

- You lay up treasures in heaven, where rewards never fade.

But with these rewards comes a responsibility—a charge from Jesus Himself. This is not a spectator's role. This is a call to action. The world is in darkness, and you carry the light (Matthew 5:14-16). The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Luke 10:2). Will you answer the call?

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:20: *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

God is pleading with the world through you. Will you speak? Will you act? Will you be bold in your witness?

It's Time to Go All In

If you have been passive in your faith, let today be the day you rise up. If you have been hesitant to share the gospel, let today be the day you step forward in courage. If you have been casual in your walk with Christ, let today be the day you fully surrender to His mission.

The time is now. Souls are waiting. Heaven is watching. And Christ is calling.

A Final Word from Jesus

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – **Matthew**

28:19-20

Go forth, not in fear, but in faith.

Go forth, not in your own strength, but in His power.

Go forth, not as a mere follower, but as an ambassador for Christ.

And when the day comes that you stand before your King, may you hear these words with joy:

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"



"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Matthew 6:19-20

CHAPTER SEVEN

Laborers Together with God

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, *you are* God’s building” (1 Corinthians 3:9). Other translations say co-laborers, co-workers, " or " laborers together. We are workers together with Him. Paul never said God *works together with* us. It isn’t *our work* that God helps us with. It is *His work* that He asks us to do together with Him. Instead of trying to get God to help us with our work, we need to find out what God’s work is and do it with Him.

What is God’s Work?

God is at work building the Kingdom of God. He is actively involved in the world, working to bring about His purposes and plans. He created the world and everything in it, and He sustains it with His power. God is also at work in the lives of individuals, drawing them to Himself and transforming them.

As Christians, we believe that we are called to participate in God's work on earth. We are not just passive recipients of God's grace, but we are also called to be co-workers with Him. Active participation in Christ's work is a fundamental aspect of the Christian life, emphasizing the believer's role in advancing the Kingdom of God through faith, obedience, and service. This concept is deeply rooted in Scripture and reflects the call for Christians to be co-laborers with Christ, engaging in His mission on earth.

Ambassadors for Christ

In the context of our work as Ambassadors of Christ, it is important to know that God is with us, and we are with Him. He is helping and working with us as His Ambassadors because as Ambassadors we are doing His work – helping build the Kingdoms. By the Spirit He is with us, helping us, guiding us, reminding us of things, and much more.

Every believer is called to the ministry of reconciliation by God, but God never calls us to something that He does not equip; and help us with.

What Does it Mean to be a Co-Worker with God?

To be a co-worker with God means that we are partners with Him in His work on earth. We are called to work alongside Him, using our gifts and talents to further His purposes. This involves being obedient to His will and following His direction.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) God sent His Son Jesus to save the world, and you’re a partner with Him in the project, a co-laborer with God in building lives, and saving souls.

One of the most important ways that we are co-workers with God is by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. God desires for all people to come to a saving knowledge of His Son, and He has called us to be His ambassadors in the world. We can do this by sharing our faith with those around us, living out our faith in our daily lives, and praying for those who do not yet know Christ.

The Character of a Co-Worker with Christ

There are several qualities a co-worker of Christ should exhibit in their life. We want to discuss 3 specific character traits that will always be evident in the life of a fellow worker of the Lord.

1. Love for the brethren.

Love for the brethren is an essential quality for those who would be faithful fellow workers for God. It's essential with respect to our fellowship with Christ. John writes: "If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love has been perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). And it's also essential with respect to our witness to the world. "By this all will know that you are My disciples," Jesus said; "if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

2. Devotion to the truth of the gospel,

In the same way, devotion to the truth is essential to being a faithful co-worker with Christ. It should go without saying that a fellow worker with Christ should wholeheartedly believe, proclaim, and fight for that truth. As the apostle Jude exhorted his readers, "... Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Paul likewise urged the Philippian Christians, "... Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

3. A lifestyle consistent with the truth

It is crucial for fellow workers with Christ to walk in a manner that is consistent with the truth of the gospel. Few things hinder the proclamation of the truth as

much as a failure on the part of those who profess it to live it faithfully in the sight of others. Paul wrote that believers are to live the kind of life of integrity that is consistent with the truth they proclaim, "that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things" (Titus 2:10).

All three of these qualities constitute a well-rounded experience of practical Christian living; but more to the point, all three of them are essential to a man or woman who would be a true "fellow worker with Christ".

The Conduct of a Fellow-Worker with Christ

Fellow-workers with Christ are faithful, trustworthy, and reliable. They can be counted on to do what they promise to do. They are people of their word. They are also thorough. Their work is done with excellence. They understand that what they do is to be done unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:23) The conduct of a fellow-worker with Christ should be above reproach.

Someone can express the willingness to serve and meet needs for the cause of the gospel, but what good would such willingness be if there wasn't faithfulness and reliability in doing what they were "willing" to do? Paul had to deal with this problem within the Corinthian church. The believers there expressed a great willingness to give and to meet the needs of their brothers and sisters in other parts of the world - even to the point of being an inspiration to other churches in their willingness. But they didn't have a good record of following through on the things that they demonstrated a willingness to do. (1Corinthians 9:1-5)

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,” (Philippians 1:27)

Co-Laborers Work in Unity

To be effective co-workers with God, we must work in unity with Him. This means that we must be in alignment with God's will and purposes. We must also be open to His direction and guidance, allowing Him to lead us in the work that He has called us to do.

Co-workers Use Their Gifts and Talents

God has given each of us unique gifts and talents that we can use in His service. We are called to use these gifts to further His purposes and bring glory to His name. This may involve serving in our local church, volunteering in our community, or using our skills in our workplace.

Does God Really Need Us?

Does God really need us to be co-laborers with Him? I hear it in prayers on a fairly regular basis:

“Oh Lord, we humbly offer our lives to you, and we are grateful for your goodness, but we know you don’t need us...”

And when I hear that, I cringe just a bit.

There are those who take the position that God does not need us. He is fully self-sufficient and lacks nothing. Indeed, God is God, and we are *not*. Obviously, he is all-powerful, all-knowing,

and everywhere; we are *not*. Without a doubt, we are limited humans, and without question, God can do whatever he wants whenever he wants. He is sovereign.

However, the overwhelming majority of the time in the Scriptures, God has chosen a partnership with humans to accomplish his will. He chose to work in and through his people—through you and me—to do the incredible. He used Noah to build the Ark. He used Moses to deliver His people from Egypt. He used Esther, Nehemiah, Gideon, and the list goes on.

Does he *have* to? No.

Does he *want* to? Yes.

God has sovereignly chosen to give us authority, responsibility, gifts, abilities, and to empower us with the Holy Spirit to serve Him and to be “Fellow-Workers” with Him.

Yes, God needs us.

Of course, he sometimes sovereignly steps into our time and space and does what he wills without our direct involvement. (Though one could argue that someone’s prayer is an unquestionable link to God’s work.)

Keep in mind, however, that God delights in working *through* his children. He invites us into the process and the adventure.

God spoke prophetically through Jeremiah to the people and said, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (Jer. 33:3).

The God of the Old Testament wanted to partner with his people.

Paul told the New Testament church, “We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

The Lord’s Prayer wasn’t meant to be something we only memorize and quote, but a declaration of God’s heart to see his kingdom come in and through our lives.

Jesus told Peter, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

And he told the disciples (and that includes us): “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

The plan of Jesus included us.

And God’s plan has *not* changed. He works through mere flesh and blood to do the divine and supernatural.

Every prophetic word spoken, every miraculous work accomplished, and every act of goodness, kindness, and mercy in the Bible shouts to us from heaven, “GOD WANTS TO USE YOU! GOD NEEDS YOU TO PARTNER WITH HIM!”

NOW – the only way we can do anything is with the help of God. We are humbled and thankful that God allows us to be used by Him. It is all to His glory and none to us, but at the same time, you must realize God wants to partner with *you*.

You matter.

You are essential to his plan.

You should always expect the God of the universe to say, “Let’s do this!” In other words, “Let *us*—you and me—do something awesome together!” We are CO-LABORERES WITH YOU.

Don’t get arrogant or think more highly of yourself than you should.

But *do* embrace your God-given responsibility to partner with our Almighty Father in heaven to do all that he wants and desires to do through you on the earth.

So, when you wake up tomorrow morning, instead of focusing on what God *doesn’t need*, focus on what he *does want*—you as a FELLOW WORKER with him living the truly fruitful abundant life.

You can do this! You are an AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST!

“Now may the God of peace ... equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever!” Amen. —Hebrews 13:20–21

Representing Christ today requires three basic skills. First, Christ’s ambassadors need the basic **knowledge** necessary for the task. They must know the central message of God’s kingdom and something about how to respond to the obstacles they’ll encounter on their diplomatic mission.

However, it is not enough for followers of Jesus to have an accurately informed mind. Our knowledge must be tempered with the kind of **wisdom** that makes our message clear and persuasive. This requires the tools of a diplomat, not the weapons of a warrior, tactical skill rather than brute force.

Finally, our **character** can make or break our mission. Knowledge and wisdom are packaged in a person, so to speak. If that person does not embody the virtues of the kingdom he serves, he will undermine his message and handicap his efforts.

These three skills — knowledge, an accurately informed mind; wisdom, an artful method; and character, an attractive manner — play a part in every effective involvement with a nonbeliever. The second skill, tactical wisdom, is the main focus of my book *Tactics*.

If you are an attentive student, in a very short time you will develop the art of maintaining appropriate control — what I call “staying in the driver’s seat” — in discussions with others. You will learn how to navigate through the minefields to gain a footing or an advantage in conversations. In short, you will be learning to be a better diplomat — an ambassador for Jesus Christ.

An ambassador is . .

1. **Ready.** An ambassador is alert for chances to represent Christ and will not back away from a challenge or an opportunity.
2. **Patient.** An ambassador won’t quarrel, but will listen in order to understand, then with gentleness will seek to respectfully engage those who disagree.
3. **Reasonable.** An ambassador has informed convictions (not just feelings), gives reasons, asks questions, aggressively seeks answers, and will not be stumped by the same challenge twice.

4. **Tactical.** An ambassador adapts to each unique person and situation, maneuvering with wisdom to challenge bad thinking, presenting the truth in an understandable and compelling way.
5. **Clear.** An ambassador is careful with language and will not rely on Christian lingo nor gain unfair advantage by resorting to empty rhetoric.
6. **Fair.** An ambassador is sympathetic and understanding toward others and will acknowledge the merits of contrary views.
7. **Honest.** An ambassador is careful with the facts and will not misrepresent another's view, overstate his own case, or understate the demands of the gospel.
8. **Humble.** An ambassador is provisional in his claims, knowing that his understanding of truth is fallible. He will not press a point beyond what his evidence allows.
9. **Attractive.** An ambassador will act with grace, kindness, and good manners. He will not dishonor Christ in his conduct.
10. **Dependent.** An ambassador knows that effectiveness requires joining his best efforts with God's power.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Called & Sent by Jesus

SENT BY JESUS

Ambassadors for Christ are called and sent by Jesus. In John 20:21 we read, “So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

We read here how Jesus sent His disciples. He gave the disciples a *mission*, to continue His work on this earth. This was the commission to do what Jesus had already prayed for in John 17:18: *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

This means that both then and now, disciples are sent after the pattern of the Father’s sending of the Son. So, to understand why Jesus called us and sent us as His disciples to be Ambassadors for Him we need understand why the Father sent Jesus.

The Father Sent Jesus

John 3:16 one of the best-known Bible verses tells us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” This verse clearly tells us God the Father sent Jesus to earth. In John 5:23-24 Jesus said, “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.” Again, in this verse, Jesus identifies the Father as the one who sent Him. Let’s look at one more verse, “I am One who bears witness

of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8:18) This is Jesus speaking and again clearly states “the Father who sent Me’.

The Gospel of John bears record to this truth many times. The fact that Jesus was sent by Father God is huge. It is proof of His deity. Jesus was sent by the Father as part of His divine plan to redeem man back to Him. Jesus was sent from the Father and after He fulfilled His mission He returned to the Father, where both now exist together in glory and majesty. The Father sent Him for a reason. Let’s take brief look at why the Father sent Jesus.

Why the Father Sent Jesus

John 3:16 not only tells us the Father gave (sent) Jesus it tells us why. Why did the Father send Jesus? So, people would not perish in hell with the devil but instead have eternal life with God. What was the motive for the Father sending His son from the portals of glory to a sin-ridden world? It was because of the love of God.

Jesus was sent to be the savior of the world. He was not sent as a philosopher like Plato or Aristotle, though He knew higher philosophy than them all. Jesus was not sent as an inventor or a discoverer, though He could have invented new things and discovered new lands. Jesus was not sent as a conqueror, though He was mightier than Alexander or Caesar. He was sent to be the savior of the world.

The work and ministry of Jesus was multifaceted. He was sent to live among us and teach us. He came to bring His kingdom

to earth. Why did Jesus come? Let's look at several of the reasons why Jesus came.

- To destroy the works of the devil.
- To reveal the Father.
- To die on the cross
- To be the lamb of God and take away the sin of the world.
- To seek and save the lost.
- To demonstrate God's love
- To provide access to the Father
- To fulfill God's promises and prophecies
- To redeem us from the curse of the law
- To atone for our sins
- To do the will of the Father
- To be the light of the world

Jesus came to be God in the flesh – the incarnate one. The first and foremost reason Jesus came to Earth was to fulfill God's divine plan of redemption. The term 'incarnation' refers to God becoming flesh to relate to humanity. The Greek word for incarnation is "sarks," meaning flesh. Jesus, fully God and fully man, walked among us to reveal the character of God (John 1:14). The angel foretold this sacred moment when he said, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which means, "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus coming to Earth was a divine initiative, bridging the gap between Heaven and humanity (John 3:16). His mission was to restore the relationship between God and man severed by sin (Romans 5:10).

Jesus' coming is also a fulfillment of prophetic scriptures; many prophecies in the Old Testament foreshadowed His arrival. Isaiah 9:6 encapsulates this beautifully, stating, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." His introduction to the world was purposeful, aimed at ushering in a new covenant where love transcends the Law (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

God sent Jesus into the world for several important reasons: to reveal Himself to us, demonstrate His love, offer us access to the Father, provide forgiveness and salvation, defeat the works of the devil, and set an example for righteous living. Understanding these reasons helps us grasp the depth of God's love and purpose for our lives. Through Jesus, we can know God intimately, experience His forgiveness and grace and live in the freedom and victory He has won for us.

As we reflect on the reasons why God sent Jesus, let us respond with gratitude, love, and a desire to follow in His footsteps. We have a job to do.

Jesus Send Us the Same Way the Father Sent Him

In John's Gospel, we see Jesus putting considerable stress on the fact that he was sent by his Father. Thirty-eight times we see and read "him who sent me." It is a constant theme. The implications for Jesus are clear. He does not come as an independent agent with his own message. He doesn't ad-lib. Rather, he only says what the Father tells him to say (5:19, 30). He stays "on message" throughout his entire time on earth.

Now we are being sent by Jesus the same way as the Father sent Jesus. Make no mistake about it, Christians are *sent* to be light in this dark world. However, Jesus' mission of redemption is not something we are to duplicate. His role as the Son of God to redeem the world to himself on the cross is a once-for-all event. Nevertheless, we share his mission to spread the word of his redemption throughout the world.

It is important to recognize, however, that we are sent in the same way Jesus was sent. We are under orders just as Jesus was; we bring another's message and are charged to bring it accurately and clearly. Sometimes we're tempted to water down parts of the message that are difficult for the world to receive. Yes, we must communicate the Word in ways that are clear to our own culture, but we do not have the freedom to alter the message to make it more palatable. It is not our message, it is his.

The Father sent Jesus. Now Jesus sends us on this holy relay team. And we are to pass on this responsibility to those who follow us.

Why is Jesus Sending Us?

Jesus passes on His commission to his followers. We are his agents and representatives: we must speak his message, and our lives must let the world know that we are truly his disciples (13:35). He authorizes us to speak the message that brings people life or judgment, depending on their response (20:23). But how can we fulfill such a dramatic commission?

Jesus granted his disciples the power to carry out his commission in 20:22. As God first breathed into Adam the

breath of life (Gen 2:7), Jesus breathed on them new life. He had earlier promised Nicodemus that those who were born again would be born from the Spirit, who was as mysterious as the wind (John 3:8). Now he declared, "Receive the Holy Spirit." How can we dare to attempt to fulfill God's mission? We must trust him and the power with which he has equipped us. As we faithfully speak and live his mission, the Spirit will make Jesus real to those whose hearts God opens. Jesus made not some but all of his followers like the prophets of old; he has called us to let the world know his heart of love.

Jesus is sending us to be light and salt to the world. (John 5:13-16) We are the feet and hands of Jesus. We are the body of Christ and He is the head. (1 Cor. 1:27; Col. 1:18) Jesus sends us to be His representatives here in the world. We are His ambassadors. Called to share the good news of the Kingdom. We are sent to say and show that Jesus was sent into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus and the good news about him (2 Corinthians 4:5). We are not the message, but mere messengers.

We tell the world about Jesus what He did and who He is.

JESUS IS -

- **Immanuel** – *"...She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.'" Is. 7:14*
- **The Almighty One** – *"...who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8*
- **The Alpha and Omega** – *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Rev. 22:13*

- **The Great I Am** – *“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:58*
- **The Bread of Life** – *“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35*
- **The Lamb of God** – *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him.*
- **The Light of the World** – *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12*
- **The Sacrifice for Our Sins** – *“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10*
- **The Door** – *“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9*
- **The Way** – *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6*
- **The Word** – *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1*
- **Our Shepherd** - *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11*
- **Our Deliverer** – *“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thess. 1:10*
- **Our Hope** – *“...Christ Jesus our hope.” 1 Tim. 1:1*

- **Our Peace** – *“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,” Eph. 2:14*
- **Our Advocate** – *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” 1 John 2:1*
- **Our Great High Priest** – *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” Heb. 4:14*
- **Our Redeemer** – *“And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth.” Job 19:25*

Summary

As Ambassadors for Christ, we have been called and sent by Jesus. The only question is will you answer the call and go? In John 4:34-38 Jesus challenged His disciples about putting things off to a future time. He told them, “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 at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! . . .”

Today Jesus is challenging each of us. Let us, be like Isaiah of old and say, “Here am I Lord send me” (Isaiah 6:8) We will never regret doing that ~ and we will be very surprised at just how willing the Lord is to use those who are available and useable.

Jesus is sending you will you go?

CHAPTER NINE

Do the Works Jesus Did

In John 14:12 we find some of the most significant words of Jesus. He said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” As ambassadors for Christ, this is a key verse of encouragement and instruction. The major mandate Jesus gives us is, “WE ARE TO DO THE WORKS THAT JESUS DID”. Who does He give this directive to? To those who believe in Him. In other words, Christians, or followers of Christ, and as we shared in earlier chapters those who are followers of Christ are called to be Ambassadors of Christ. So, as Ambassadors of Christ, we are to do the same works that Jesus did.

The Works of Jesus

What are the works that Jesus did? Jesus did many things during His ministry on earth, but they fall into 3 major areas of work.

1. Preaching
2. Teaching
3. Healing

We see evidence of that throughout the gospels. Here are just 12 verses that tell us how Jesus was preaching, teaching, or healing everywhere He went.

1. Matthew 9:35, “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.”

2. Matthew 4:23, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”
3. Luke 9:6, “So they departed and went through the towns, **preaching** the gospel and **healing** everywhere.”
4. Luke 20:1, “On one of the days while He was **teaching** the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him,”
5. Luke 4:15, “And He began **teaching** in their synagogues and was praised by all.”
6. Luke 8:1, “Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and **preaching** the kingdom of God.
7. Mark 1:14, “Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching** the gospel of God,
8. Mark 2:13, “And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was **teaching** them.
9. Luke 19:47, “And He was **teaching** daily in the temple...”
10. Matthew 8:16, “When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and **healed** all who were sick,”
11. Mark 1:34, “Then He **healed** many who were sick with various diseases,”
12. Matthew 15:30, “Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He **healed** them.”

These are the works Jesus did. They are the “works” we are to do as believers and as ambassadors for Christ. Obviously, there are other things Jesus did, but they were an overflow of who Jesus was. He loved people and served people. He was an encourager and kind person. We should be all these things as well. As Jesus is so are we. (1 John 4:17) Let’s commit to doing the works Jesus did – preaching, teaching and healing.

What do We Preach?

We are to preach the Gospel, and we preach the Kingdom of God, and we are to preach Christ and Him crucified. Preaching isn’t limited to being on a platform standing behind a pulpit. Preaching means to proclaim or to declare. Every believer can proclaim the gospel. They can testify of what the Lord has done for them. Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mk. 16:15) The Gospel is good news. The good news is Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and third day He was raised from the dead. “Preaching the kingdom of God,…” (Acts 28:31) The kingdom of God is the Bible’s principal theme and is the focus of Jesus Christ’s ministry. Jesus’ first public proclamation was “Repent, for the kingdom of God is near,” (Matt. 4:19). Jesus said, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also because for this purpose I have been sent.” 1 Corinthians 1:23 says, “But we preach Christ crucified,…” The cross is God’s provision for your sin. *If you go to the cross, you will find your way home to God.* Many people are lost and confused and the cross of Christ beckons you to come, repent of your sin and receive Christ. Come to the cross and you will find your way home to God.

What do We Teach?

We teach the Word of God, line upon line and precept upon precept. We teach to help people grow spiritually. We teach to help people overcome their doubts and unbelief. Every believer is a teacher. The key to the exponential growth of the early church was the faithful teaching of the Word of God by countless obedient Christians.

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7)

“But the word of God grew and multiplied.” (Acts 12:24)

“So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” (Acts 19:20)

We see the Apostle Paul emphasized the importance of teaching the Word in his second letter to Timothy, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2).” The concept of teaching others is deeply rooted throughout the New Testament. This commitment is not merely an optional task but a divine mandate that reflects the heart of God for His people.

What do We do to Minister Healing?

This work of ministry that believers are called to do causes the biggest confusion and opposition in the church. Most have no problem with believers preaching and teaching, but when you start talking about ministering healing they get nervous. First, Jesus is the healer, we just share how Jesus is the healer, that

“by His stripes, you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24) We teach how God is “Jehovah Rapha” the Lord that heals. (Exodus 15:26)

Jesus said in Mark 16:18, “*Believers* shall lay hands upon the sick, and they shall recover.” Notice it didn’t say prophets, evangelists, or pastors, but believers. Laying on of hands is one of the elementary teachings of Christ mentioned in Hebrews 6:2. I am always amazed how many Christians and even pastors don’t what the 6 elementary teachings of Christ are let alone know how to explain what they are. Minister healing to the sick is part of the works we are to do as Jesus did.

One of the most important parts of ministering healing is helping build people’s faith so they will believe and receive what God has provided for them. The primary way people were healed when Jesus ministered healing to them was by their faith.

I believe one of the biggest reasons for confusion and misunderstanding about the ministry of healing is the lack of understanding about the difference between the ministry of healing and the “gifts of healings”. The gifts of heals plural is one of the gifts of the spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:9) This is a supernatural gift that happens at the will of the spirit. It is limited and available only at the direction of the Spirit of God. The ministry of healing is available to all believers through the power of the Word and Holy Spirit.

Doing Greater Works

So, what does this mean for us today? How can we do greater works than Jesus? Well, first we must act on what Jesus commanded us to do- to do the works He did. Once we

embrace this assignment and begin putting it into action the second part will automatically happen. How?

Because when Jesus directed the disciples to do the works He did Jesus wasn't just speaking to His disciples as individuals— He was speaking to them as a **community of believers**. The Body of Christ, united by the Holy Spirit, has the potential to accomplish far more together than any individual could on their own. There is no question Jesus had the Spirit without measure and was able to do great and mighty things, but He was limited by space and time. While He was on the earth He could only be ministering where He was physically present and able to minister. This is why He told the disciples, "I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you." (John 16:7)

After Jesus ascended into heaven the Holy Spirit came UPON believers and gave them power to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the whole world. We have the Holy Spirit empowering us, the church. We are the body of Christ. We can take Jesus across the world into every neighborhood, home, village, every nook and cranny, everywhere and any place there are people.

When believers come together in unity, they can:

- **Reach more people** with the Gospel.
- **Support one another** in prayer, encouragement, and service.
- **Tackle bigger challenges** in society, such as poverty, injustice, and inequality.

The Church, as the Body of Christ, is called to continue His ministry on earth, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can do even greater things together than we could ever imagine.

Conclusion

Jesus made it clear—His followers were not only called to continue His work but to expand it. He commanded us to do the works He did, and if we obey, He promised we would do even *greater works* (John 14:12). This was never about surpassing Him but about multiplying His impact. When Jesus walked the earth, He preached the Good News, taught with authority, and healed the sick. Now, through His body—the Church—His work continues on an even greater scale.

The reason we can do greater works is simple: there are more of us. While Jesus ministered in one place at a time, today, countless believers around the world are preaching, teaching, and healing in His name. The power that worked through Him now works through us by the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that anointed Jesus to proclaim liberty to the captives, open blind eyes, and set the oppressed free dwells in every believer, empowering us to step out in faith and bring transformation to our world.

This is not a passive calling—it demands action. The lost still need to hear the Gospel. The sick still need healing. The broken still need hope. Jesus has commissioned us to continue His mission, and He has given us everything we need to fulfill it. The question is, will we step out in faith? Will we dare to believe that the same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is alive in us?

CHAPTER 10

THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Lost Must Be Found

The mission of Christ's ambassadors is to spread the gospel and make disciples of all nations, as commanded in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). This involves both proclamation and demonstration of the gospel. In 1 Peter 3:15, believers are instructed to "always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you," doing so with gentleness and respect.

The Great Commission is one of the most powerful and far-reaching commands given by Jesus Christ. It serves as the foundation for Christian mission and evangelism, calling believers to make disciples of all nations. In this chapter, we are going to study what the great commission is, the heart of the great commission, how to fulfill the great commission, and how it is at the center and foundation of our call as Ambassador of Christ.

What is the Great Commission

The Great Commission is our Lord's command to take the gospel to every person throughout the world and to make disciples in all nations. It involves building and multiplying disciples in all nations so that they can, in turn, saturate their nations with the Good News and train other disciples to do the same generation after generation through the process of spiritual multiplication.

Christ did not commission us to Christianize all nations; He called us to disciple and evangelize them. Our responsibility is

to preach and teach Christ's gospel; it is the Holy Spirit's responsibility to make our witness effective. With the responsibility, Christ also gave us everything necessary for success.

Commissioned by Christ

Every believer has been commissioned by Christ to GO and be witnesses for Him and His kingdom. When you represent the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciple, you embody the authority and power of the One who transcends all. Jesus assured His followers, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). This promise underscores that as His ambassador, you carry His authority and are empowered by His Spirit.

The Scriptures affirm, "The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). With this assurance, no power can withstand you as you walk in obedience and faith. Even the gates of hell cannot prevail against those who stand in the authority of Christ (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus entrusted the Great Commission not only to His eleven disciples but to every believer throughout history. This commission calls every Christian to actively participate in spreading the gospel through their lives, talents, and resources. It's a lifelong mission that reflects our gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and our commitment to His kingdom's expansion.

Following the Great Commission, the disciples, initially fearful and scattered, were transformed by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Empowered, they boldly proclaimed God's love and

forgiveness despite persecution and martyrdom. Their courage and commitment demonstrate the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in ordinary lives.

As historian and pastor John Stott once said, "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." This echoes Jesus' mandate to His followers to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). The early disciples' ordinary backgrounds highlight that their extraordinary impact stemmed from their unwavering faith in the resurrected Lord and their fullness in the Holy Spirit.

The call of an Ambassador is part of fulfilling the great commission. As ambassadors for Christ, we need to understand and embrace the great commission. The rest of this chapter will help you better grasp and appreciate the great commission. So, let's take a look at some of the fundamental elements and principles of the great commission.

The Importance of the Great Commission

The problems in the world that are threatening to engulf humanity can only be solved through faith in Christ. Jesus is the only answer, so He has sent us to share that answer with the world. People are lost. The world needs Christ now. There is a great urgency of the gospel.

The reality of lost souls without Christ is not just a theological concept—it's a sobering truth that demands our attention and action. Jesus Himself declared, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (John 14:6). This statement is not a suggestion; it is an absolute truth. It may sound narrow or intolerant in today's world, but it is

the unshakable foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus Christ is God, and He alone is the bridge between sinful humanity and a holy God.

Do we truly grasp the fact that people without Christ are lost? Have we considered that our own family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who do not know Christ are spiritually adrift, separated from God, and destined for eternal separation from Him? This is not a topic to be approached lightly. Charles Spurgeon once said, *“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay.”*

The call to share Christ is not merely an option; it is a divine mandate. We are not responsible for whether people accept or reject Him, but we are responsible for making sure they hear the gospel. As the Apostle Paul passionately stated, **"Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!"** (1 Corinthians 9:16).

The world is hungry for God! History proves that people everywhere are searching for something beyond themselves. Whether in ancient civilizations or modern cities, humanity's deep longing for God is evident. As a pastor, I have seen this hunger countless times when I have shared the message of Christ in our services, crusades, and outreaches.

Billy Graham once said, *“Man has two great spiritual needs. One is for forgiveness. The other is for goodness.”* The world is crying out for something real—something only Jesus can provide. The question is, will we respond to their need with the message of salvation?

The great commission is important not only because of the message but because time is short. The time to act is now. Jesus said, **“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”** (John 4:35). Never in history have the spiritual fields been so ready for harvesting. The doors of opportunity are open today, but they may not remain open forever.

The lost must be found! Souls are perishing every day, and eternity hangs in the balance. As evangelist Leonard Ravenhill once warned, *“The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity.”* The call is clear. The need is urgent. The question is—will you answer?

THE LOST MUST BE FOUND

One of the greatest hymns of all time, “Amazing Grace” has this well-known verse, “I once was lost, but now I am found”. Every one of us at one time was lost, but because of God’s amazing grace we are now found! While that is true for all who are saved it is NOT true for millions of others.

What Does It Mean to Be Lost

Have you ever lost something valuable? I remember losing my cell phone one time. I kept my credit cards, driver's license, money, and other important items in the case of my cell phone, SO, not only did I lose by phone that had all kinds of information, photos, documents, and other important items stored in it, it also had all these other valuables. Needless to say, I panicked. I couldn’t think or focus on anything else until I found my phone.

The Bible describes our life before Christ as “lost.” But what does it mean exactly to be lost?

Spiritually Lost

The term lost is commonly used in the Bible and Christian circles to describe individuals who have not yet discovered eternal life in Christ. Jesus stated, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*, (Luke 19:10). Those who are spiritually lost are distant from God and incapable of finding their way back to Him.

Jesus helps explain it to us in the parables of The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son portray God as concerned about the lost, and willing and anxious that they be returned to Him.

The three parables about the lost being found illustrate the kindness and mercy of God. When those who are lost are found, there is much rejoicing in all the household of God (Luke 15:4-32).

Isaiah 53:6 declares, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” The Bible likens humans to sheep.

When God created all things and placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they were far from lost. It wasn’t until they decided to eat from the forbidden tree (and place their trust in the enemy instead of trusting God) that everything changed. Mankind was now lost meaning being separated from God, and now children of the devil. It looked like everything was over, it looked like there was no hope. BUT – God had a plan. It was the plan of redemption. The Bible is the story of God’s plan to

redeem man back to God through Christ. ***The moment mankind was lost, God began making a way for us to be found.***

What's It Mean to Be Found

Being lost was never God's intention for us..., from the moment man became lost in the garden God has been on a mission to help man find their way back to God. What does it mean to be found?

First, we need to understand God has never lost us, we have lost God. Being found means us finding God and God has done and is doing everything to help us find Him. That's why He sent Jesus. Jesus is the way maker. The only way to find God is through Jesus, He is the way, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) Being found is about us accepting and receiving Christ as our Lord and Savior, then we are found **"IN CHRIST"**.

Being found in Christ means experiencing restoration and new life. When we come to Jesus, He makes us whole again, giving us purpose and a fresh start. The good news is Jesus is seeking us it is the reason He came to earth. "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." (Luke 19:10) God is not hiding from us or trying to stop us from being found. The exact opposite is true.

God wants us to be found – or more accurately He wants us to find our way back to Him. No matter how far we stray, His love pursues us relentlessly. Jesus made it clear that His mission was to seek and save the lost, demonstrating the heart of the Father who longs for His children to return to Him.

Jesus told them this parable, saying, “So He spoke this parable to them, saying: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” – Luke 15:3-7

In this famous parable, Jesus describes a shepherd who has 100 sheep, yet one is lost. He leaves 99 of them in order to seek after the one who is lost. In this amazing story of God’s love for us, we find such hope! God longs for us to be found in Him!

Jesus then tells another story, “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it*? And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” – Luke 15:8-10

The main point Jesus was trying to make in these parables is that God rejoices when we are found – when we find our way back to Him. It’s so easy to believe that God is angry with us. The enemy loves to make us believe that we are somehow too lost to be found or that we’ve made too many mistakes for God to love us and want us in His family. *But God is faithful to always welcome us home with open arms!*

Found in Christ

The apostle Paul makes a very powerful declaration in Philippians 3:7-9,

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **and be found in Him**, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

Not only does Paul consider Jesus better than everything else, but he wants to be **“found in him.”** To be found *in Christ* introduces the central metaphor in Paul’s theology: union with Christ. It is, as Sinclair Ferguson says, the grammar of the gospel by which Paul speaks. Being found in Jesus is cosmic in its scope. The world, as Romans 5:12–21 tells us, is divided into two humanities, Adam or Jesus. There is the old age (in Adam) and the new creation (in Christ).

Paul is not speaking sentimentally here. He is reconstituting his entire personhood. To be found in Christ is to come to the end of self, the end of Adam and the old age. Paul is saying that he wants to be defined altogether differently: not dead in sin, but alive to God in Christ (Romans 6:11). He is a new man within a new humanity that’s part of a new world (Ephesians 2:14–18). This is what “being found” means – to be in Christ.

Being in Christ

Being in Christ refers to our position. We might say that we are in a house, or in a car. And when we do we are specifying an enclosing object. If I am in a car, then wherever that car is, I am as well. And whatever happens to the car, in a sense, also happens to me.

So, it is with being in Christ. I am enclosed by him. And so, where he is, I am as well. And his experience also, in a sense, becomes my experience. I will look at both of these later on. But what is significant here is that, as a follower of Jesus, I am not an independent agent. I am included in something much greater than just myself.

Romans 8:1 is an example of the usage of this expression. Paul says that “*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*” Because of our position as believers, we do not face the condemnation that was due to us, and that will come to the world. It is not because of anything I do or am. It is simply because I am in Jesus. In Him I live and have my being, in Him I am the righteousness of God, in Christ I am a new creation, in Christ I am blessed with every spiritual blessing, through Him I am more than a conqueror,... there are over a hundred in Christ, In Him, through Him, by Him, by Christ, in whom, scriptures in the New Testament.

Ambassadors for Christ – Called to Find the Lost

The lost need to be found! Being found means receiving Christ as your Lord and Savior and being “in Christ”. Every person needs to be “found in Christ”. This is what being an Ambassador for Christ is all about. As Ambassadors for

Christ, there are many things we are called to do and we have shared those in earlier chapters, but the primary mission is to help people be reconciled to Christ – to be found in Jesus.

HOW THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FULFILLED

This great task can be accomplished only as millions of Christians work together, pooling their resources to complete the task. Also, millions of Christians need to develop a personal strategy that ties in directly to the global strategy of our Lord. The ministry of the Ambassadors for Christ plays a key part in fulfilling the great commission. There are several tools and resources provided by God to help us as Ambassadors of Christ to fulfill the great commission.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

First, and probably the greatest help given to us is the Holy Spirit. Just before Jesus ascended to heaven He shared this very powerful revelation and promise, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

As believers, we have the Holy Spirit IN us, but we can also have the Holy Spirit COME UPON us. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would only come upon a few chosen people; prophets, kings, and priests. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit can come upon any believer. This was going to happen when the Church started on the day of Pentecost, which would happen 7 days after Jesus made this statement.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon a believer they receive power. Power for what? To be witnesses for Christ! The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to be effective witnesses for Christ, giving us the courage, wisdom, and boldness needed to share our faith. As we rely on the Spirit's guidance and strength, we can make a lasting impact for God's kingdom. We are not to be witnesses for Christ in our own power and ability, but God gives us the Holy Spirit and the POWER of the Holy Spirit.

We Have the Authority of Christ

In Matthew 28:18 we read the words of Jesus, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” This bold declaration is the beginning of the great commission. Before giving the command to go and make disciples, Jesus establishes His authority. This is crucial because it reminds us that we are not going based on our own strength or abilities but on the authority of Jesus Christ Himself, because Jesus delegates that authority to us the church. As believers, we can confidently engage in the mission of the Great Commission knowing that Christ's authority empowers us. We are His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), representing His kingdom in a world in desperate need of hope.

We Have the Power of His Word

God has given us His Word. The Word of God is powerful. (Hebrews 4:12) It is the “sword of the spirit”. (Ephesians 6:17) The sword of the spirit is the only offensive weapon mentioned in the armor of God. All the other parts of the armor are defensive.

Jesus used the Word of God against the devil. When Jesus was led into the wilderness by the devil and tempted 3 times, each time Jesus defeated the devil with the Word of God. Jesus would say “IT IS WRITTEN...” and then He would speak a scripture.

As believers, we have the authority to use the Word of God. The way we use the Word is to speak it. When we speak God’s Word in faith God then makes sure the Word accomplishes what it says it will do. “I am watching over my word to perform it.” (Jeremiah 1;12 ESV) And in Isaiah 55:11 God says, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.” God has obligated Himself to perform His word and make sure it comes to pass.

So, as witnesses and Ambassadors for Christ, we need to make sure we speak God’s Word to the lost. When we share the Word – God goes to work. He is faithful to His Word.

We Have the Promise of Christ’s Presence

The Great Commission concludes with one of the most comforting promises in Scripture: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus assures His disciples that they will not be alone as they carry out His mission. His presence through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17) will guide, strengthen, and empower them.

We Have His Command – GO

The way the Great Commission is fulfilled is by us obeying and going. Jesus’ command is clear: “**Go** and make disciples of all nations.” This is not a suggestion, but an imperative. The word “go” implies action, movement, and intentionality. Christians

are called to leave their comfort zones, cross-cultural and geographical boundaries, and share the gospel with every nation. We need to **GO** across the street to our neighbor, we need to **GO** across the room to our co-worker, we need to **GO** across the hall to our classmate, we need to do what God has asked us to do and **GO!**

How is the great commission going to be accomplished? Well it will happen because of the power of the Holy Spirit upon us, because of the power of His Word, because of the authority we have in Christ, because Jesus is with us and ultimately because we obey and go.

The Great Commission is primarily about going and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, but it also includes 3 other steps or functions.

- **To Baptize (in water)**

Baptism is a public declaration of faith and a symbol of identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:4). Jesus includes baptism in the Great Commission as a significant step in the disciple-making process. It signifies a believer's entry into the community of faith and obedience to Christ.

Baptism remains an essential act of obedience for new believers. It is a visible testimony of their commitment to Christ and their inclusion in the body of Christ. Whether in a church building, a river, or a pool, baptism continues to be a powerful declaration of faith.

- **To Teach**

Jesus commands His disciples not only to baptize new believers but also to teach them. While water baptism is a one-time action, teaching is ongoing. Teaching is the long-term effort of making disciples. “obey everything I have commanded you.” This includes a commitment to living according to Jesus’ teachings, which cover every aspect of life—love, forgiveness, service.

- **To Make Disciples**

At the heart of the Great Commission is the task of making disciples. As we go, baptize, and teach we are making disciples. It is not enough to simply convert people or introduce them to the gospel; we must help them grow in their faith, teaching them to follow Jesus in all aspects of life. Discipleship is a lifelong process that involves learning, following, and obedience.

Making disciples requires investing time and energy into the spiritual growth of others. This can happen through personal mentorship, Bible studies, small groups, or even digital platforms. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul emphasizes the importance of discipleship by encouraging Timothy to “entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

SUMMARY

As we understand the depth of the Great Commission, we are challenged to take our role seriously and actively engage in the mission of sharing the gospel with a world that desperately needs it. Will you be part of fulfilling the great commission?

How might God want to use you? What might he want to do through you? God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Think about it. He took a bunch of rural Galileans (the original 12 disciples) and changed the world. The same Spirit is promised to all who embrace Christ today.

Being a witness and ambassador for Christ is the outflow of passion for Jesus. Imagine that you found a precious diamond in your backyard. Your response wouldn't be to cover it back up, go back inside, and make a bowl of popcorn. Your whole life would be consumed with the precious jewel. And you would take it to get it appraised. You would tell your family. So, it is with the gospel. God has done what God promised to do. Jesus is king. If we realize that, that it changes reality, that it changes the world we live in, then our life will be constantly bearing witness in word and action to the fact that Jesus is king. That is the goal of life after all: To glorify God by making much of Jesus. The Spirit begins and empowers that work in us. God can use each of us to play a vital role in helping to fulfill the Great Commission.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

How to be an Effective Ambassador

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR

BEING SOUL WINNERS

Introduction:

Imagine being entrusted with a mission by the King of Kings Himself—a mission that transcends earthly borders and reaches into the hearts of people everywhere. As ambassadors for Christ, we are called to represent not just a cause, but a Kingdom—a Kingdom of love, hope, and eternal significance.

Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:20 that we are "ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making his appeal through us." This isn't merely a title; it's a divine appointment to bring reconciliation and light to a world in need. Yet, many Christians today are unsure of what it truly means to be ambassadors of Christ. Some may hesitate due to fear or uncertainty, while others may simply not know where to begin.

Pastor Rick Warren reminds us, "God has called us to be his representatives in the world. We are ambassadors for Christ." This calling isn't reserved for the select few; it's a mandate for every believer who has experienced the transforming power of God's love.

Too often, believers misunderstand what it means to be an ambassador for Christ. Some assume it's a role reserved for pastors or missionaries, while others feel unequipped or too busy to engage in it fully. Yet, the truth remains: if you belong to

Christ, you *are* His ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20). The question is, *how can you be an effective ambassador for Christ?*

In this chapter, we embark on a journey to answer that question. We are going to share several things that are essential to becoming effective as an ambassador. We will give you the habits, traits, resources, and other essentials needed to be successful. We'll explore practical steps to overcome obstacles like fear, doubt, and busyness that can hinder our effectiveness. Plus, we will share what it takes to be an effective soul winner.

More importantly, you'll discover how God's empowerment equips you to boldly carry His message of reconciliation and hope. You will discover what it means to live as ambassadors for Christ, representing His Kingdom with passion, purpose, and unwavering faith. Let's embrace this calling not just as a duty, but as a profound privilege to impact lives and glorify the One whose Kingdom knows no end.

Above all, remember that this journey is not about us—it's about Him. Jesus Himself said, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). But the good news is, *with Him, all things are possible* (Matthew 19:26).

5 Essentials to Help You Be an Effective Ambassador for Christ

Billy Graham once said, *"We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding."* Every day, through our words, actions, and attitudes, we communicate something about Jesus to those

around us. The real challenge is ensuring that our lives point others to Him and not away.

The following five things will empower you to be an effective ambassador for Christ. These are not just theoretical concepts but practical practices that prepare and help equip you for success in this divine calling. shape our ability to be effective soul-winners, bringing others into God's Kingdom.

Let's dive into the five essential things you need to do to be an effective ambassador for Christ, living a life that brings glory to God and draws others to His Kingdom. **Are you ready to step fully into your calling?**

1. Surrender to God's Will

Surrendering to God's will is the foundation of being an effective ambassador. It's not just about attending church, reading your Bible, praying, or serving in ministry. While those things are important, true surrender means yielding your entire life to God's plan, even when it contradicts your personal desires or understanding.

Jesus Himself demonstrated the ultimate surrender when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done"* (Luke 22:42). If Jesus, the Son of God, had to surrender to the Father's will, how much more should we?

Many believers hesitate to fully surrender because of fear—fear of the unknown, fear of failure, or fear of giving up control. But here's the truth: God's plans are always better than ours. Pastor Rick Warren once said, *"The greatest barrier to God's blessing in*

your life is not others; it is yourself—your stubbornness, your pride, and your unwillingness to surrender.”

When you truly surrender, you align yourself with God’s purpose, and He empowers you to walk in your calling as His ambassador. So, the question is: *Are you willing to lay down your own agenda and trust God completely?*

2. Study God’s Word Daily

Notice the word **study**, not just read. Many people read the Bible without truly understanding it. Studying means diving deeper—asking questions, looking up cross-references, and seeking wisdom from trusted teachers.

Paul exhorted Timothy, *“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”* (2 Timothy 2:15, KJV). When we study God’s Word, we gain the knowledge, wisdom, and discernment necessary to represent Him accurately.

Imagine an ambassador who doesn’t know the laws, culture, or values of the country they represent. They would be ineffective and possibly cause harm to their nation’s reputation. The same applies to us—we cannot represent Christ effectively if we don’t know His Word.

D.L. Moody once said, *“The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation.”* Studying Scripture transforms us into ambassadors who walk in truth, wisdom, and power.

3. Strong Prayer Life

Prayer is the lifeline between an ambassador and their King. A strong prayer life keeps you connected to God, strengthens your faith, and provides direction for your mission.

Many Christians struggle with prayer because they see it as a duty rather than a relationship. But Jesus set the example of a life saturated in prayer. Luke 5:16 tells us, *“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”* If the Son of God needed time alone with the Father, how much more do we?

John Wesley once said, *“God does nothing but in answer to prayer.”* This means that if we want to be effective ambassadors, we must be people of prayer—seeking God’s guidance, interceding for others, and allowing the Holy Spirit to direct our steps.

A life of prayer leads to boldness. When we spend time with God, we develop confidence to share His message, knowing He is with us every step of the way.

4. Seek Opportunities to Serve Others

Being an ambassador for Christ isn’t just about speaking the Gospel—it’s about living it. Jesus didn’t just preach; He served. Mark 10:45 says, *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

Serving others opens the door for ministry. People may not always listen to what you say, but they will notice how you live. When you help those in need, encourage the weary, or show kindness to the overlooked, you reflect Christ’s love in a way that words alone cannot.

Think of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). While others ignored the wounded man, the Samaritan stopped, cared for him, and provided for his needs. This act of service spoke louder than any sermon.

Ask yourself: *How can I serve those around me today?* It could be as simple as offering a kind word, praying for someone, or meeting a practical need. When you serve, you are the hands and feet of Jesus to a hurting world.

5. Share Your Testimony

Your personal story is one of the most powerful tools you have as an ambassador for Christ. People can argue about theology, but they cannot deny the transformation they see in your life.

1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, *“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.”*

Your testimony doesn’t have to be dramatic to be effective. It simply needs to be **real**. Share how Jesus changed your life, what He has done for you, and how He continues to work in your daily walk.

The Apostle Paul often used his own testimony to share the Gospel (Acts 26). He spoke about his life before Christ, his conversion, and how Jesus transformed him into a new person. We can do the same.

Think of it like this: if you discovered a cure for a deadly disease, wouldn’t you share it? You have the cure for sin and eternal separation from God—the Gospel. **Don’t keep it to yourself.**

Your testimony isn't the gospel, but it can be a powerful illustration of what the gospel can do in a person's life and open the door for you to share the gospel. Later in this chapter we go into detail on how to share the gospel effectively.

Conclusion

Being an ambassador for Christ is not a title—it's a lifestyle. It means surrendering daily to God's will, studying His Word, praying continually, serving others, and boldly sharing your testimony. It's not always easy, but it is the most rewarding calling you will ever have.

Corrie Ten Boom once said, *"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."* Your life is a gift meant to be poured out for the sake of the Gospel.

So, will you take up the challenge? Will you commit to living as an effective ambassador for Christ? Remember, *you were chosen by the King to represent Him*. And with Christ living in you, **you are more than capable of fulfilling His purpose.**

Let's rise up and be bold for Jesus—**the world is watching, and eternity is at stake.**

3 Basic Skills Need to be an Effective Ambassador

Being an ambassador for Christ is more than just a title—it is a sacred responsibility. As Paul declared in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." Our mission is to represent Jesus in a way that compels others to see His love, grace, and truth in action. But how can we effectively carry out this calling?

In addition to surrendering our will to God, studying His Word, developing a strong prayer life, serving others, and sharing our testimony, there are three fundamental skills and ten essential attributes every ambassador for Christ must develop.

1. **Knowledge.** First, Christ's ambassadors need the knowledge necessary for the task. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." The knowledge we are talking about is the knowledge of God's Word. As Ambassadors for Christ, we must know the central message of God's kingdom, God's plan for redemption, His forgiveness, love, mercy, and grace. If you don't know the Word, you will "perish", not succeed, not be effective. The first skill you need as an Ambassador is the "knowledge of God's Word".
2. **Wisdom.** It is not enough to just have a mind filled with the knowledge of God's Word, that knowledge must be properly applied, that takes the wisdom of God. Wisdom knows how to use the knowledge we have properly. For example, knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit and not a vegetable. Wisdom is not putting a tomato in a fruit salad. The Bible tells us wisdom is more valuable than riches, better than gold. (Proverbs 3:15;16:16) All the treasures of wisdom are found in Christ. (Colossians 2:3) "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,..." (Proverbs 9:10) The Bible tells us the principal thing is wisdom, and we should do everything we can do to get wisdom. (Proverbs 4:7) James 1:5 tells us if we will ask God for wisdom He will give it to us generously. Get wisdom it is the second skill you

need to be an effective ambassador for Christ. This requires the tools of a diplomat, not the weapons of a warrior, tactical skill rather than brute force.

3. **Character.** Finally, our character can make or break our mission. Knowledge and wisdom are packaged in a person, so to speak. If that person does not embody the virtues of the kingdom he serves, he will undermine his message and handicap his efforts. Character can be defined as the moral and ethical qualities that shape an individual's behavior and actions. It encompasses traits such as honesty, integrity, kindness, patience, humility, and self-control. Developing strong character is essential in living a righteous and fulfilling life. **Character** is a fundamental aspect of our lives as believers and followers of Christ. It is the compass that guides our actions and choices, shaping who we are and how we relate to others.

Summary; These three skills — knowledge, an accurately informed mind; wisdom, an artful method; and character, an attractive manner — play a part in every effective involvement with a nonbeliever. Putting these skills into practice daily in your life will help you learn to be a better diplomat — an effective ambassador for Jesus Christ.

10 Attributes of an Ambassador for Christ

We are talking about what it takes to be an effective ambassador for Christ. We have shared 5 essential practices effective ambassadors need; surrendering, studying, praying, serving, and sharing, Then we just explained the 3 basic skills you need to be effective as a representative of Christ in this world;

knowledge, wisdom, and character. In addition to this, you should also have these 10 characteristics -

1. **Be Passionate about the Word of God:** Ambassadors for Christ have a passion for studying and applying the Word of God to their lives. They understand that the Bible is the foundation of their faith and that it provides guidance and wisdom for all aspects of life.
2. **Believe in the power of prayer:** Ambassadors for Christ understand the power of prayer and prioritize it as a crucial tool for their ministry. They know that prayer is a direct line of communication with God and that it can bring about supernatural transformation.
3. **Be Confident yet humble:** Ambassadors for Christ are confident in their identity and mission but remain humble in their approach to ministry. They understand that true influence comes from serving others and lifting them up.
4. **Be Selfless and focused on God's will:** Ambassadors for Christ prioritize God's will above their own desires and preferences. They understand that true success comes from aligning themselves with God's plans rather than pursuing their own goals.
5. **Be Teachable and Quick to repent:** Ambassadors for Christ remain teachable and repentant, constantly seeking to grow and improve in their faith and ministry. They understand that they are not perfect and that there is always room for growth and transformation.

6. **Be Gracious with your Speech:** Ambassadors for Christ, “Let their speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Colossians 4:6) Jesus was very gracious in the way He spoke with people. Luke said that the people marveled at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth (Luke 4:22).
7. **Be Ready and Able to Give Reasons for His Faith.** Ambassadors for Christ are always prepared and ready to share why they believe in Jesus and how Jesus changed their lives.
“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be [What?] **ready** to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”
(1 Peter 3:15)
8. **Know who you are in Christ.** Ambassadors for Christ understand that they are children of God, and they are new creations in Christ; old things have passed away and all things are new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
9. **Remain focused on God’s will:** Ambassadors for Christ prioritize God’s will above their own desires and preferences. They understand that true success comes from aligning themselves with God’s plans rather than pursuing their own. Not my will be done but your will.
(Luke 22:42)

- 10. Be Long-suffering for the Gospel:** Ambassadors for Christ are willing to endure long periods of difficulty and hardship in order to share the Gospel with others. They understand that true impact often requires persistence and perseverance.

Representing Christ with Excellence

D.L. Moody once said, "The world does not understand theology or dogma, but it understands love and sympathy." As Christ's ambassadors, we are called to embody His love in everything we do. Let us take this calling seriously, continually growing in our faith, and shining His light wherever we go.

Being an ambassador for Christ is an honor, but it requires dedication. In addition to the 5 essential things needed to be an effective ambassador for Christ, the three basic skills—knowledge, wisdom, and character—and the ten attributes listed above, we need to exhibit the following traits to effectively and represent Christ with excellence.

10 Traits of an Effective Ambassador for Christ

1. **Ready.** An ambassador is alert for chances to represent Christ and will not back away from a challenge or an opportunity.
2. **Patient.** An ambassador won't quarrel but will listen in order to understand, then with gentleness will seek to respectfully engage those who disagree.
3. **Reasonable.** An ambassador has informed convictions (not just feelings), gives reasons, asks questions,

aggressively seeks answers, and will not be stumped by the same challenge twice.

4. **Tactical.** An ambassador adapts to each unique person and situation, maneuvering with wisdom to challenge bad thinking, presenting the truth in an understandable and compelling way.
5. **Clear.** An ambassador is careful with language and will not rely on Christian lingo nor gain unfair advantage by resorting to empty rhetoric.
6. **Fair.** An ambassador is sympathetic and understanding toward others and will acknowledge the merits of contrary views.
7. **Honest.** An ambassador is careful with the facts and will not misrepresent another's view, overstate his own case, or understate the demands of the gospel.
8. **Humble.** An ambassador is provisional in his claims, knowing that his understanding of truth is fallible. He will not press a point beyond what his evidence allows.
9. **Attractive.** An ambassador will act with grace, kindness, and good manners. He will not dishonor Christ in his conduct.
10. **Dependent.** An ambassador knows that effectiveness requires joining his best efforts with God's power.

13 Characteristics of an Ambassador for Christ!

Here are 13 more characteristics found in those who are effective ambassadors for Christ. To effectively teach and

model Christ's character to others, we must first allow ourselves to be transformed by the power of Christ and the washing of His Word. As we grow and mature in our faith, we can become better role models for others and demonstrate Christ's character with ease and confidence.

While God can use us at any stage of our spiritual journey, it is important to prioritize our own growth and transformation so that we can effectively lead and serve others. By prioritizing our relationship with God and allowing Him to work in and through us, we can become powerful ambassadors for Christ that display His love and grace.

1. **Stays focused and righteous during trials and accusations:** Ambassadors for Christ understand that persecution is inevitable, and they rely on their faith to stay steadfast and maintain righteousness in the face of adversity.
2. **Loves truth, justice, and mercy:** Ambassadors for Christ have a deep love for what is true, just, and merciful. They understand that these qualities reflect God's character and that upholding them is crucial to spreading the Gospel.
3. **Passionate about the Word of God:** Ambassadors for Christ have a passion for studying and applying the Word of God to their lives. They understand that the Bible is the foundation of their faith and that it provides guidance and wisdom for all aspects of life.
4. **Hope-FULL that God's plan will prevail:** Ambassadors for Christ have an unwavering hope that God's plan will

ultimately prevail, despite any temporary setbacks or hardships.

5. **Believes in the power of prayer:** Ambassadors for Christ understand the power of prayer and prioritize it as a crucial tool for their ministry. They know that prayer is a direct line of communication with God and that it can bring about supernatural transformation.
6. **Selfless and focused on God's will:** Ambassadors for Christ prioritize God's will above their own desires and preferences. They understand that true success comes from aligning themselves with God's plans rather than pursuing their own goals.
7. **Loves themselves and knows their royal identity:** Ambassadors for Christ understand that they are children of God and have a deep love for themselves as a result. They know that their identity is not defined by their accomplishments or failures but by their relationship with God.
8. **Long-suffering for the Gospel:** Ambassadors for Christ are willing to endure long periods of difficulty and hardship in order to share the Gospel with others. They understand that true impact often requires persistence and perseverance.
9. **Balanced with wisdom and compassion:** Ambassadors for Christ understand the importance of balancing wisdom and compassion in their ministry. They know that speaking the truth in love is crucial to effectively sharing the Gospel with others.

10. **Not focused on being right:** Ambassadors for Christ prioritize relationships over being “right.” They understand that their role is not to win arguments but to demonstrate the love and grace of Christ to others.
11. **Confident yet humble:** Ambassadors for Christ are confident in their identity and mission but remain humble in their approach to ministry. They understand that true influence comes from serving others and lifting them up.
12. **Addresses their internal pain:** Ambassadors for Christ do not ignore their internal pain but instead address it with honesty and vulnerability. They understand that true healing comes from confronting and working through past hurts and traumas.
13. **Teachable and repentant:** Ambassadors for Christ remain teachable and repentant, constantly seeking to grow and improve in their faith and ministry. They understand that they are not perfect and that there is always room for growth and transformation.

Overcoming Roadblocks and Obstacles

When we put all these things into practice: 5 Essentials, 3 Skills, 10 Traits, 10 Attributes, and 13 Characteristics and become effective ambassadors for Christ there is one more thing we need to know – how to overcome the roadblocks and obstacles that we WILL encounter.

Being an Ambassador of Christ does not come without challenges. There are roadblocks and obstacles to accomplishing our mission. The devil does NOT want the

kingdom of God to advance. He is at work trying to stop and discourage those who are bringing the light and good news of Christ. So, we should not be surprised by challenges that try to hinder us. However, we do need to be prepared to overcome them. Here are 7 of the most common things that can hold us back from being effective as an Ambassador and how we can overcome each one of them.

1. The flesh

The flesh always hinders us from bringing the Gospel to others. We must understand that the work of bringing the Gospel to all men is a work that should be done in the Spirit. Salvation, being born again, and being in a relationship with God can only be done by the Spirit. Jesus Himself said, *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* (John 3:6) We can never trust the flesh. (Philippians 3:3) We never get to the point in this world where our flesh is sanctified and trustworthy.

So, how do we overcome the flesh? The Bible tells us we need to crucify the flesh. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1) We must bring our bodies (the flesh) every day as a sacrifice. Notice it says "living" sacrifice. Why? Because you can never kill the flesh it will always try to crawl off the altar and resurrect itself. When need to walk in the spirit and not after the flesh.

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another so that you do not do the things that you wish." (Galatians 5:16-17)

2. Apathy and Indifference

Apathy refers to a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern about something, while indifference suggests a lack of emotional response or concern. Apathy implies a passive disinterest, while indifference suggests a deliberate lack of engagement or concern. Both attitudes can lead to a lack of action or motivation, but apathy may stem from a sense of hopelessness or resignation, while indifference may stem from a lack of empathy or emotional investment. The bottom line is both are roadblocks to the work of the ministry.

When Christians become indifferent, they become lukewarm. We are warned about the dangers of lukewarmness in Revelation 3:15-16, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.” Lukewarm believers have a lack of passion, commitment, and conviction in their faith. They become complacent and apathetic in their approach to evangelism and eventually have an overall disinterest in deepening their relationship with God.

How can we avoid becoming apathetic and indifferent? Jesus provides the remedy for apathy, “Therefore be zealous and repent.” (vs. 19) We need a fresh encounter with God. We need to turn to Him and see His greatness, experience His power, feel His presence, be with Him, and learn from Him. Such an encounter will transform you and expose everything else you're pursuing as worthless rubbish by comparison. We need to be around other believers, worshipping the Lord together, coming into His presence. In His presence there is fullness of joy. (Psalm 16:11)

While apathy and indifference can be challenging attitudes to overcome, if we will consciously engage with the Spirit of God and come into His presence with thanksgiving passion and zeal for the Lord and the things of God will return.

3. Sin

Sin can and will always hinder us from effectively witnessing to people about the Lord Jesus Christ. While it's a fact that we're only human and aren't perfect and sinless, it's also a fact that if sin is not dealt with properly it can destroy our testimony, the very testimony we have that we use to bring people to Christ.

Remember Moses' story in Exodus 2:11-15, how he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew? The following day, he tried to stop two Hebrew men from fighting, but was met with a slap in the face:

"Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" (see Exodus 2:14)

The world is watching us even if we don't know it. Our very lives will speak about who Christ is to us. We should be very careful how we live in the sight of God and men.

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with **endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**" (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

4. Fear

In Matthew 10 we read how Jesus commissioned the disciples to go into the world with the gospel. In fact, He gave them specific instructions about where to go, what to do, and what to say. “Go to the lost sheep of Israel and proclaim this message, ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give” (Matt. 10:6-8). Then, three times in the final paragraph Jesus challenged them, “Do not be afraid”. Jesus knew fear was going to be a challenge that needed to be overcome.

To this day, fear is still the biggest barrier to witnessing. Many Christians fear sharing the gospel. They may fear being rejected, made fun of, or persecuted, or just fear they will mess up – someone might ask Biblical questions we can’t answer. We fear being hypocritical – some might accurately accuse us of not walking our talk. Regardless of what the perceived fear is it can be a huge hurdle to overcome. How do we overcome fear?

Jesus provided a two-step solution to conquer the fear of witnessing. First, overcome fear with fear. He said, “*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell*” (v. 28).

We overcome the fear of men by fearing God more. There’s going to be a judgment day someday “...for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed” (v. 26). Now that’s a frightening thought! Can you imagine standing before God and viewing a documentary about your life in which the deeds done in darkness will be shown and the words spoken behind backs

will be broadcast? How awful to view a replay of the occasions when you failed to tell others about salvation simply because of cowardice.

While “perfect love casts out fear,” fear is a legitimate, bottom-line emotion that often motivates us to duty. Solomon said, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” It’s often the beginning of witnessing too. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men” (2 Cor. 5:11).

Secondly, Jesus told His disciples, “When you’re fearful remember that God is with you. Not one sparrow falls to the ground outside your Father’s care.” “So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows”! (v. 31)

You are not alone. God will accompany you and anoint the words you speak. And just maybe your witness will be received favorably, and you’ll experience the joy of leading another to Christ. The Bible tells us there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people. If you never share your faith because of fear, you’re missing out on the joy of seeing God anointing your testimony and someone you love being saved. Jesus promised, “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward” (Matthew 10:42).

5. Ignorance

Ignorance opens the door to the enemy’s lie. The devil is a liar, he is the father of lies. (John 8:44) He does not want people to get saved and does everything he can to discourage us from

sharing the gospel. Here are 6 the lies that Christians often believe.

1. It's not my job. It is the job of pastors, evangelists, and leaders in the Church to share the gospel.

The truth is evangelism is the “job” of every believer. The “job” of those called into full-time ministry is to “equip the saints to the work of the ministry” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

2. Your friends and family are good people they will not go to hell.

The truth is hell is real and the only way to go to heaven and not hell is to receive Christ. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

3. Faith is a private matter. The enemy wants to silence the church. The devil has no problem if we stay inside the four walls of the church and keep it private.

The truth is faith is always personal, but never private. Personal is not synonymous with private. In no way is our faith a private matter. Jesus said that we should go into all the world and make disciples. (Matt 28:19) Exactly how can that happen if we are silent? A privatized, individualized belief system is not authentic Christianity.

4. Wait until a better time – you can always do it tomorrow.

The truth is - now is the best time to share the gospel. Tomorrow may be too late, and a better time may never come. 2 Corinthians 6:1 says, “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.”

5. Why tell them about Jesus it won't make a difference.

The truth is it makes a huge difference. The proof is in the stories of millions of people whose lives have been transformed. The difference Jesus makes is massive, eternal, and impossible to fully comprehend. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." (*Romans 1:16*).

6. Most people aren't interested.

The truth is some won't be interested, but many people are. I have talked to people who weren't interested in hearing about Jesus. Do you know what happened? I moved on to the next person who was open and eager to listen to the good news. talk. Confront this lie by talking to as many people as you can. You will discover – to your encouragement – that *most people* are interested in talking.

Ignorance is a state of being uninformed, uneducated, or unaware about something specific or in a general sense. It refers to the lack of knowledge, understanding, or information about something. Many Christians don't share the Gospel because they don't know what the Gospel is. When we are unaware or misinformed about the great commission and our call as ambassadors we open the door to believe the lies of the enemy.

When you are confronted with these lies in evangelism, recognize them for what they are, and recognize the liar who is behind them. Then claim the truth of **1 John 4:4**, "*...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*" It is time to quit

believing lies and start working in the harvest God has put us here for! All lies of the enemy must be rejected and replaced with the truth of God's Word. Christ came to seek and to save the lost (Lk. 19:10) and He has put you and I here for that same reason (Acts 17:26-27). Scripture is clear, anyone who puts their trust in Christ will be saved (Jn. 3:16, Acts 2:21, Rom. 10:13). The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Matt. 9:37). We are the workers He has chosen to use, and it is time for us to win this world for Him! Don't ever let Satan's lies stop you from that.

BEING WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

At the very heart of being an effective ambassador for Christ is being an effective witness for Christ. God's top priority is soul winning and it should be ours too. It is our responsibility to take His message of salvation to the nations of the world.

There are over 7.7 billion people in the world today, and most of them need Jesus. As an ambassador for Christ, nothing should mean more to you than leading those in your world who have not yet known the Lord into salvation.

God has committed to you the ministry of reconciliation; not only did He call you into the fellowship of His Son Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:9), but He's also called you to partner with Him in soul winning. In Romans 12:11 we're admonished not to be slothful in business, but to be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. It's talking about being fervent in God's number one business, which is soul-winning".

People are God's greatest assets on earth. The Lord is always reaching out to the unsaved, to touch their lives with His power

and glory; but He can only do so through you. Therefore, you must always be passionate about soul-winning.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16: 15).

How to Be an Effective Soul Winner

We are God’s ambassadors! This certainly puts dignity into this business of winning souls! Instead of apologizing when we witness for Christ or make a visit in a home, we ought to act like dedicated dignitaries, sent by God—because that is exactly what we are! “As my Father hath sent Me, so send I you” (John 20:21).

As ambassadors, we have been chosen and commissioned; and our task is not to preach ourselves, but to represent the One Who sent us. “We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord” (2 Corinthians 4:5). We represent Him, and we carry His message of peace. When an ambassador is sent to a foreign country, all his needs are met by his government, and he is protected by their armies. So, with us: God has promised to meet all our needs, and His protection is our assurance of victory. All that the government asks is that the ambassador be faithful, and that is what God asks of us.

God is not at war with the world, but the world is at war with God. Our task as ambassadors is to tell the world that God loves sinners, Christ died for sinners, and that men can be reconciled to God. One of these days, God *will* declare war on the world; but before that happens, *He will call His ambassador’s home!* While we are waiting, let’s be faithful ambassadors,

representing Jesus Christ in the way we live and the words we speak.

Three Important Facts For A Soul Winner

...he that winneth souls is wise (**Proverbs 11:30**).

As Christians, we're all in the ministry of reconciliation; we're called to win souls. As soul winners, there're certain requirements necessary for an effective ministry in leading men to Christ.

First is clarity; clarity of the message that you preach. You must understand the message of Christ, first for yourself, because you can't communicate to someone else something you don't understand. You can't bless someone else with something that you haven't been blessed with. You can only give what you have; and so, a good understanding of the Gospel is imperative.

Secondly, conviction; there has to be absolute conviction in your spirit about Christ and the salvation that He brought for the whole world. You must become fully persuaded of His message, of His person, and of His mission.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 1:16 expressed a profound note of conviction. He said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...." His persuasion was absolute: there's no other way for salvation except Jesus Christ! There're no options.

He also said, "...for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). You can only make such a statement when you're fully persuaded; when you

know without an iota of doubt that the only way to life and for life is Jesus Christ, who is Himself LIFE.

Thirdly, possession! As a soul winner, you must have full possession of truth. You may be convinced of something, but it's not enough. That truth must become yours.

The Lord Jesus said in John 6:47, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.” The one who believes is a possessor. You must be in possession of the truth that, as a soul winner, you have eternal life, and that's what you're dispensing to others. You're “living” eternal life now.

Five Qualities of a Soul Winner

Sharing the Gospel is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities given to believers. Yet many Christians hesitate, feeling unqualified or uncertain about how to start. You may think you need to be a Bible scholar, an extrovert, or an eloquent speaker to be an effective soul winner. But the truth is, God doesn't call the equipped—He equips the called.

Throughout Scripture, God used ordinary men and women to carry His extraordinary message of salvation. What mattered most was not their abilities, but their availability, their urgency, their sensitivity, their willingness to help, and their honesty. If you long to be a soul winner for Christ, these five qualities will help you step out in faith and make an eternal impact.

1. Availability – Saying “Yes” to God

Did you know that God is more interested in your availability than your ability? He isn't looking for perfect people; He's looking for willing ones. The story of Philip in Acts 8:26–27 is a

powerful example of this. God told Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” Philip obeyed, without question or delay. He had no idea what awaited him, but he trusted God enough to simply go.

In today’s world, availability means having an open heart and a flexible schedule to follow the Holy Spirit’s promptings. It may mean engaging in a conversation with a coworker, reaching out to a struggling neighbor, or taking time to pray with a friend. You don’t need an advanced theology degree to share Jesus—just a willingness to say, “Here I am, Lord, send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

The greatest soul winners are not the most talented, but the most surrendered. They make room for God’s divine appointments, knowing that every moment of obedience can lead to a changed life.

2. Urgency – Seizing the Moment

Time is short, and eternity is real. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 6:2, “*Now is the day of salvation.*” A true soul winner carries a sense of urgency, knowing that opportunities to share the Gospel are fleeting.

Look again at Philip’s response in Acts 8:30. As soon as God told him to approach the Ethiopian’s chariot, the Bible says he ran. He didn’t hesitate or question whether it was the right time—he moved with purpose.

How often do we delay when the Holy Spirit nudges us? We hesitate, overthink, or wait for a “better time.” But opportunities can be lost in an instant. Billy Graham once said, “*The greatest form of love you can show someone is to tell them about Jesus.*” The world is filled with hurting people searching for hope. If we

wait too long, we may miss our chance to introduce them to the only One who can save them.

3. Sensitivity – Listening Before Speaking

A great soul winner isn't just a great speaker—they're also a great listener. Too often, believers are eager to share what they know but fail to listen to what others need.

Philip demonstrated this beautifully. Before saying a word, he *heard* the Ethiopian reading from the book of Isaiah (Acts 8:30). He didn't barge in with a sermon—he started by listening. This act of sensitivity allowed him to respond to the Ethiopian's real questions and meet him where he was spiritually.

Jesus Himself modeled this approach. Whether He was speaking to Nicodemus, the woman at the well, or Zacchaeus, He first engaged their hearts before sharing truth.

In evangelism, sensitivity means recognizing when someone is ready to receive the Gospel. It means asking questions, understanding their struggles, and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation. Sometimes, the most powerful thing you can do is listen with love and let them see Christ in you.

4. Helpfulness – Showing the Love of Christ

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. The Gospel is not just a message to be spoken—it's a love to be demonstrated.

Philip didn't just preach; he helped the Ethiopian eunuch understand Scripture (Acts 8:31). Instead of using forceful or aggressive tactics, he simply offered assistance: “*Do you*

understand what you are reading?” His approach was gentle, respectful, and genuinely helpful.

In today’s world, evangelism often starts with acts of kindness. Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* Whether it’s helping a neighbor, serving at a homeless shelter, or simply offering a listening ear, our actions speak louder than words.

One powerful story comes from D.L. Moody, who encountered a man hesitant to accept Christ. Instead of pressuring him, Moody helped the man with practical needs, showing him Christ through his actions. Months later, the man surrendered his life to Jesus—not because of a sermon, but because of a servant’s heart.

Kindness breaks down walls. A simple act of generosity can soften the hardest heart and open the door for the Gospel to be received.

5. Honesty – Boldly Sharing the Truth

At some point, sharing the Gospel requires words. While our actions set the stage, we must be ready to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ clearly and boldly.

Philip did exactly that. After listening and helping, he seized the moment: *“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus”* (Acts 8:35). The groundwork had been laid, and now was the time to speak.

Many Christians fear sharing their faith because they worry about saying the wrong thing. But honesty doesn’t require

eloquence—just sincerity. Tell your story. Share what Jesus has done in your life. The Gospel is powerful in its simplicity:

- We are all sinners (Romans 3:23).
- Jesus paid for our sins (Romans 5:8).
- Salvation is a free gift through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Charles Spurgeon once said, *“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. If they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay.”* A soul winner doesn’t water down the truth—they proclaim it with love and urgency, trusting God to do the rest.

Summary

Being a soul winner is not about having all the answers or being a perfect Christian. It’s about being available, moving with urgency, showing sensitivity, demonstrating helpfulness, and speaking with honesty.

God is looking for willing hearts—people who will listen to His voice and respond. Will you be that person? Will you step out in faith and share His love with a lost world?

Every conversation, every act of kindness, every step of obedience has the potential to change a life forever. Be the soul winner God has called you to be. Someone’s eternity may depend on it.

As Jesus said, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”* (Matthew 9:37). Will you answer the call?

Proven Ways to Share the Gospel.

These methods of sharing the gospel provide for a quick and direct way to share the gospel in situations where you might not have much time to share. It is the simple gospel in short word form through different verses in the bible.

The Four Spiritual Laws (Campus Crusade)

Law 1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.(John 3:16; 10:10).

God's Love

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful].

Law 2. All of us sin and our sin has separated us from God.. (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

We Are Sinful

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

We Are Separated

“The wages of sin is death” [spiritual separation from God].

God is holy and people are sinful. A great gulf separates us. We are continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through our own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion – but we inevitably fail.

Law 3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Him we can know and experience God's love and plan for our life. Lord (John 1:12; 3:1 – 8; Ephesians 2:8 – 9; Revelation 3:20).

He Died in Our Place

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

He Rose from the Dead

“Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred...”

He Is the Only Way to God

“Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'”

God has provided a bridge to cross the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

(It is not enough just to know these three laws).

Law 4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (John 1:12; 3:1 – 8; Ephesians 2:8 – 9; Revelation 3:20).

We Must Receive Christ

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.”

The 5 Finger Method (Evangelism Explosion)

The five-finger method helps you remember 5 key components of the Gospel with just the fingers on your hand. You can make the message as short or as long as you'd like from these topics. Evangelism Explosion uses two questions to help start a conversation and open the door to sharing the 5-finger method. Here are the two questions: 1) "Have you come to a place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today, you would go to heaven?" and 2) "Suppose you were to

die today and stand before God, and He were to say, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' what would you say?"

1. THUMB—GRACE - HEAVEN IS A FREE GIFT

Your thumb symbolizes hitching a free ride to heaven, we cannot get there on our own. Use your thumb to make a thumbs up, such as someone who is hitchhiking would do. This is an easy way to remember you need to get a ride to heaven, you cannot get there on your own – it is not earned or deserved.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 6:23

2. INDEX FINGER—MAN - IS A SINNER AND CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF

Your index finger is the first finger and symbolizes that man usually puts himself first. Using your index finger, or “first finger” is a good way to remember that we tend to put ourselves first. That is because we have a selfish and sinful nature. We also use our index finger to point at the sin of others, realizing others point at our sin. We are all sinners.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, - Romans 3:23

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9

3. MIDDLE FINGER—GOD - LOVES YOU, BUT HATES YOUR SIN

Your middle finger is the tallest finger. It can represent God, since He is the creator and beginning of all things. God is love and does not want to punish us. But God is holy and must

punish our sin. Sin against an eternal God deserves an eternal punishment – Hell.

God is love. -1 John 4:8b

Yet he [God] does not leave the guilty unpunished; -Exodus 34:7b.

4. RING FINGER—JESUS - IS THE INFINITE GOD-MAN

Your next finger is the ring finger. This finger represents marriage, like the marriage of Christ and the believer. Jesus loves us. It is very important to know who Jesus Christ is. Jesus Christ is the infinite God-man who died on the cross to pay for our sins and purchase a place in heaven for us.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. -John 1:1,14

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ... -1 Peter 2:24

5. LITTLE FINGER—THIS GIFT IS RECEIVED BY FAITH

Your little finger is the smallest finger and symbolizes faith because it takes just a small amount of faith to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. The gift of eternal life is received by faith. Real faith is not temporary faith or simply intellectual faith. It is to put complete trust in Jesus, and Jesus only, to save us.

... “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” -Acts 16:31

The G.O.S.P.E.L Journey (Dare to Share Ministries)

Using the word G.O.S.P.E.L. as an Acrostic we explain six key truths of the GOSPEL journey.

God created us to be with him (Genesis 1-2)

Our sins separate us from him (Genesis 3)

Sins Cannot be Removed by good deeds (Isaiah 64:6)

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (John 19:30)

Everyone who trusts in him alone has eternal life (1 John 5:11-13)

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever (John 10:10)

4 Steps to Peace with God (Billy Graham Method)

1. **Gods plan** – Peace and life (God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life. The Bible says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16))
2. **Our Problem** – Separation (Being at peace with God is not automatic. God gave us free will to choose and we chose to disobey him. This is what separates us from God.
3. **God’s Remedy** – The Cross: Jesus Died on the cross and rose again. Paying the penalty for our sins, Jesus bridged the gap between us and God.
4. **Our Response** – Receive Christ: We must trust and receive Christ as our Lord and Savior. (John 1:12)

3 Circle Method

The Three Circles witnessing method is a simple tool used to share the gospel by illustrating the concepts of God's design, brokenness, and the good news of Jesus. It involves drawing three circles to explain how people can move from a state of brokenness back to God's original design through faith in Jesus Christ.

Here's how it works (refer to the illustration below)

Begin by approaching someone and asking:

Have you heard of the Three Circles?

If the person says no, say something like:

I'd really like to show it to you. It only takes a minute or two.
Would that be OK?

You can also try bridging the conversation with something from your own life to set the tone before asking the introducing question.

1st Circle: The Brokenness

- 1.** To start, draw a circle on the right-hand side of a piece of paper.

1a. Draw a jagged line through the circle and say:

- You may have noticed when you turn on the news, a lot of brokenness in the World. These things might include anxiety, stress, family breakdown, pain, economic problems, broken systems or any number of things that people would agree are an example of

brokenness. For school children, it might be bullying.
(Different things for different people.)

Then say:

This circle represents the fact that we live in a **BROKEN world**. In fact, we were born into brokenness. Nothing is really fully the way it ought to be.

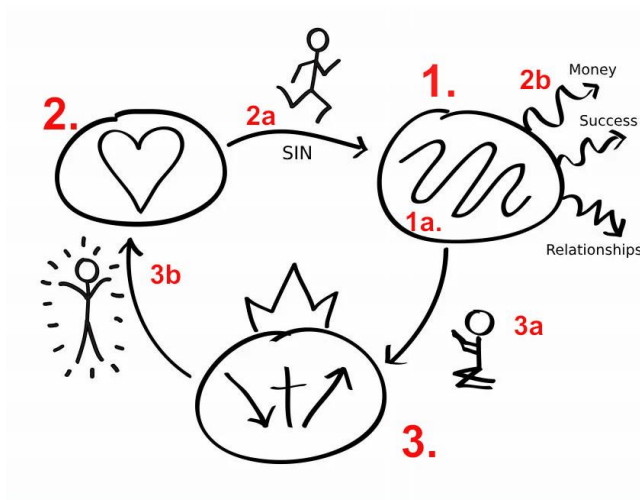
2. 2nd Circle: God's Original Design - next, draw a second circle to the left of the first one.

Say: But it wasn't always this way. When God first made the world, He made it beautiful and perfect.

2a. In this circle, draw a heart, representing "God's original design."

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman lived this way for a short time.

Through one act of disobedience, they broke their connection to God.



2b. Draw a line and an arrow from the Circle representing God's Design to the Broken Circle. Label it **"SIN"**. Basically, what sin is, is the choice to leave God out, to do things our own way, and not respect God's Word.

(You might like to elaborate on this very briefly, depending on the amount of time you feel is right to use. But don't go on and on because if a person is interested, there will be opportunities to explain it more later.)

Through one act of disobedience, they broke their connection to God.

People don't like living in brokenness, so they try various things to get out of it.

2c. For example, money, or success, or achievement, or relationships, or philosophy, or good works, or religious activity. (you can write 2 or 3 of the things outside the first circle) The problem is, that none of these things actually get people out of brokenness. They might seem to help for a short time, but then people find themselves back in brokenness.

- 3. 3rd Circle: The Good News of Jesus** Finally, draw a third circle below the two circles already drawn. In the circle, draw a cross, a crown, and two arrows you will use to share the gospel.

God had a plan and sent his Son Jesus to the earth. Fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect

life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead three days later.

When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment we deserved for our sin. When He rose from the dead, He defeated sin and made a way for us to experience salvation.

(Now explain what happened as a result of the good news of what Jesus did.)

Now we have been made new and reconnected to God's original design.

Next Steps in 3 Questions - Depend on their response to the gospel.

Ask them 3 main questions:

1. Which circle are you in? Brokenness or God's plan?
2. What circle do you want to be in? (If they said they want to be in God's design):
3. What is keeping you from following Jesus?

From there, trust the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation. Some people may not be ready to turn and believe, but that's okay. We can invite them to pray and be open to talking again in the future.

Why the Three Circles Works

The Three Circles is an effective tool for sharing the gospel because it is simple, engaging, and easy to remember.

It doesn't require any special training or equipment, and anyone can use it. By using the Three Circles, you can help others understand the basic concepts of sin, brokenness, and salvation in a way that is easy to understand. With just a piece of paper and a pen, you can help others understand the fundamental concepts of sin, brokenness, and salvation. By sharing your own personal testimony and using the Three Circles, you can help others find the salvation Jesus alone offers us.

You can use these or any combination of them or any way that works for you. Personally I normally like to start with my personal testimony of how I came to Jesus and the process I went through to break the ice and then share gospel with one of these method or something similar.

Once a person is ready to receive, pray for them. You don't have to go through the whole process if a person is ready to receive Christ. In fact, I have seen people keep talking when they should stop and pray. The most important thing we can do is be led by the Holy Spirit and sensitive to the situation.

Once a person is read here is a short simple prayer you lead them in.

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, that you died on the cross to rescue me from sin and death and to restore me to the Father. I choose now to turn from my sins, my self-centeredness, and every part of my life that does not

please you. I choose you. I give myself to you. I receive your forgiveness and ask you to take your rightful place in my life as my Savior and Lord. Come reign in my heart, fill me with your love and your life. Fill be with your spirit and help me to become a person who is truly loving—a person like you. Restore me, Jesus. Live in me. Love through me. Thank you, God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

OVERCOMING OBJECTIONS

You will encounter objections when you share the Gospel. Don't get discouraged or be intimidated. The Bible is our best source for answers. Read each question/statement below and the Scripture references. Answer each objection in your own words using the listed verses and any additional verses that may help. Indicate by a question or statement how you would redirect the conversation to a Gospel presentation.

1. "There are too many hypocrites in the church" (Matt. 6:2; 24:51; Rom. 14:12).
2. "What about the people who have never heard the Gospel?" (Rom. 1:19-20; 2:14-15).
3. "There are many ways to God" (Prov. 14:12; John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
4. "The Bible has many errors and has been changed a lot. I don't believe it" (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).
5. "I am not so bad. My good outweighs my bad" (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:10, [23](#); Jas. 2:10).
6. "Why would a 'good' God allow suffering in the world?" (Rom. 5:12; 1 Pet. 5:10; Job 1:5-22).

7. "I'll wait until another time. I want to enjoy myself now" (Prov. 27:1; Isa. 55:6; Luke 12:19-20).

8. "There are things I might have to give up" (Psa. 37:1-5; Matt. 6:33; Mark 8:36-37).

9. "I am trying to get some things in my life straightened out first" (Luke 5:32; Tit. 3:3-5).

10. "God is too loving to condemn anyone. I do not believe in hell" (Matt. 7:13-14; 25:41; John 3:18-20, 36; Rev. 20:11-15).

Summary of this Chapter

As we bring this chapter to a close, one truth stands above all: being an ambassador for Christ is not just a title—it is a responsibility, a privilege, and a divine assignment. We are not merely representing an organization, a church, or even ourselves. We are representatives of the King of Kings, carrying His message, His authority, and His love to a world in desperate need of redemption.

This chapter has laid out the keys to being an effective and fruitful ambassador for Christ. We have covered the five essentials that form the foundation of our mission, ensuring that we are properly equipped to fulfill our calling. We explored the three basic skills that every ambassador must master—skills that enable us to communicate the message of the Gospel with clarity, confidence, and compassion. We examined the ten traits and attributes that define a true representative of Christ, shaping our character and our witness. And we delved into the thirteen characteristics that distinguish

those who not only bear the title of ambassador but truly live it out with excellence.

Yet, beyond all these principles and attributes, we established the most important thing: the heart of our ambassadorship is to be a witness for Christ. It is our mission to share the Gospel wherever we go and whenever we have the opportunity. This is not an optional aspect of our calling—it is the very reason we have been entrusted with this role. Through proven evangelism models, we have seen how to effectively engage people in spiritual conversations, lead them to Christ, and overcome the obstacles that seek to hinder us from fulfilling this mission.

But knowing these things is not enough. It is in applying them that we truly become effective ambassadors. Every essential, every skill, every trait, and every strategy presented in this chapter is meant to be put into action. This is not a theory or an intellectual exercise—this is a call to live out the Gospel with boldness, wisdom, and excellence.

The world is watching. People are searching for truth, hope, and direction. You have been chosen to be a voice, a light, and a representative of Christ's kingdom. The time for hesitation is over. The time for excuses has passed. The call is clear: rise up, take hold of these principles, and walk in the authority and excellence of a true ambassador for Christ.

This is not about us—it is about Him. It is about His glory, His kingdom, and His mission. Our role is to make Him known, to reflect His love, and to proclaim His truth with unwavering commitment.

So, step forward with confidence. Take what you have learned and live it. The effectiveness of your ambassadorship depends not on what you know, but on what you do with what you know.

Now, go and be the ambassador Christ has called you to be! The world is waiting.

STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

1. God's Plan—Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life.

The BIBLE says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



2. Our Problem—Separation

Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God.

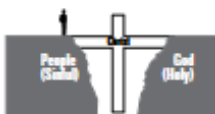
The BIBLE says: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).



3. God's Remedy—The Cross

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins.

The BIBLE says: "He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24, 11B).



4. Our Response—Receive Christ

You cross the bridge into God's family when you receive Christ by personal invitation.

The BIBLE says: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).



To receive Christ you need to do four things:

1. ADMIT your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."
2. REPENT and be willing to turn from your sin.
3. BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.
4. RECEIVE, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.

CHRIST says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

The BIBLE says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

What to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Being an Ambassador in Your Daily Life

BEING AN AMBASSADOR IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

As a Christian ambassador, your role is not limited to evangelism or preaching but extends to every aspect of your life. Living as an ambassador for Christ means that you must represent Him in everything you do. You must endeavor to live in a way that brings glory to God and draws others towards Him in your daily life; at home, at work, at school, at the grocery store, gas station, playing golf, or whatever you do or wherever you. Here are some practical ways to live as a Christian ambassador in your daily life:

1. Be an Example of Christ-Like Living

People will observe your behavior and evaluate your testimony based on how you behave in your day-to-day life. You should, therefore, be mindful of your actions, thoughts, and words. Model the life of Christ to those around you by being kind, patient, loving, gracious, and compassionate.

2. Share Your Faith with Boldness and Clarity

As an ambassador of Christ, you should be eager to share your faith with others. Speak the truth in love and be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you about your faith. Doing so with clarity and boldness will demonstrate that your faith is authentic and rooted in a deep relationship with God.

3. Love People Unconditionally

People will not be attracted to Christianity just because of what you say, they will be drawn by your love and care for them. Be intentional about showing love to those around you, even if they do not share your beliefs or values. Love them unconditionally and let them experience the compassion and kindness of Christ through your actions.

4. Serve Others Selflessly

As an ambassador of Christ, you should seek to serve others selflessly. Volunteer in your church, community, or school. Look for opportunities to meet the needs of those around you, without expecting anything in return. Serving others in this way demonstrates the love of Christ and provides an opportunity for people to see His love in action.

5. Pray for Opportunities to Share the Gospel

Prayer is a powerful tool in the life of a Christian. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and for the Holy Spirit to open people's hearts to receive it. Be intentional about asking God to use you to further His kingdom and to help you see the opportunities that He puts in front of you.

These 5 practical ways of living your daily life as an ambassador are just a start. There is much more to living our daily life for Christ and being His representative. Let's look at some other things that can help us be the best that we can be for Christ.

BEING VERSUS DOING

We aren't Ambassadors for Christ just on certain days or at certain times. We are Christ's representatives 24 -7.

Throughout this book, we have been focused mostly on all the things we should **do** as an Ambassador for Christ, but in this chapter, we are going to focus on who we are. We need to not only be DOING as ambassadors but BEING ambassadors. What do I mean? We can become so wrapped up in what we are DOING we lose sight of our BEING. After all, God made us human BEINGS, not human DOINGS.

What we do is important, but who we are is more important. In fact, the Bible talks a whole lot more about **being** than doing. God is a lot more concerned with who we are than what we do because who we are is going to bleed over into what we do. God is far more concerned about us growing in Christ-likeness and being more and more like His Son.

WHO ARE YOU?

Most of the time, when people are asked, “Who are you?”, the answer goes like this:

- “I am Bruce, a pastor.”
- “I am Jim a business owner.”
- “I am Stephanie, a teacher.”
- “I am Sam, a doctor.”
- “I am Lisa, a CEO.”

Now, there’s nothing wrong with those answers, but those responses answer **what you do**. It is really NOT who you are. As Christians, we need to see ourselves as who we are - in Christ. The Bible tells us who we are IN CHRIST. In Christ, we are –

- A NEW CREATION 2 Corinthians 5:17
- A CHILD OF GOD - John 1:12
- AN OVERCOMER – 1 John 4:4

- THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD – 2 Corinthians 5:21
- THE REDEEMED - Ephesians 1:7
- A CONQUEROR - Romans 8:37
- A JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST- Romans 8:17
- THE SALT OF THE EARTH - Matthew 5:13
- FORGIVEN - Colossians 1:14
- AN **AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST** - 2 Corinthians 5:20
- And so much more!

The Bible says, “As He is, so are we”. (1 John 4:17) This is how God sees us. He sees as Jesus. Do you believe that? Is that the way you see yourself? You need to because that is who you are. It’s not because you’re perfect. It’s because you accepted the perfect one - Jesus who sacrificed Himself to make you right with God and you are now “in Him”!

So, start BEING who you are in Christ. You are not righteous because you have done right things, you are righteous because of who you are in Christ – you are the righteous of God in Christ Jesus. Now that you are righteous you can do righteous things. You are an Ambassador for Christ not because you do all the things we have talked about in this book, but because you are in Him, He has called you to be an Ambassador a minister of reconciliation, and because YOU ARE an ambassador for Christ you can now do the things an Ambassador does. “It is not by might nor power but by my Spirit” (Zechariah 4:6)

. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” go (Matthew 5:16)

HOW TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is called “the true light, which gives light to everyone” (John 1:9). Throughout the New Testament, the followers of Jesus are called to be lights in the darkness. However, I am concerned we have too many covert Christians who say they follow Christ, but they live quietly hoping not to offend people or draw criticism for their faith. This type of living defuses the light. In Matthew 5:14-15 Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.” You can’t let your light shine if you hide it. So, what does it mean to shine?

It means proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to those we come in contact with. To some, it may be through our mouth. To others, it may be through our actions. Our words and actions are a reflection of what is in our hearts. Our lives should reflect Christ wherever we go and whatever we do. How?

- **Being counter-cultural.** We live in a dark world, full of lies, hate, and confusion. But God’s Word tells us to “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:12). While others are chasing after physical pleasures and selfish gain, we’re commanded to live a different way—to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (Romans 13:14).
- **Putting yourself out there.** Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others” (Matthew 5:16a). He explained that

no one lights a lamp just to hide it under a basket. A lamp is meant to be placed on a stand to give light to everything around it. Whether you're timid or outgoing, you're called to be a light to the people around you. That's only possible if you're taking time to interact with people and cultivate relationships. Are you the shy type? Here's some guidance.

- **Always pointing back to the light source.** When Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others," that wasn't the whole sentence. He went on to give the reason why it's important to shine: "so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16b). Our goal should never be to bring recognition to ourselves, but to bring glory to God. There's a fine line between being a light and putting on a show to get attention. It's a matter of the heart.

IN THE WORLD NOT OF THE WORLD

As we have shared earlier when we are born again our citizenship moves from this world to the kingdom of heaven, but we remain here in this world. However, what we think, believe, and how we act should change. As we spend time in the Word and the presence of the Lord we begin to change. Romans 12:2 puts it this way, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." In other words, we are transformed into being more like Jesus and no longer conform to the way of the world. We are in the world (left here for a season to be light), but not of the world (acting and thinking like the world does)

How can we not be of this world? Here are 4 practical tips:

- **Be careful what you say.** The Bible calls the tongue “a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). Yikes! That’s pretty serious. And that’s how we should take our speech—seriously. Maybe a parent once told you, “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.” It’s not bad advice, even as an adult. Words are powerful and can be used for good or bad. You might even post this verse somewhere as a reminder: “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29).
- **Consider your entertainment.** Where do you go for fun? What shows or movies do you watch? What kind of music do you listen to? Would you go to the same places, watch the same things or listen to the same music if Jesus were sitting next to you? Or would you be embarrassed? It might sound silly, but asking those questions is a good way to keep yourself in check, whether you’re alone or with others.
- **Use social media wisely.** People are watching what you post whether they interact with your posts or not. Think about the things you’ve posted recently—articles, comments, photos and so on. Could they be seen as prideful? Self-centered? Rude? What’s your motive? To put others down or make them jealous? Hopefully not. Aim to make informed, respectful posts that represent the One you claim as Lord.

- **Think of others.** Consider other people's needs and help meet them. Encourage instead of criticize. Be patient. Give others the benefit of the doubt. If you hear gossip, distance yourself from it or change the subject. When you encounter a difficult person, remember that they were made and are loved by God. Above all, "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you" (Luke 6:31).

In Philippians 2:14-16 the Apostle Paul gives us this instruction, "Do all things without ^[d]complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you shine as lights in the world**, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

To let our light shine means:

- **To live in such a way that others see Jesus in us.**
- **We reflect His character, love, and truth in all we do.**
- **Being people of integrity who others can trust.**
- **To be kind and compassionate, patient and forgiving.**
- **Living our lives in to point others to Christ.**

According to Hebrew and Biblical understanding, light is the manifestation of God Himself. It is His presence in the world, bringing hope and healing to humanity. When our light shines, it allows others to see the good things that God has done in our lives. And when they see that, it brings glory to God! ***How awesome is that?***

Why is it important to let your light shine?

Here are five reasons why it's important to let your light shine.

Reason #1: It allows you to be authentic.

When you let your light shine, you are being true to yourself. You are not hiding who you are or trying to be someone you're not. This is important because it allows you to be genuine and authentic in all that you do. People will appreciate your honesty and integrity and be drawn to you because of it.

Reason #2: It helps you to find your purpose.

When you let your light shine, you are living in alignment with your values and beliefs. This allows you to find meaning and purpose in what you do. When you are doing something that is important to you, it is easy to stay motivated and focused. You will also be more likely to impact the world around you positively.

Reason #3: It makes you happy.

When you let your light shine, you are living a life that is true to you. This means that you are doing things that make you happy and fulfilled. When you are following your heart, it is easy to feel joyful and content. You will also be more likely to attract positive people and experiences into your life.

Reason #4: It allows you to share your gifts with the world.

When you let your light shine, you are sharing your unique gifts and talents with the world. This is important because it allows you to contribute in a way that is important to you. When you are using your gifts to help others, it is easy to feel fulfilled and satisfied. You will also be more likely to make a positive difference in the world.

Reason #5: It sets you apart from others

When you let your light shine, you are unique and special. This is because there is no one else in the world like you! You have your own gifts and talents that make you special. When you embrace your uniqueness, it is easy to feel confident and proud of who you are. You will also be more likely to attract others who appreciate your individualism.

Living as a Christian ambassador in your daily life may not always be easy. You may face ridicule, rejection, and even persecution. However, by remaining faithful to God's call and living according to His standards, you can make a significant impact on those around you. Here are some things that can help you live victoriously.

Jesus Sends Us Out—But He Warns Us First

Jesus told His disciples, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

That's a lot of animals in one verse, and each one teaches us something.

- Sheep are vulnerable. That's us. We're not called to dominate or control but to reflect Jesus, who laid down His power for the sake of others.
- Wolves are predators—the world isn't always safe for followers of Christ.
- Snakes are cunning. In biblical times, snakes were considered smart but deceitful.
- Doves symbolize peace, sincerity, and purity.

So, what's Jesus saying? Be wise, but don't lose your integrity. Speak truth, but don't stoop to deception. Stand firm, but don't fight like the world fights.

What It Means to Be "Innocent as Doves"

A lot of Bible translations use the word innocent here. A deeper meaning is guileless.

Innocent isn't about perfection, it's about guilelessness. It's about being real, sincere, and straight-forward. It's about being without manipulation, dishonesty, or hidden agendas.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matthew 5:8), He's talking about being without deception—not perfection.

Turning the Other Cheek: A Lesson in Dignity

Jesus also said, "If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." (Matthew 5:39)

At first glance, this seems like He's telling us to be passive. But in the culture of His time, a slap on the right cheek wasn't just an attack—it was an insult. It was a way of saying, You are beneath me.

Turning the other cheek wasn't about accepting abuse. It was about saying, I have worth. I will not be demeaned. But I also will not retaliate in kind.

Jesus calls us to stand up for dignity—not through violence or revenge, but through love that refuses to be dehumanized or to dehumanize others.

How Do We Reveal Evil Without Becoming Evil?

The world is full of injustice. So how do we respond?

Jesus shows us that the way we live exposes the darkness around us. When He was crucified, the Roman authorities thought they were shaming Him. But through His sacrifice, He exposed their corruption.

Paul explains it like this: "Having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (Colossians 2:15)

Jesus didn't defeat evil by fighting on its terms. He exposed it through righteousness, humility, and love.

When we choose not to repay evil with evil, when we love our enemies, when we are without deception, we unmask the world's corruption.

God Trusts You—Even When You Feel Unqualified

If you're anything like me, you might hear all this and think, I can't do this. I mess up every day. But here's the most amazing part: Jesus trusts you to be His hands and feet.

Think about the disciples. These were ordinary people who made all kinds of mistakes. Peter denied Jesus three times. James and John argued about who would be greatest. Thomas doubted. Yet Jesus still sent them out. He said, "Freely you have received; freely give." (Matthew 10:8)

He wasn't looking for perfection. When we choose to authentically live out the message of Christ, even in our

imperfection, the Spirit is with us, and we can let His life flow through us.

How Do We Live as Christ's Ambassadors?

It's not complicated—but it is challenging. Here are three practical ways to walk this out:

1. **Live with wisdom and integrity.** Jesus calls us to be wise, not naive. In our wisdom, we must never compromise our honesty, kindness, or love.
2. **Stand for dignity—for yourself and others.** If someone treats you with disrespect, you don't have to retaliate. Don't become like your enemy. Your worth comes from God. Live in that confidence.
3. **Give what you have received.** Think about what God has given you—grace, forgiveness, inclusion, love. Now, go and share that with the world.

The Challenge of Living Differently

Living as an ambassador for Christ means going against the grain. It means choosing love when hatred is easier. It means choosing honesty when deception seems more effective. But it's worth it.

People are tired of fake religion. They don't need more polished words. They need to see people who live what they believe. People who show up with kindness, who listen before they speak, who care even when it's inconvenient.

Jesus didn't just say, Go and tell people about me. He said, Go and be my hands and feet. That's what changes the world.

And here's the best part: You don't do it alone.

The Holy Spirit Will Speak Through You

Jesus made a promise to His disciples. He said, "When they hand you over, do not worry about how to respond or what to say. In that hour you will be given what to say. For it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."
(Matthew 10:19-20)

You don't have to have all the answers. You don't have to be the perfect Christian. You just have to be willing.

God's Spirit will work through you— your actions, your love, your kindness. God's Spirit will be with you whatever you walk through.

Final Thought: Daily Life as His Ambassador

Every day, you are a living representation of Jesus to the world. Not because you're perfect, but because He lives in you. So, as you go out into the world, remember:

- You don't have to have all the right words.
- You don't have to fight like the world fights.
- You don't have to be perfect.

Just like you don't hide an open flame under a basket, you don't hide your faith. Be a light that burns bright. Let your example and your attitude be your biggest witness to your faith. DL Moody said, "Set yourself on fire and people will come and watch you burn." Be the kind of light that draws people to you. Your belief and faith in Jesus Christ should be evident to all those who come in contact with you. More than your words or what it says

on your t-shirt, your faith should be evident to all. You let your light shine by how you treat others and how you serve the Lord. Our good deeds illuminate dark places and shine the glory squarely upon God. You are invited to be sincere, be wise, and be willing to share what you've been given. Because that's what it really means to live your daily life every day as Christ's ambassador.



CONCLUSION

A Life Well Lived as an Ambassador for Christ

As we come to the close of this book, I want to leave you with one final challenge: **will you rise to the call?** Will you step boldly into your role as an ambassador for Christ, embracing the responsibility, the privilege, and the power of representing the King of Kings?

At the very start of this book, I set out to challenge you—to shake you from complacency and awaken you to the incredible calling that rests upon your life. This isn't just another Christian title. This isn't just about attending church, reading your Bible, and hoping that somehow your life makes an impact. No, this is about living with **intentionality, purpose, and power**—about being a true representative of Christ in everything you do.

The Call to Be an Ambassador

We began by defining what it means to be an ambassador for Christ. Just as earthly ambassadors represent their nation with authority, we are called to represent the Kingdom of God. We carry the message of the Gospel, we reflect the character of Christ, and we operate under the authority of the King Himself. But with that great privilege comes great responsibility. The world is watching. People are searching. And we have been entrusted with the greatest message ever given—the message of reconciliation, hope, and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Equipped for Excellence

But answering the call is not enough—we must be **equipped to walk it out with excellence**. That is why we explored the **five essentials** of being an effective ambassador, ensuring that you have the right foundation to build upon. We examined the **three basic**

skills that every ambassador must develop—skills that enable you to communicate the Gospel clearly, confidently, and compassionately.

Beyond that, we took a deep dive into the **ten key traits** and **thirteen defining characteristics** that shape an ambassador into someone who truly reflects Christ. Because being an ambassador isn't just about what we say—it's about who we are. Our character, our integrity, our love, and our faithfulness all speak volumes before we ever open our mouths. If we are to represent Christ well, we must do so with **excellence, wisdom, and unwavering commitment**.

Becoming an Effective Soul Winner

At the very heart of this book, we tackled the most important mission of an ambassador: **winning souls for Christ**. Evangelism is not reserved for the select few—it is the calling of every believer. We broke down how to make soul-winning a **lifestyle**, not just an occasional event. We explored proven **evangelism models**, learning practical and effective ways to engage people in conversations that lead them to Christ. We confronted the common **obstacles and fears** that often hold believers back from sharing their faith—and we dismantled them one by one.

No more excuses. No more hesitation. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and we have been entrusted to carry that message to every corner of the earth. The time for passive Christianity is over. The time for bold, Spirit-empowered witness is now.

Living as an Ambassador Every Day

But ambassadorship isn't just about preaching on the streets or sharing the Gospel in church. It's about how we live **every single**

day—in our homes, our workplaces, our communities, and yes, even in the digital space.

That’s why we dedicated time to understanding **how to use social media as a powerful tool for the Gospel**. In today’s world, the digital landscape is a mission field unlike any other, and as ambassadors, we must learn how to navigate it effectively. Whether you were once a “techno-dummy” or already skilled in the online world, this book has given you strategies to **turn your social media presence into a ministry platform**—a place where you can spread hope, truth, and the love of Christ.

But beyond technology, we also discussed the mindset and habits that will help you **live a successful and fruitful Christian life**—no matter your station or vocation. Whether you are a business leader, a student, a stay-at-home parent, or in full-time ministry, you have a sphere of influence where God has strategically placed you. Your calling is not confined to a church building—it is lived out in **every aspect of your life**.

Empowered to Live an Abundant Life

As a pastor and teacher, I have spent my life **equipping the saints for the work of ministry**. My desire is to see every believer walking in the fullness of God’s plan, living an abundant life filled with **joy, peace, and supernatural purpose**.

That is what this book has been about empowering you to step into the life God has called you to. Not just surviving but **thriving**. Not just believing but **doing**. Not just wearing the title of “Christian,” but **walking as an ambassador of Christ with boldness and excellence**.

Now It's Your Turn

So here we are. You've read the words, you've learned the principles, and now **the responsibility is in your hands.**

Will you rise up?

Will you embrace your calling?

Will you live each day with the mission of representing Christ with power and passion?

The world needs ambassadors like never before. People are searching for truth. They are longing for hope. They are desperate for something real.

And **you** have been chosen to be the one to bring it to them.

So I leave you with this final challenge:

Live boldly. Love deeply. Share relentlessly.

Let the call of Christ consume you. Let the fire of evangelism burn within you. Let the power of the Holy Spirit guide you every step of the way.

One day, you will stand before the King whom you have represented. On that day, may you hear Him say:

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Now, **go forth and fulfill your calling**—because the world is waiting for an ambassador like you.

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It is not enough just to know these three laws...

4 We must individually *receive* Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives

We Must Receive Christ

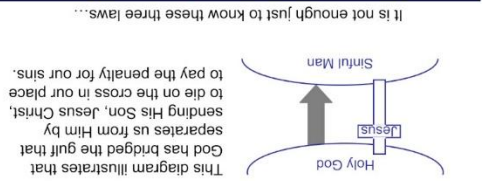
"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become Children of God; even to those who believe on His name," (John 1:12).

We Receive Christ Through Faith

"By grace you have been saved through faith; and not of yourselves. It is the gift of God; not as a result of works that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20).



Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our life to forgive sin and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree **intellectually** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an **emotional** experience. We receive Jesus Christ by **faith**, as an act of the **will**.



These drawings illustrate a person (the circle on the left) with Jesus outside, knocking on the door and wanting to come in. But He will only enter if invited. The circle on the right represents a person who has opened the door and invited Jesus in. Which circle do you want to represent your life?

You can receive Christ by faith right now through a prayer of faith. God knows your heart and is not concerned with your words. The following is a suggested prayer.

Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I receive you into my life as Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life as He promised.

The third law explains the only way to bridge the gulf...

3 Jesus Christ is God's *only* provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

He Died in Our Place

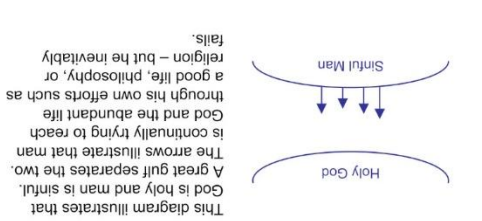
"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

He Rose from the Dead

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

He is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.' (John 14:6).



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The Four Spiritual Laws

1 God *loves* you and offers a wonderful *plan* for you life

God's Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life? Because...

2 Man is *sinful* and *separated* from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.

Man is Sinful

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

Man is Separated

"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23)

5 FINGER - 5 POINTS OF THE GOSPEL

THUMB—GRACE - HEAVEN IS A FREE GIFT

Your thumb symbolizes hitching a free ride to heaven, we cannot get there on our own. Use your thumb to make a thumbs up such as someone who is hitchhiking would do. This is an easy way to remember you need to get a ride to heaven, you cannot get there on your own.

Romans 6:23

INDEX FINGER—MAN IS A SINNER AND CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF

Your index finger is the first finger and symbolizes that man usually puts himself first. Using your index finger, or “first finger” is a good way to remember that we tend to put ourselves first. That is because we have a selfish and sinful nature. This symbolizes the second point of the gospel.

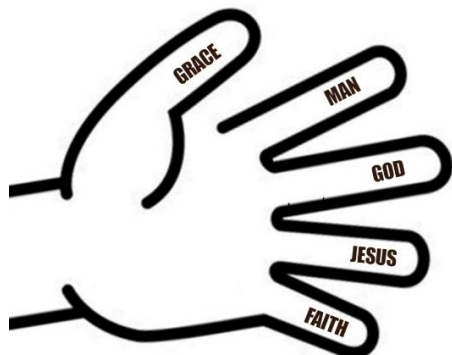
Romans 3:23 - Ephesians 2:8-9 -

MIDDLE FINGER—GOD LOVES YOU, BUT HATES YOUR SIN

The middle finger is the tallest finger. This is a good representation of God, since He is the creator and beginning of all things. We add the middle finger as we share about the nature of God.

1 John 4:8b - Exodus 34:7b

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RING FINGER—JESUS IS THE INFINITE GOD-MAN

Your next finger to add to the presentation is the ring finger. This finger represents the marriage of Christ to the church. If you use your right hand as you talk about this, it will be on the right side of the great finger. You can then say that Christ sits at the right hand of the Father. It is very important to share who Jesus Christ is. Jesus Christ, the infinite God-man who died on the cross to pay for our sins and purchase a place in heaven for us.

John 1:1,14 - 1 Peter 2:24

LITTLE FINGER—FAITH - THIS GIFT IS RECEIVED BY FAITH

Your little finger is the smallest finger and symbolizes faith. The gift of eternal life is received by faith.

Acts 16:31

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and cannot save myself. I believe you died on the cross to pay for my sin and purchase a place for me in heaven. I receive that gift right now by faith.

Lord Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and my Savior. Amen.

Romans 10:9-10

Romans Road

Step #1 on the Romans Road

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
(Romans 3:23)

"There is no one righteous, not even one...
(Romans 3:10)

Step #2 on the Romans Road

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death
through sin, and in this way death came to all people,
because all sinned.
(Romans 5:12)

Step #3 on the Romans Road

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.
(Romans 5:8)

Step #4 of the Romans Road....

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23)

Step #5 (the final step) of the Romans Road...

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.
For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with
your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
(Romans 10:9-10)



Ambassadors for Christ



*Go into the world and preach the
gospel to every person*

**Every believer is called to be an ambassador of
Christ - will you answer the call?**
