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INTRODUCTION

Every born again Christian believer must be motivated to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

BECOMING A SOUL WINNER briefly teaches us the reasons why it is important for the individual Christian to evangelize and to be prepared to share the gospel to different people within society.

What is The Great Commission?

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

What is the Great Commission? In **Matthew 28:19-20** Jesus commissions us to “*go and make disciples of all nations*” and to teach them to observe according to all that Christ has commanded.

Now that scripture doesn’t mean that we should all therefore become missionaries or pastors but it means that all Christians are commissioned or called to evangelize or share the gospel of Christ to anyone. We can all share the gospel to a friend, a colleague at work or even a total stranger. We can all make disciples and disciple people towards Jesus Christ and **not** towards men.

What is a Disciple?

The word disciple comes from the word “discipline”. A disciple is a person who is a disciplined follower of Jesus Christ. A disciple not only grows in Christ but a disciple will also make other disciples.

Therefore the great commission goes beyond just sharing the gospel but it also involves teaching or making disciples. People need to be taught formally or informally how live according to the word of God. For example: A friend can disciple a friend; a person can disciple his relative; and of course a pastor can disciple a member of a church.

Jesus tells us that we are not to discriminate – but we are to disciple “all the nations”.

God wants us to share the gospel about the life, death and resurrection of Christ and the price He paid for our sins on the cross. And so, God wants us to disciple people to Jesus Christ and to follow after Christ only. We are not to disciple people to follow after men / pastors but our mandate as Christians is to point people to Christ and to His word.

The great commission is about bringing the lost to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and then equipping them to be able to also share the gospel and to disciple others to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why Should We Evangelize?

Why is it important for Christians to evangelize? There are so many Christians around the world and there are so many churches that exist today yet very few Christians actually go out and evangelize.

Evangelism is basically the presentation or communication of the Good News or the gospel of Jesus Christ to an individual or people.

Evangelizing is not only for the pastor or church leaders, but every Christian is mandated or commissioned to evangelize. Therefore if you are born again, God expects you to share the gospel of Christ to others especially to unbelievers / non-christians.

Matthew 28:18-20 says – *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Below are 6 Biblical reasons as to why we as Christians should evangelize or witness

WHY SHOULD WE EVANGELIZE?

1. God Is Not Willing That Anyone Should Perish

2 Peter 3:9 NKJV – *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

It's not the desire of God that people should perish in hell for eternity, but God desires that the gospel of Christ be spread and shared to all mankind with the hope that people may come to a saving knowledge and relationship with God through Christ.

LIFE QUESTION: *Do you know a person or people in your life who are not Christians? Are you aware that God does not want them to perish in hell? Make it a goal in your life to present the gospel of Christ to them and speak to them about the word of God.*

2. We Have A Mandate To Evangelize

2 Timothy 4:5 NKJV – *But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

Remember that evangelizing is simply the sharing of the gospel especially to unbelievers. Your pastor or church leader cannot reach every soul. Therefore every Christian is expected by God to play his/her part in reaching to the lost and helping the lost to come to salvation through

Christ.

QUESTION: Are you doing the work of an evangelist?

3. How Can People Know / Believe Unless The Gospel Is Preached

Romans 10:14-15 NKJV – *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

The scriptures say that he/she who evangelizes / shares the gospel has beautiful feet.

If we do not share the gospel nor have a desire to share it with others, we are being selfish as Christians. The gospel is about getting people saved from the fires of hell and getting people reconciled with God through Christ. I once read a picture image on one of the social media platforms that said the following: REAL FRIENDS DO NOT LET OTHER FRIENDS GO TO HELL.

Do you have a friend in your life whom you have never share the gospel with? Do you have a member of your family who doesn't even know that you're a Christian?

Romans 10:14,15 says how can people know what the gospel is all about unless somebody speaks to them about it – and how shall they hear the gospel unless

somebody is willing & bold enough to share it?

LIFE QUESTION: *Are you willing to share and evangelize? Are you willing to find the strength through Christ to be bold and share the gospel to others?*

4. Jesus Preached Repentance & Died For Sinners

Matthew 4:17 NKJV – *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Luke 5:31-32 NKJV – *Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”*

Repentance is an important part of the gospel. We cannot become born again without repenting. To repent means *to change your mind* or to go in a new direction. The reason why we should evangelize is because Jesus Himself evangelized. Jesus preached to sinners and He died for sinners so that they may repent.

Therefore the reason why we evangelize is so that we help people to repent from sinful living so that they may live for Christ and not for themselves.

QUESTION: Are you willing to evangelize and share the gospel with sinners? Do you know that Jesus died for the worst kind of people on this planet?

5. We Should Extend The Same Grace Given To Us

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV – *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9*

not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Another reason why we should evangelize is because grace is also an important part of the Good News / gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Christians we are saved by the grace of God and not because of our own goodness or our own righteousness.

We are saved because of the work of Christ and NOT because of our own merit “lest anyone should boast”.

Therefore when we share the gospel of Christ especially to unbelievers or non-christians, it’s important for us to emphasize the grace of God and that this grace is offered to all mankind irrespective of their sins or how bad they think they are.

It’s also important to emphasize that salvation and eternal life is a free gift through Jesus Christ (**Romans 6:23**).

LIFE QUESTION: *Are you willing to evangelize and explain about the grace and free gift of eternal life that God offers to all of mankind?*

6. The Harvest Is Plenty But The Laborers Are Few
Luke 10:2 NKJV – *Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”.*

Christ tells us that there is a big harvest of unbelievers who need to repent and who need to hear the gospel so that they come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Another reason why we need to evangelize is because

there are very few “laborers” or Christians who are willing to evangelize. Despite an abundance of churches and Christians, there is a very small ratio of people willing to evangelize.

Therefore Christ encourages to pray for more laborers to evangelize and share the gospel because God is no willing for anyone to perish.

LIFE QUESTION: *Are you aware that the harvest is great? Are you willing to be one of the laborers?*

7. Because We Love God & We Love Our Neighbour

Matthew 22:37-39 NKJV – *Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*

If we love God and if we truly love our neighbour then we will be motivated to evangelize. If our neighbor is not a Christian we must be motivated by love to speak the gospel because we do not desire to see anybody perish in hell just as God Himself does not desire to see anyone perish.

God was motivated by love so much that He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins so that if whosoever believes in Him shall not perish (**John 3:16**). Therefore let love be our motivator.

LIFE QUESTION: *Are you motivated by love of your*

neighbor – even if he is a stranger – to speak to him/her about the gospel of Jesus Christ?

So why should we evangelize? It's the will of God and it's for His glory.

How Do You Lead Someone To Christ?

How do you lead a person to Christ? How do you win souls for Christ? How do you evangelize or share the gospel?

The most important thing that we can ever do in the life of any non-Christian above anything else is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In order to understand how to lead a person to Christ let's first understand why it's important for us to share the gospel with other people.

Why Must We Share The Gospel?

1. God Is Not Willing That Anyone Should Perish (**Peter 3:9**).
2. Because every soul will live forever — in either one of two places, Heaven or Hell (**John 3:36**).
3. We Have A Mandate To Evangelize (**2 Timothy 4:5**).
4. How Can People Know / Believe Unless The Gospel Is Preached (**Romans 10:14-15**).
5. Because there's no other way to Heaven except by believing on Jesus Christ personally (**John 14:6**).

How should a soul-winner be equipped to soul win?

As a Christian you have the privilege of being used by God to help lead others to experience the miracle of

salvation. When a person converts from an unbeliever to a Christian it is a great miracle. Scriptures say that *“there is joy in the presence of angels of God over one sinner who repents”* (**Luke 15:10**). Therefore every soul is important to God.

If we are to be soul-winners we must understand the following:

- 1) We must be led by the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).
- 2) We must give the true gospel (**Romans 1:16**).
- 3) We do not convert people. Rather it is the Holy Spirit who does the convicting & converting of a person's soul (**John 16:8,9**).
- 4) We must be studying & using the word of God (**2 Timothy 3:16**).

We Can Lead Someone To Christ Through the Basic Truths in the Gospel Message as follows:

- a) Show him/her that we are all sinners and none is righteous or good. (**Romans 3:23**).
- b) Show him/her that the penalty for sin is death (**Romans 6:23**).
- c) Show him/her that Christ paid the penalty for our sins (**John 3:16**).
- d) Show him/her that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven and by whom we can have a relationship with God (**John 14:2-6**).
- e) Show him/her that salvation is a free gift and salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (**Ephesians**

2:8,9).

f) Ask to him/her to believe & receive Christ as Saviour through faith (**John 1:12**).

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

How Can We Spread The Gospel?

How can we spread the gospel of Jesus Christ? What ways or what methods can we use to spread the gospel that God loves mankind so much that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for sins of the whole world so that we may have eternal life and fellowship with God (**John 3:16**).

The word “gospel” means good news. Evangelism is the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore we have a mandate to spread the good news to many unbelievers concerning God’s saving grace (**Ephesians 2:8,9**).

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

We therefore have been given the great commission to spread the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

Below are a list of ways or methods by which we can spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to unbelievers:

1. Street Evangelism

Street evangelism involves sharing the gospel to the public or strangers in the streets or neighbourhoods.

For example, through personal soul-winning you can initiate conversations with a stranger in the street by asking: "Where do you think you will go when you die?"

Another option in street evangelism is to preach the gospel in the streets at a specific location in a public area like the town park where people are most likely to sit or stop to listen.

2. Friendship Evangelism

We all have people whom we associate with who are unbelievers. These unbelievers could be friends, workmates or relatives.

We can share the gospel with people whom we see frequently and whom we know to be non-christians.

3. Door to Door

This refers to selecting a neighbourhood and going from house to house and explaining the gospel to people in their homes.

4. Social Media & Internet

We can use social media to spread the gospel. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, a website and the like can all be used to the glory of God. These internet based facilities can help you reach a wide variety of people across the world and to spread the gospel.

5. Print Media

You can use gospel tracts, Christian booklets, Christian books, Bibles to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving someone something to go home and read that explains the gospel helps a person.

6. Television, Radio & Entertainment

Sketch-boards, puppets, movies, plays, music and television are other methods of evangelism.

Below are a few Bible verses that encourage us to spread the gospel and evangelise:

2 Timothy 4:5 NKJV

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

Mark 16:15 NKJV

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Timothy 4:2 NKJV

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

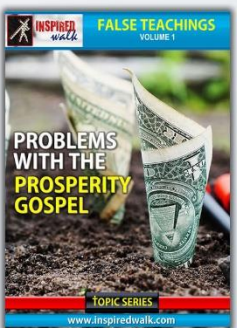
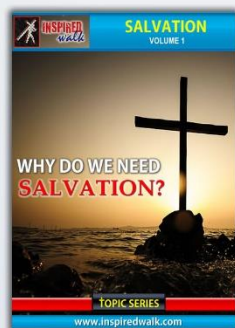
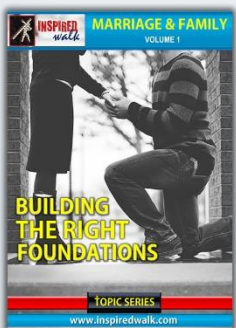
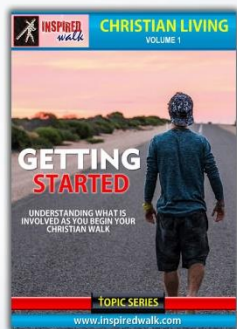
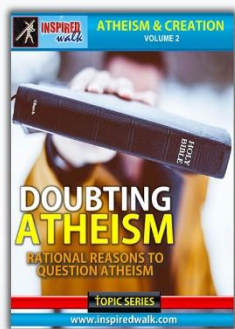
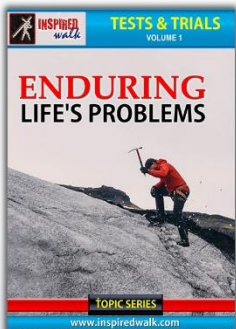
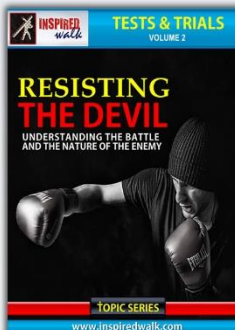
Matthew 28:19 NKJV

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 5:16 NKJV

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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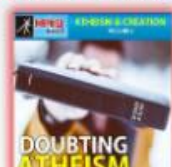
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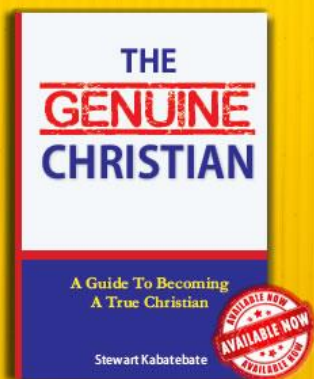
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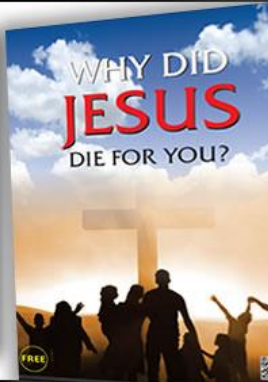
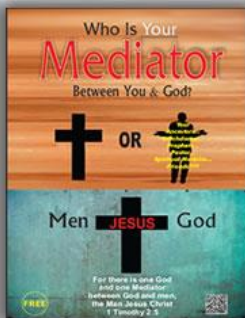
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