ANYBODY ANYBODY TOCHENSON Discover Proven & Practical Keys To Effective Personal Evangelism

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DEDICATION

his book is dedicated to servants of God around the world whose ministries are committed to winning the lost.

I dedicate this book to my Father in the Faith, Dr David Oyedepo, the President and Founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (<u>faithtabernacle.org.ng</u>).

To Evangelist Jonathan Shuttlesworth, the President and Founder of Revival Today, a ministry passionately committed to winning the lost (<u>revivaltoday.com</u>).

To Pastors Cesar and Emma Claudia Castellanos, who have been pioneers in the implementation of the G12 Vision around the world, and the Senior Pastors of the International Charismatic Mission in Bogota, Colombia. (g12.co).

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To Renato D. Carillo, the President and Founder of Jesus Is Our Shield Worldwide Ministries (<u>miraclehour.org</u>).

INTRODUCTION

s a child of God, you have been called to win the lost and make disciples. If there is anything stopping you from fulfilling this calling, it shall be removed as you read this book, in Jesus' name. God will heal every laborer who has been wounded, and He will restore and revitalize the discouraged. I pray that the zeal of God to run after the unsaved for their salvation and establishment in the faith shall be fired into you. I like you to expect an encounter with God that will turn you into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ.

Every genuine believer in the Lord Jesus Christ knows that he is supposed to share his faith with unsaved people. However, for some reason, many do not fulfill this spiritual responsibility. One major reason for this is that many simply do not know how to do it. This is why God instructed me to write this book. The purpose of this book is to equip and multiply laborers for the end-time harvest. By the grace of God, I have been very successful in my personal evangelism endeavors. I have been sharing my faith and winning the lost to Jesus Christ for over twenty-five years, and I will be sharing with you some practical keys to successful personal evangelism. You will discover why many people do not get results in their evangelism endeavors, and how to avoid them.

The Gospel is one, but there are different ways of sharing it. You will learn proven ways of sharing the Gospel with different classes of people. For example, the way you would present the message of the Gospel to a poor man is not the way you would present it to a wealthy person. In this book you will discover how to win your family members to Christ. You will learn how to share the Gospel with your colleagues at your workplace, your friends, sick people, old people, small children, backslidden believers, among others. You will also learn what to do after someone has received your message of the Gospel. I strongly recommend that you get my other book titled 'Make Disciples' to discover practical keys to effective discipleship. As you will discover in this book, 'The Great Commission' is twofold: Winning the Lost and Making Disciples. In this book I will focus on Winning the Lost and in the other book I will focus on Making Disciples. The two books were inspired by God to equip believers for the work of the ministry, so they will not be ashamed when they stand before God to give account of their spiritual stewardship.

The book is practical and straight to the point. It is not a book on doctrines, but it will equip you to fulfil your part of the Great Commission. If you follow the instructions in this book, and others the Holy Spirit will be revealing to you as you read it, you will surely become a fruitful laborer in the end-time harvest of souls.

I recommend this book to Pastors and church leaders. One of our stewardship responsibilities is to teach and equip other believers to become fruit-bearing disciples of Jesus Christ. Please pass on whatever God will be teaching you as you read this book to other believers. You can also bless your disciples, friends, and family with a copy of this book. Let us bring multitudes into the kingdom.

CHAPTER 1

THE MISERABLE CONDITION OF AN UNSAVED PERSON

n unsaved person is spiritually dead, separated from God, under the bondage and control of a wicked devil, and has no hope of spending eternity with God (Ephesians 2:1-3).

If a person does not receive the gift of salvation that Jesus Christ has purchased for all men on the cross, he has chosen to spend eternity with Satan in hell, whether he knows it or not.

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:18

This is why reaching out to the lost is a rescue mission. You are snatching people from the hand of a wicked devil, who is dragging them to hell. We have received the solemn call to preach the good news, telling the world that their sins have been paid for, so they can have a relationship with God. Every believer has been given this ministry of bringing unsaved people into a relationship with God.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Jesus Christ is counting on you to win the lost. Do not let your unsaved friends, parents, siblings, or children go to hell. God has positioned you on their paths to redirect their eternal destinies. We are in partnership with God in this rescue mission. My prayer for you is that you will not be ashamed when you stand before Him on that day, instead, you will hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of The Lord!"

THE GOSPEL IS SELF-ANOINTED

The power that brings salvation is domiciled in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I want you to know that no person is too difficult to win. No human being is unredeemable. Nobody is too hard to win over to Christ with the Gospel. You can win anybody to Christ, no matter his background or social class, no matter how religiously brainwashed he is, no matter how hardened his heart is. All you need is to speak the words of the Gospel. Whenever you preach the Gospel, salvation is the result. The Gospel is an incorruptible seed that never fails to bear fruit.

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first

and also to the Greek."

Romans 1:16 (AMPC)

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The message of the Gospel is this: "Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we were all born with the nature of sin, spiritually dead and disconnected from God (Romans 5:12). Because of the great love God has for us, He sent His son Jesus Christ to die as a perfect sacrifice for our sin. He took upon Himself our nature of sin. All our sins were laid on Him when He was hanging on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). He died in our place, and God raised Him from the dead after three days by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). If we believe that Jesus paid the full price for our sin, confess with our mouth that He is Lord, and believe that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. We will receive the gift of salvation." This is the Gospel. This is what we are sent to tell the unsaved. This is the message that carries the power of God that brings salvation. If you tell someone anything else, you are not preaching the Gospel. All the other things we say when we are out witnessing, such as "God has a great plan for your life", "God has a great destiny for you.", etc. Is not the Gospel. If that is all you told a person and he said the 'sinners' prayer' with you, you did a good job. However, I am sorry to disappoint you, you did not preach the Gospel to that person. You can use that as your starter, or as an opening sentence, but the main content of your message should be the death, the burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; That He died to take away the sin of the world. That is what the Gospel is all about. Whenever you begin to talk about His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection, the power of God that brings salvation is released.

The Gospel is self-anointed. When you preach the Gospel, the Spirit of God immediately works to bring conviction and repentance. The message of the Gospel has a way of changing the atmosphere. Something is stirred up in the realm of the spirit when you start talking about the death and resurrection of Christ. The Holy Spirit goes into operation immediately.

You must be conscious of the power of the Gospel. The word of God is anointed, it contains the life of God. It is enveloped by the power of God.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." - John 6:63

Whenever you begin to speak the words of the Gospel, the life-giving Spirit of God is transmitted into whoever is hearing you. This is why you should preach it boldly, knowing that something powerful is happening in the

spirit realm. Do not be moved by the physical reaction of the person you are sharing the Gospel with. The word of God targets the spirit of a man and the work of transformation will flow from the spirit to the soul and body.

The Word of God Always Works

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11

Once the word of God has been sent out, it will surely produce the intended result, it will reach its goal and fulfil its purpose. The purpose of the Gospel is the salvation of mankind.

Never forget this, "the word of God in your mouth is as powerful as any word from the mouth of God." The effect is the same. You cannot separate God from His word. The word of God coming from your lips is as powerful as any word that ever came from the lips of Jesus.

Whenever you preach the Gospel, salvation will

surely happen. This is why you should not be moved by what happens or what does not happen after you have shared the Gospel with someone. If they don't receive the gift of salvation immediately, they will receive it another time. Do not be discouraged. The word of God never fails to produce. It is the incorruptible seed.

"Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides

forever." 1 Peter 1:23

The word 'incorruptible' means indestructible, neverfailing. The Spirit and power of the word of God destroys every barrier that tries to hinder people from receiving the message of the Gospel.

I want you to know that the word you preached the last time you went out on evangelism is still alive and growing in the heart of the people you shared it with. The word of God you planted is the incorruptible seed that gets people born again, it can never be destroyed. A great man of God once said, "Do you know why metal rusts on the earth? It is because if anything goes into the ground, it begins to force it into production. The ground is trying to get that metal to produce and that is why it rusts."

Remember the parable of the sower in Mark 4:1-20? The seed that fell on good ground produced, but how much it yielded depended on the level of understanding of the person that heard the word. This is why we must trust the Holy Spirit to help us convey the message of the Gospel to the person we are preaching to. The Gospel will produce salvation if they understand it.

Keep in mind that God wants people saved more than you do. If God has put someone in need of salvation on your heart, then He wants them saved more than you do.

"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."

2 Peter 3:9

Hellfire was not made for any human being; it was created for the devil and all his demons. Whenever you meet an unsaved person, God rejoices because He believes that a lost child could return home today. If for any reason, you fail to share the Gospel with him, He is not happy. He begins to make another plan to get that person saved.

Preach the Gospel with boldness. Preach it everywhere and anytime you get an opportunity. The word of God always works.

CHAPTER 3

THE DIVINE-HUMAN PARTNERSHIP

eading people to salvation is very easy. This is because God is the one who makes it happen; we are just the human partners in His work of salvation. It is a great privilege for us to be partners with our Maker.

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." - 1 Corinthians 3:9

God has a plan for the salvation of the world. He sent Jesus Christ to set it in motion. With His precious blood, He paid the full penalty for the sin of the whole world. He was crucified, and when He had satisfied the demands of justice God raised Him from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of The Father because He had played His own part. Just before He ascended into heaven, after His resurrection, He brought us into partnership with Him. "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the 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." - Matthew 28:18-20

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they

will recover." - Mark 16:15-18

Jesus gave us the authority to use His power to bring the lost back into relationship with The Father, and teach them how to become His followers. He then sent His Spirit to work with us to get the job done. So, we are in partnership with God The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. We are not alone. We are in active partnership with the greatest power in the universe. Success is guaranteed each time we step out to share the everlasting Gospel with the unsaved.

Angels do not preach the Gospel, born again humans are God's partners. Angels are sent to serve us as we pursue the fulfilment of our part of the partnership, which is going

into all the world and preaching the Gospel. In Acts 10:1-48, we see how God sent an angel to Cornelius, instructing him to send for Peter who would preach the Gospel to him and his household. This is still God's method today. If there is no man to preach, the Gospel will not be heard.

"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 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? 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!" - Romans 10:13-15

God 'depends' on you to preach the Gospel that brings men to salvation to everyone around you, and if you refuse to preach it they may never get saved. On the other hand, you depend on the Holy Spirit for what to say, which God would work with to get them born again.

You should always trust the Holy Spirit to put the right words in your heart because only inspired words can change a life.

It is very imperative that you have a good understanding of the message of the Gospel. This is because when you are out witnessing, the Holy Spirit will only remind you of what you already know. The more knowledge

you have the more effective your witnessing will be, and the greater the results you will get.

Get books and teachings that explain what the Gospel is, and spend time with them until you understand it. Carefully study the verses of scriptures referenced in the books and teachings in various translations of the Bible. I recommend materials from great Ministers of the Gospel like Billy Graham, Reinhard Bonnke, Andrew Wommack, David Oyedepo, TL Osborne, Jonathan Shuttlesworth, Oswald J. Smith, At Boshoff, and Ed Silvoso. Watch their videos on YouTube. Seek an in-depth understanding of the message of the Gospel. Download podcasts and listen to them over and over.

As a partner with the Holy Trinity (God The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit) in this great work of reconciliation, you are obligated to prepare yourself in extensive studies (like you are doing by reading this book), then when you get an opportunity to share the Gospel with an unsaved person, The Holy Spirit will remind you of one of the things you have learned in your time of preparation, and as you communicate it with His anointing, God The Father will draw the person to His son Jesus Christ. Do you see how this wonderful partnership plays out in this scenario? The Bible says,

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

The Holy Spirit gives you the message, you do the speaking, and God The Father does the drawing. You are the only variable in the equation. The Father and Holy Spirit always play their parts with divine accuracy, excellence and precision. We have a covenant obligation to be diligent in renewing our minds with the word of God. We need to sharpen our skills so that every contact we make with unsaved people will result in their salvation. The more understanding you have, the more skilful and effective you become in evangelism. By the grace of God, I get amazing results whenever I share the Gospel with people. Almost everyone I have shared the Gospel with in recent times received it and joyfully received the gift of salvation. I have developed the skill of communicating the message of the Gospel to people of different races, age groups and social classes. The message is the same but the way I communicate it differs from person to person.

SOME PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

I want to share some testimonies of how God helped me to win the lost. Pay attention to the various ways I approached each of the people. As I mentioned earlier, the message of the Gospel is the same but the method of delivery differs from person to person. Over the years, I have developed myself to be effective in personal evangelism.

THE PHONE CALL FROM CAPE TOWN

On 6th of July 2022, a lady called me from Cape Town, asking me to pray for her sick mother and to also pray for peace in her family. I systematically began to shift her eyes from her physical problems to the big problem of her spiritual condition. I asked her if she had a job and she said no. Then I told her that I would pray for her to get a job before I pray for anything else. I shared a testimony of a lady I prayed for recently. The lady had not been able to get a job after applying in several places but God gave her a job with the Department of Home Affairs after we prayed. This got her attention. I asked her if she had a child and she said yes. I then asked her another question saying, "If you had a lot of companies and your child tells you that he wants a job, would you give him a job or not?" She said she would without hesitation. I then told her that God would do the same for any of His children who needs a job. I painted another scenario to her, "Imagine if your child decides to leave home to wander and live in the streets; he would get hungry and cold, even though there is food for him to eat and a bed with a warm blanket for him to sleep in at home." I assured her that everything she desires a job, peace, healing, etc. is available at home; she just needs to come back home to her Father in Heaven. I then began to tell her how God sent Jesus to die in our place, putting all our sins on Him, and how God raised Him from the dead. I shared the Gospel message with her. When I was done she was so happy to be reconciled with her Father God, and gladly received the free gift of salvation.

Did you see how The Holy Spirit worked with my knowledge and skill to bring this lady to salvation?

THE TAXI DRIVER IN EAST LONDON

One evening in the year 2020, a taxi driver was driving me to a church where I was going to minister in East London (South Africa). South Africa was still on 'lockdown'. On our way, I asked the driver how he was managing his public transport business with all the new COVID-19 regulations. He responded. I then asked him if he heard how helpless the President was sounding in the speech he gave the previous night. I reminded him that the President said, "We don't know the journey to recovery and jobs will be lost..." I told him that our only hope of business success in uncertain times is in Jesus Christ. I began to share the Gospel with him. When we got to our destination, I paid him and also gave him a generous tip. When I saw how happy he was, I invited him to receive the gift of salvation and he gladly did.

I want you to note the strategy that The Holy Spirit gave me in this encounter with the taxi driver: First I showed a genuine interest in the well-being of his business. I then began to inspire him by assuring him that God would supernaturally exempt His children from the hardship engendered by the so-called 'Covid-19 Pandemic'. I used situations he could relate to - his felt needs, to get his attention. Then I began to tell him that Jesus Christ died for

our sins and God raised Him from the dead (the message of the Gospel). When we got to our destination, I showed him some kindness by giving him a generous tip, demonstrating the genuineness of my love for him. This opened his heart further to receive the gift of salvation.

Stop Wasting Your Gifts

Anytime you give a material gift to someone, God opens their heart to receive anything else you have to give them. You must maximize the divine opportunity. I do not waste my tips, I use them to share the love of God with the person receiving them. Whenever God leads you to give a tip, do it. A tip of as small as R5 can win a soul. Yours may be the only tip the person has received that day. So, when I give a tip I usually share the Gospel. I have developed myself to be able to share the full Gospel in one minute, and usually, the person's heart is open to receive Jesus. Please do not waste your next 'tipping opportunity. If you go to a restaurant and you give a tip to the person serving you, do not leave that place without telling that person about Jesus. I have won a number of car guards to Christ using this same principle. Receive grace to the same, in Jesus name.

THE MAN SEARCHING FOR FOOD IN A DUSTBIN IN KING WILLIAMS TOWN

One evening in King Williams Town, the Holy Spirit put in my heart a desire to be a blessing to someone. I set out looking for someone in need that I could give to. As I was walking down Cathcart Street, I saw a man looking for something in a dustbin, probably searching for something to eat. When I saw the man, I walked up to him and gave him the little cash I brought with me. As I was about to walk away the Holy Spirit asked me, "Are you going to waste this opportunity now?" I quickly obeyed and began to tell him that Jesus Christ died for his sins and rose again after three days. I told him that Jesus Christ could change his life if he would surrender it to Him. I then asked him if there was any reason he would not want to accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. He accepted the invitation and I led him in the sinner's prayer for salvation. After he said the prayer I assured him that we would see each other in heaven. Bless God, he received the free gift of salvation. You don't know how much R10 can change someone's life.

THE PROPERTY DEVELOPER IN PORT ELIZABETH

One day a businessman I was working with in East London (South Africa) heard from God that we should travel for about 387 km to pray for his business partner in Port Elizabeth. On the set date, we both went to the man's office. After we were received by him, I began to speak to him. I discovered that he had some health challenges. Among other things, I told him that God wants him to be in sound health, to prosper spiritually, and also to prosper in his business endeavours. God opened his heart to receive the message of the Gospel and he gave his heart to Christ. A few months later, we got the news that he had gone to be with The Lord. Imagine if we did not obey God to share the Gospel with him.

THE WOMAN WITH CANCER

A friend of mine asked me to come and pray for his neighbour who was diagnosed with cancer. She was a very successful retired teacher. When I met her, I began to tell her that Jesus did not only die for our sins to be washed away, but also for our sins to be taken away. I told her that both sin and sickness were paid for on the same day (1 Peter 2:20). This is a part of the Gospel that many people do not like to share. Whenever you to tell people that Jesus heals, He confirms your words by stretching forth His hand to heal them. Whatever you boldly declare that Jesus can do, He openly performs to prove that it is true. Before I gave her the invitation to receive Jesus, she began to receive her healing. First, I discovered that she had a problem with her sight when I asked her to read a verse from the scriptures in her Bible. I prayed for her and she was able to read clearly. This further opened her heart. After I shared the Gospel with her, she received the gift of salvation and I prayed for her healing. Some months later, she received her test result and there was no trace of cancer in her body. God also healed other sicknesses in her body. Indeed, Jesus died to recue us from all the works of the devil - sin, sickness, poverty and oppressions. In another chapter I will teach you how to win sick people to Christ.

HOW I USED MY OLD TENNIS SHOES TO WIN A YOUNG MAN TO CHRIST

Recently I bought a pair of tekkies (tennis shoes). Early the next day, I told my wife that I was going out with the old pair to give to someone who would need it. It was a very cold morning. I saw a young homeless man walking towards me, feeling cold. I noticed he was just wearing flipflops. I knew that I soul is about to be won to Christ. I offered to give him my old tekkies and he gladly received it. After he had put it on, I began to tell him that God has a bright future in store for him. I challenged him to give his life to Jesus and watch what He would make out of it. I told him how Jesus died for his sin and rose from the dead. At the end, he received the gift of salvation and I prayed for God's blessing to come on him. Three days later, I saw him in the mall and he thanked me for praying for him. He told me that he has been feeling new and light since the day I prayed for him. Imagine how many people you could bring to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with the old clothes and shoes in your wardrobe.

The Gospel is for every human being, young and old, rich and poor. God wants all men saved. Every soul is equal in the sight of God.

"...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth..." - 1 Timothy 2:4

Like the Apostle Paul, God wants you to share the message of His saving grace with all mankind, both rich and poor.

"But all this time God has helped me, and I have preached both to the rich and to the poor..." - Acts 26:22 (CEV)

God has called you to win all mankind to Him, both rich and poor, old and young. From the testimonies I have shared you can see how God has used me to win people from various social classes to Him. For example, the property developer in Port Elizabeth was running a housing development project worth about Two Billion Rand at the time of his death. The Gospel I shared with him is the same Gospel I preached to the homeless young man I gave my old tekkies to. You just have to be faithful and consistent. By the Grace of God, I have been winning people to Christ for over 20 years, and I have become skilled at it. The way I share the gospel with one person is not the way I will share it with another person. In another chapter, I will teach you how to share the Gospel with people in various socio-economic classes.

In this Divine-Human Partnership your part of the

'business' is to acquire knowledge and develop your skills through practice. Your divine partners are always ready to do their part – bringing conviction and conversion whenever you step out in obedience toward the lost. The more you reach out to the lost, the more proficient you become. Reaching out to the lost world is not a suggestion, it is not what you do whenever it is convenient, it is a divine commandment. If you have not been active in personal evangelism, you are walking in disobedience, and every act of disobedience displeases God. No believer is too big to engage in personal evangelism. There is absolutely no excuse for not reaching out to the lost. You need to repent today, and get busy with the most important 'business' in the kingdom of God. Once again, I pray that whatever is stopping you from fulfilling this covenant responsibility is destroyed right now. Receive a fresh fire and zeal for the work of God. Take some time right now to pray in the spirit, asking God to renew your passion for the lost in your soul.

I can tell you, with every sense of humility and responsibility, that pursuing after the lost, and discipling strengthening believers and helping them to become spiritually healthy and fruitful is the secret of the supernatural favour and advancement that I enjoy today.

God rewards His Covenant Partners abundantly. A

soulwinner is precious in the sight of God. This is because there are many believers but very few laborers.

"Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37

God will do anything to see that His few laborers are well taken care of. He will fight and destroy anything or anybody trying to harm His Covenant Partners. He keeps them safe and healthy. He is personally responsible for their development. He removes anything that would distract or hinder them from bearing more fruit.

"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." John 15:2

Believers who are committed to soulwinning are the most prosperous. Churches and Pastors who take evangelism and discipleship very seriously do not lack money. There are two great ministries that I know who are sold out to The Great Commission, Living Faith Church Worldwide (led by Bishop David Oyedepo) and Christian Revival Church (led by Pastor At Boshoff). These two ministries are some of the fastest growing Christian organizations in the world. They command supernatural financial breakthroughs. They do not beg to complete big projects. This is because money flows in the direction of soulwinners. God releases His kingdom wealth to finance the fulfilment of His Great Commission. If your ministry lacks finances, I strongly advise you to renew your commitment to winning the lost and discipling believers. Pastors and ministries that are not committed to winning the lost and making disciples suffer lack. They rarely experience growth and the supernatural manifestations of God in their ministries.

God pays His laborers very well. I have experienced this in my own life. Soul winners don't ever get stranded anywhere in the world. Their needs are met supernaturally.

And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. - John 4:36

Please renew your commitment to winning the lost to Jesus. Begin today. There is someone waiting for you outside. Go now and let God use you to bring them into His family.

THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER FORGET

There are some things you should keep in mind as you pursue after the lost:

All souls have equal value in the sight of God

When a poor person receives Jesus, it is just as significant to God as when a rich person receives Jesus. Do not walk past a homeless person on the street looking for a person driving an expensive car. The soul of that homeless person is as precious to God as the soul of President Joe Biden. The soul of a billionaire does not have more value than the soul of a poor person on the street. The soul of an 80-yearold is not more important to God than the soul of a child who just got born again.

When young people come out for an altar call do not despise them, their souls are important to God. Anyone who dies without accepting Jesus will go to hellfire, whether he is rich or poor, living in a mansion or in the streets; whether he is a teenager or an elderly person.

"Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die."

Ezekiel 18:4

Everyone deserves to hear the Gospel. Do not pick and choose who you reach out to. Jesus Christ preached to both the poor and the rich. He preached the Gospel to everyone, so must you.

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." - Matthew 28:15

The only way people get saved is by someone preaching to them

God's design is that people get saved by hearing the Gospel (Romans 10:14). If you don't share the Gospel they will not hear it. If you don't go to the unsaved they will not be saved. If you don't tell your neighbour about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, he may die and be damned to hell. If you don't preach the Gospel to your children they may not hear it anywhere else. If you don't preach to your landlord he may never hear it. You may be the only hope your staff has to hear the Gospel. If you don't preach the Gospel to your colleagues they may never hear it. As a born-again teacher, if you don't preach to your learners they may never hear it. If you don't preach to your parents, they may never be saved.

Ask God to show you how to share the good news with everyone within your sphere of influence.

Whenever You go to preach the Gospel, God goes with you

We did not just receive 'The Great Commission', we also received 'The Great Assurance' of the ever-abiding presence of God as we endeavour to fulfil the 'Great Commission'.

"...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." - Matthew 28:19-20

"And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen." – Mark 16:20

Whenever you are on the go, sharing the good news of salvation through Christ Jesus, He goes with you to confirm everything you say about Him.

You are members of Christ's body, and He is the head of the body. The head follows wherever the body goes. You are the mouth piece of God, when you speak God speaks. When you touch God touches. When you pray for the sick Jesus Christ reaches out to them to bring healing and deliverance. The reason many believers do not see signs, wonders and miracles done through them is because they are not committed to preaching the Gospel. Wherever the Gospel is preached, Jesus sets people free from the oppression of the devil. This has been my experience for over twenty years.

SEVEN THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO IN YOUR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

any times, when people don't receive our message we blame the devil. But from my years of experience in personal and corporate evangelism, there are things believers do and say that turn people off, and cause them to reject the message God has given to us for their salvation. In this chapter I will share with you some seven things you should never do when you are out reaching people with the Gospel.

1. Do not ask the question: "Are You Born Again?"

If you ask a person this question before sharing the message of the Gospel with him, you have lost a 50% chance of winning him to Christ. We live in a YES, YES world. People find it very difficult to say "No", so the moment you ask someone if he is born again the most likely response will be "Yes, I am born again." I have noticed that many people assume that they are born again because they belong to church. A man of God in America once asked someone if he was saved, and the person took out a dollar note and showed him the 'In God We Trust' inscription on the note, and said "Yes I am a Christian". He assumed that he was saved because he was an American. Many people may have said what we call 'the sinner's prayer' many years ago, so they believe that they are saved, even though they are living in sin.

Some people will tell you that they are born again just to get you off their face. If someone tells you that he is born again, then you will assume that there is no need to share the Gospel with them. When I go out on personal evangelism, I act like everyone I meet is not born again. So, I share the Gospel with anyone I meet. Even if someone claims to be born again, I believe they may have never heard the Gospel like I share it. I believe that nobody preaches the Gospel like I do, nobody preaches the Gospel like you do and there is no 'Gospel-overdose'. Just preach Christ to anyone you meet. You will be amazed at what happens after you have shared the Gospel with your contact.

2. Do not threaten anyone with hellfire

I have done this before and it didn't work well for me. When people give their hearts to Jesus because they are afraid of being sent to hell, they backslide after a short time. Just preach the Gospel – the good news about how Jesus Christ paid the full price for our sin. He made a way for us to become children of God. It is this news about the goodness of God that leads people to repentance.

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" - Romans 2:4

Anyone who is not born again knows it. Anyone on his way to hell knows already. Don't make matters more difficult for him by threatening him with hell fire. Let your message bring hope not fear. Preach the good news not the bad news.

3. Do not argue with people

Do not argue with anyone you are sharing the Gospel with about religion, denomination or worldviews. If you are ministering to a Muslim, for example, do not argue about Mohammed or the Quran. If you are witnessing to a Catholic, never engage in any argument about 'Virgin Mary' or anything about their catechism. If anyone wants to engage

you in an argument, find a courteous way to stop him, and if he persists, humbly end the conversation and leave him. Before you leave, tell him that Jesus died on the cross for his and your sins, and God raised Him from the dead and just walk away.

You will never win anyone to Christ by arguing. You may win the argument, but you will lose the soul. Nobody is happy when he loses an argument. Some people's ego or selfesteem is hurt when you win them in an argument. Do not engage in any kind of argument. Avoid any topic that could engender an argument. Just share the Gospel and walk away. The Gospel has enough power in itself to bring salvation.

4. Do not waste people's time

Respect busy people's time. If someone says he is busy, just walk away and come back when he is less busy. If a person gives you five minutes to share with him, make it five minutes, do not exceed the time they gave you. Be a person of integrity. If people perceive that you do not respect their time, they will lose interest in what you are saying. People become irritated when you waste their time. If you stop somebody on the way, get straight to the point, simply share the Gospel.

5. Do not complicate the Gospel

Your message should be simple enough for even a child to understand. Do not sound too academic. Do not quote 'Greek and Hebrew' when sharing to an unsaved person. Do not quote a lot of scriptures. Do not try to 'Biblebash' people. The Gospel is more effective when it is simple and short.

Do not be anxious about what to say when you are out witnessing to someone. The Holy Spirit will pull out of your spirit what you have read or heard in the past. Always remember that the power of God that brings salvation is in the message of the Gospel (Jesus died for our sin and God raised Him from the dead) and not in your preaching skills.

6. Do not be Rude

You must be friendly, polite, kind, and courteous at all times. Do not act too important. Never assume that you are superior because you are the one preaching. Respect older people. Do not talk down to anybody, young or old. Respect people's culture and worldviews.

From my experience, people first receive you before they receive your message.

7. Do not exaggerate your testimony

If you want to use a personal testimony or another person's testimony, please share it as it really happened. Do not exaggerate. Exaggeration is a lie; it is a sin. If you say or do anything in the flesh when witnessing, you open the door to Satan. I don't know if you have experienced a situation where everything was flowing smoothly, and the person was listening, then suddenly he becomes rude, argumentative or even aggressive. This happens sometimes when we allow our flesh to creep in. You must watch this.

Do not spend most of your time talking about how terrible you used to be. Just summarize your story and spend more time talking about how you received Jesus and how He has changed your life. Keep your testimonies real. If a person does not receive the gift of salvation that Jesus Christ has purchased for all men on the cross, he has chosen to spend eternity with Satan in hell, whether he knows it or not.

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed

in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18

PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR WINNING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

obody is too difficult to win to Christ! Every soul is winnable. Every heart is changeable. Every race is reachable. All you need is the wisdom of God. I pray the Holy Ghost would flood your heart with divine ideas and strategies that will turn you into a mighty fisher of men in these last days. My prayer for you is that multitude will follow you to heaven by the encounters you will get from reading this book. As you read this chapter, I pray that God will put the names and faces of the people He wants you to reach with the Gospel in your heart. Please write those names down as they come to you, and reach out to them before the enemy talks you out of it. As a soulwinner, you must operate with a sense of urgency, because statistics show that nearly about 150,000 people die each day, and many of them are unsaved. You will have no regrets in Jesus' name.

HOW TO WIN FAMILY MEMBERS TO CHRIST

Family members are some of the most interesting people to lead to Christ. They think they know you better than you know yourself. Even Jesus Christ had some interesting drama with his siblings. However, after His death and resurrection, two of His brothers, James and Jude became strong leaders in the early church. With the wisdom of God, faith, patience and persistence, your family members will all follow you to serve The Lord.

Let me share a quick story with you. I led a friend to Christ in 2014 and began to disciple him. Eventually, we live together in a two-bedroom apartment. Later, his younger brother came to live with us. I shared the Gospel with him and even led him in 'the prayer', but he continued living in sin. I think he only followed us to church once. A few months later, I moved to South Africa. One day the brother told me that his younger brother is now 'on fire' for Jesus. The younger brother observed how his life had changed. He knew him to be proud and arrogant and a notorious womanizer, but God had turned his life around and made a humble preacher out of him. He also gave his life to Jesus. He is still a very strong follower of Jesus, living in the United Kingdom today.

Some Ideas for Winning Your Family Members to Christ

1. Be a good example

Your family members 'hear' your exemplary Christian lifestyle more than they hear the Gospel you preach to them. Live a holy life. They will follow you as you follow Christ.

If you have any conflict with any member of your family, be quick to reconcile with him, or it will hinder you from winning them to Jesus.

2. Pray for your unsaved family members

Prayer will break the hold of the devil on their lives and open their hearts to receive the gift of salvation. Lay hands on their bed and pillows. Call them by name, commanding the devil to take his hands off of them, and claim their salvation and deliverance. Pray that God will send laborers to them, who will lead them to Christ. I assure you that this works. Don't get discouraged if it takes time. You will see them saved if you don't give up.

"Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". - Galatians 6:9

Please be careful to only say what you want to see in their lives. Complaining does not change a person. Speak life, speak salvation and deliverance and you will see it.

3. Share your testimonies

The life of the righteous is filled with the favour of God (Psalms 5:12). Whenever God does something good for you, share it with your family members. Initially, because of their nature of sin, they may be jealous, but soon they will desire to experience the favour of your God in their own lives.

4. Be creative and intentional

Sometimes, get some materials that contain the message of the Gospel and after praying over them, place them where everyone in the house will see it. For example, place a Gospel tract on the coffee table. Place a magnet on the fridge with a message like "Jesus died for your sin" or John 3:16.

You can also play some sermons for everyone to hear. Another time, wear a t-shirt with a Gospel message.

5. Preach the Gospel to them whenever you get an opportunity

Whenever you get an opportunity, share the selfanointed message of the Gospel with them. Remember not to be judgmental. When people are sick, they are vulnerable and would take whatever help anyone would offer. Pray for them. Heal the sick in your home, let them experience the love and the healing power of Jesus Christ. This will open their heart to receive Him. Take advantage of your family prayer time and share the message, and don't forget to give a compelling invitation.

There is a way to share the Gospel with someone through prayer. For example, if Donald (an unsaved member of my family) needs a job and I get an opportunity to pray for him, I would say something like, "Father, I thank you because you love Donald, and sent Jesus Christ to die for him. You put all of his sin on Jesus, He died and you raised Him from the dead. I ask you to show Him that you love Him by giving him a well-paying job, in Jesus name. Amen"

Did you notice that I preached an entire sermon in that prayer? The only thing did not do was ask him to make a commitment. But I planted an incorruptible seed which will bring an increase someday.

These ideas will work with any member of your

family if you put them to work. Do not allow any member of your family to go to hell. Keep inviting them to church. Don't stop praying for them and showing them the love of God. When they persecute you, don't fight back.

Don't forget that the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ can reach people wherever they are. You can share the Gospel over a phone call or a voice note. Your family member does not have to be physically present for you to share the Gospel with him. I have led people to Christ over a phone conversation. I felt led to add this. God will use you to bring salvation to your family, in Jesus' name.

HOW TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST IN YOUR WORKPLACE

You are Christ's Ambassador at your workplace. I believe God planted you there to lead many to Him. Some of the people who work with you do not attend a church where the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached. It is possible that some of them do not even show up to church at all. But God has called you to take church to them. It may take some time and you may have to endure some persecution, but you will win them to Christ if you do not give up. Just play your part, and your Covenant Partners will do the rest.

Some Ideas for Winning People to Christ in Your Workplace

1. Be a Character Role Model

For some reason, the world expects believers to behave in the highest ethical manner. As a believer who desires to be used by God to lead many to salvation in your workplace, you must have a good work ethics. Don't let anyone reject Christ because of your way of life. You must be above reproach like Daniel in your workplace.

The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not accuse him of anything wrong, because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do. Finally, they said to one another,

"We will never be able to bring any charge against Daniel, unless it has to do with his religion."

Daniel 6:4-5 (CEV)

With the Spirit of God in your life and His wisdom at work in you, you are positioned to be one of the most valueadding staff in your organization. It is your character and productivity that will give you a voice that cannot be ignored in your workplace. It will be a disgrace to the name of God for you to be getting written warnings as a believer.

"Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father because of what Christ has done for you!" - Colossians 3:17 (TPT) "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honour and] glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (AMP)

Love your colleagues, be gentle and courteous. Do not be late to work. Don't join the unsaved people who gossip and speak ill of your employers and management. Be an authentic Christian. Let people admire your personality and values. This is where it begins.

2. Engage in Strategic Intercession

The will of God for your workplace is that none shall be lost in hell. He wants everyone who works with you to be saved.

"This is good and it pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth."

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (GNT)

Make a list of the unsaved people in your organization and begin to pray for them. Break the hold of the devil on their lives. The Bible says,

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

Command the devil to take his hands off of the people you work with. Mention their names. Say, "I command anything Satan is using to blindfold the mind of ... (mention names) to be destroyed right now. I claim their salvation and deliverance, in Jesus' name."

Some days, plan to arrive at work earlier than everyone else. Walk around every office, restroom, staff dining room, touch the seats and pray in tongues. A word of caution: Please if there are cameras at your workplace do not do this. In Africa, you may be accused of casting spells on people. Please be wise. Rather just sit at your desk and pray for everyone. There is enough power in your prayer to saturate your entire workplace.

If you intend to speak to anyone, take some time and pray for him, asking god to open his heart to receive the

message of the Gospel. Expect God to answer you. Be patient and don't stop praying until you have reached your goal.

3. Minister to their felt needs

I have discovered that if you desire to meet people's needs, God will give you the anointing, resources and opportunity to do so. Anointing flows in the direction of compassion. Whenever you notice a sad look, distress, worry or anxiety, know that you can do something about it. Love and prayer can meet any need. Be bold and reach out to people and find out what their problem is. Encourage and strengthen them, and if they allow you to pray for them, close your eyes so tight and cry out to God to intervene in their situation. People sometimes open their eyes when you are praying for them to see how serious you are about praying for them. As they see you praying passionately for them with your eyes shut, it opens up a space for them to receive you and your God.

Remember to incorporate the message of the Gospel in your prayer. For example, if your colleague is having a problem with his marriage, you may pray like this, "Father, I thank you because you love my brother Smith. You sent Jesus to die for his sin and raised Him from the dead after three

days. Right now, I ask you to restore divine peace and harmony in his marriage...in Jesus name." By doing this, you have used a stone to kill two birds: you preached the Gospel and also prayed for him.

When you show genuine love and concern for a person, he opens his heart to you. Eventually, when the opportunity comes, they will receive the message of the Gospel.

4. Be creative

Don't be in a hurry to preach to people, unless The Holy Ghost instructs you to do so. When a colleague has a problem, what he needs is a listening ear and a compassionate heart, not a preaching voice. If you give him your ear and heart in a time of need, he will give you his ear and heart when the opportunity comes for you to share the Gospel with him.

You should systematically introduce the Gospel in your workplace. Don't be a 'Secret Agent Christian' or a 'Submarine Christian'. Let your light so shine at your workplace. Let people know that you are a Christian both by your words and actions (your love for God and fellow men). Make sure your colleagues know the good things God is doing in your life. Share your testimonies freely. When you

accomplish a task, acknowledge that it was by the grace of God. From time to time, share some short and interesting Gospel materials – quotes, memes, tracts, videos, audio clips, songs, etc. with your colleagues. Be intentional about what you post on your social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook stories. Each time you post a Gospel content, you are either planting or watering a seed. Pray about what you share. Prayer can turn a meme into a message.

The idea here is to systematically expose people to the Gospel without saying a word to them. It works for me.

5. Preach the Good News

As you keep building relationships, praying and showing genuine love to your people in your workplace, a day will come when you will get an opportunity to share the Gospel. Preach it as if they will never get another chance to hear it. Don't forget to give a compelling invitation.

Whenever you get a chance to share the Gospel with anyone, colleague or client, grab it. Preach it with confidence, knowing that it will produce eternal results.

I want you to know this in advance, the devil will try to oppose you when you are determined to win the lost in the

marketplace. Remember he is the 'god' of the world systems, and the marketplace is his headquarters. He won't let you set free his captives without trying to resist you. He will orchestrate persecutions, criticisms, ridicules, and opposition to stop you from winning people to Christ. If he fails to stop you, he will try to discourage you, and if you refuse to give in to discouragement, he will try to distract you. But remember that no weapon formed against you shall prosper. It is so easy to deal with the devil using the word of God and the name of Jesus.

"Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

Winning the lost is warfare! Sometimes you need to power your prayers with fasting. By all means, every obstacle must be removed, and the lost must be won to Christ!

What to do if preaching is not allowed in your workplace

The wisdom of God is one of the greatest assets of a soulwinner. Jesus admonished us to be wise as we deal with unsaved people, especially in the marketplace.

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.

Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Matthew 10:16

You don't have to get fired 'for Jesus!' I believe He would rather have you in your workplace until you win

many to Him. You don't have to preach to your colleagues during your working hours or inside your workplace. This is why you must be friendly, easy going and easy to relate with. If you relate well with your colleagues at work, you will be able to share the Gospel with them outside of the workplace. You can have coffee with them somewhere outside of work.

Before you even get to say anything about God to them, let your Christian lifestyle do the preaching. Be a good example. Share your testimonies, tell your colleagues about the good things God is doing in your life and family. Use your social media wisely, making sure they see your posts. Above all, intercede for your colleagues. Prayer will open doors for you to minister to them.

It takes wisdom to win a soul to Christ (Proverbs 11:30). When you put the wisdom God has given to you to work, God fills you with more wisdom. It is the wisdom that God imparts that makes people stars - exceptional problem solvers. The more you allow God to use you to reconcile men to Him, the more He keeps promoting you. May you enjoy supernatural blessings in Jesus' name.

HOW TO WIN RICH PEOPLE TO CHRIST

First of all, I want you to know that there is no separate Gospel for rich people. All men are equal before God, and it is the same Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings salvation to all mankind.

Many believers feel intimidated to preach to people who they perceive to be rich. In my experience of going on evangelism with a group, most Christians reach out to those who look needy and needy. From my observation over the years, rich people are largely unreached. Most evangelistic outreaches in churches target poor people. It is not uncommon to see churches holding 'soup kitchens' and distributing used clothing items in underprivileged neighbourhoods. God cares about the rich as much as He cares about the poor. I minister to businessmen and professionals, and I have discovered that they all have similar problems: high blood pressure, diabetes, marriage problems, debt, court cases, unpaid invoices/contracts, unfinished projects, unreached goals, unmet deadlines, tax problems, adultery/fornication, problem with staff members, inflation, exchange rates, betrayals from business partners, and so on. Many of them have problems which their money cannot solve. Many of them are worried about the future of their businesses/profession and that of their children.

They need to know that God cares about their problems, fears and concerns. He cares about their total wellbeing – spirit, soul and body. They need to know that Jesus can heal their bodies and increase them in their finances. You must make the Gospel relevant to their needs and challenges. Some of them just need to know that God can forgive their sins. They need to know that they can have a good life here on earth and also spend eternity with God when they die.

It takes a certain level of intelligence to become successful. So, whenever you are sharing the Gospel with a rich person, keep in mind that you are dealing with a very intelligent person. Keep your message simple and straight to the point. At the same time, you must remember that you are giving them something that their money cannot give them. Speak to them with boldness and authority.

Finally, I want you to know that rich people will value and appreciate your prayers. Stand in your office as a priest (Revelation 5:10), representing The Great High Priest Jesus Christ, and proclaim the blessing of God over them, their health, family, and finances. Do not forget to collect their names and contact details.

HOW TO WIN POOR PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Poor people are so dear to the heart of God. He wants you to tell them that He loves them and cares about their wellbeing. You must bring them a message of hope, that Jesus Christ can make something worthwhile out of their lives if they would receive Him. You are not giving them a false hope. I come from a very poor family. I grew up sleeping on the floor, sharing one room with my mother, my six siblings and two cousins. My both parents were deep in debt and their petty businesses were failing. There were days we had to borrow maize meal from our poor neighbours to eat. My mother used to buy us second hand clothes. Even our poor neighbours called us poor. I had to leave home for another city when I was seventeen years old. But because I gave my life to Jesus, and submitted myself to the process of discipleship, God brought me out of poverty. By the grace of God, I am well educated today, and God is blessing me. Whenever you meet a poor person, share my testimony with them, if you do not have another testimony to share. Good news to the poor is that Jesus Christ has paid the full price for his sin, and his sicknesses, and that he can enjoy the blessings of God here on earth and eternity with God. Jesus can turn things around for their good.

Show genuine love, and unconditional positive regard when sharing the Gospel with a poor person. If you have compassion for them, God will use you to set them free. Be humble and respect them as fellow humans. Be patient with them if they are rude. Speak their language. Make the Gospel easy to understand. At the end of your message, give a compelling invitation to receive the gift of salvation.

A word of advice: you are not sent to solve their financial problems. Some poor people can be manipulative. You are primarily there to give them the Gospel, not money. By all means, if God leads you to give them material things, do it with joy. But don't feel obligated to meet their needs. If they ask you for money, it is okay to say, "I am sorry, I won't be able to help you with that right now." A few months ago, I met a car guard in Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and shared the Gospel with him. After I led him in the prayer to receive the gift of salvation, he told me that he felt like something heavy was taken off of his life and that he feels free. He thanked me for the prayer. When I offered him some money, he did not take it. He told me that what I gave him was more than money. If a poor person truly receives Christ after hearing you preach, he will not ask for money. He will not want to take advantage of you.

HOW TO WIN YOUR FRIENDS TO CHRIST

To win your friends to Christ, you have to first be a good example of the person you want them to become by receiving Christ. Be an example of a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ. Let the fruit of the spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith (Galatians 5:22) be seen in your life. Let your friends desire to have your kind of life. Have a genuine relationship with God.

Share the testimonies of what God is doing in your life. Let them know how God is showering you with His favour because you are His child. About sixteen years ago, a friend of mine was so fascinated with what God was doing in my life. He knew how rough things were in my life, he knew how I was living in one room with three other people. When he began to see and hear how things began to change in my life, he recommitted his life to Jesus. Advertise the goodness of God in your life. Like David, brag about your God:

"I will praise the Lord at all times. I will never stop singing his praises. Humble people, listen and be happy, while I brag about

the Lord." – Psalms 34:1-2 (ERV)

Intercede for your friend. Pray for their salvation and

deliverance. When I was in Bible School, I put the name of a friend on the wall of my room and kept interceding for him, until he gave his heart to Jesus. Don't stop praying for them until they are saved.

Remember to use your social media intentionally. Check what I said about using social media to win people to Christ in your workplace.

Show your friends the love of God. Always be there for them. Love them into the kingdom of God. Love never fails. Love will win even the hardest of sinners to Christ.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and cannot be made angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is never happy when others do wrong, but it is always happy with the truth. Love never stops trusting, never

loses hope, and never quits."

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ERV)

Always pray for them whenever they are in need. Remember what happens when you minister to people's felt need. It will open their hearts to you the day God gives you an opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

Don't criticize, judge or condemn them. Don't threaten them with hell fire. Just be a good example to them and keep sowing the right seed in their lives. Your harvest

day is coming. If some of them are taking too long to respond to your messages, be patient with them. Their day of salvation will come.

Finally, when you feel led by The Spirit, after you have prayed for a specific friend, ask to have a frank discussion with him. Tell him you care about his life. Tell him that you want to see him in heaven. Explain to him what sin does to a person's life and destiny. Then tell him about the love of God and what Jesus did to purchase our salvation. Then pull the trigger – invite him to make the decision to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

HOW TO WIN SICK PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Sometimes sick people are very easy to win to Christ. You just need to know how to apply the wisdom of God while ministering to them.

A sick person is like someone who fell into a pit. All he wants is for someone to pull him out of that pit. They are usually desperate for healing. You must come to them with a message of hope. Tell him about Jesus the healer. Share one or two scriptures that will build his faith for healing. Assure him that it is the will of God for them to be healed. Tell him how Jesus took away both his sin and sickness on the same day.

"Who himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for righteousness – by whose

stripes you were healed." – 1 Peter 2:24

If you have some testimonies of people who have received healings through the prayer of faith, share them with him. You can share some stories in the Bible, where Jesus and the Apostles healed the sick. Assure him that God will heal him because He loves him, and because of what His Son Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. Then pray for them. If you can, place your hand on them while praying. Remember that the healing power of God can be transmitted through the sound of your voice over the telephone.

When you pray, the sick person's heart will open to you. Afterwards, you can share the Gospel briefly and lead them in prayer to receive salvation. Before you leave, tell the person to look out for improvements. Also tell him what to do and say if Satan tries to talk him out of his healing. Make sure you follow up with the person as much as possible.

HOW TO WIN CHILDREN TO CHRIST

Many churches make the mistake of taking children's ministry for granted. They focus only on the adults. Many do not even count the children when they are counting the number of people who attended a church service. I believe it makes God sad. I am strongly convinced that this is why many churches remain small. If your church does not have a plan for reaching children and discipling them, God will stop families from joining your church, because He cares about the children.

Children are God's gift and heritage (Psalm 127:3). Jesus Christ understood the importance of ministering to children. He rebuked His disciples when they tried to stop children from coming to Him.

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said,

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And He laid His hands on

them and departed from there." - Matthew 19:13-14

It is a demonstration of spiritual ignorance to neglect ministering to children. I have seen children sent back to their seats when they came forward in response to an altar call. Even when they were not sent back, they were not counted among those who got saved. This is not right. I led a six-yearold boy to Christ in 2019 and he also got baptized in the Holy Ghost, and he has been growing in the faith since then. He speaks in tongues fluently and knows the word of God. I have been discipling him since then. If you get my book 'Make Disciples', you will learn practical ways of discipling all ages of people.

Practical Ways of Leading Children to Christ

First of all, I want you to know that children understand the message of the Gospel, and the Holy Spirit ministers to children the same way He ministers to adults. There is no 'little Holy Spirit' for children, there is only one Holy Spirit (the same one Jesus Christ had when He was ministering on the earth). So, whatever happens when the Gospel is preached to an adult will happen when it is preached to a child. You just have to present the message in a way he can understand it.

Children watch science fiction films, and they can tell you the story of the entire movie. Children use smartphones and computers. They can unlock your phone, search and

download games by themselves. They can connect to your Wi-Fi and memorize your password. It would be foolishness to think that they cannot understand the word of God. Just share the full Gospel with them and invite them to make a decision for Christ, and see what happens. I have seen kids cry and laugh in the presence of God. Preach the Gospel directly to them.

To enhance their understanding, use visual aids – pictures and videos. Children understand better when more than one of their sense organs is stimulated when they are taught the word of God. One of the ways I teach and disciple children is by playing videos to them. I play videos about the crucifixion of Jesus, for example, and then explain to them why He was crucified. You should take advantage of good Christian cartoons like Superbook and Veggietales (available free of charge on YouTube).

The secret to winning children to Christ is to do everything you would do if you were ministering to adults. Apply the same serious spiritual approach to it. The only difference should be your method of delivery. Also remember to be a positive example, because children will imitate what you do more than they will do what you say. Finally, you must believe that they really got saved after you led them in that prayer.

HOW A TEACHER CAN WIN LEARNERS TO CHRIST

A Christian teacher can disciple more people than most pastors on earth can do in a life time. Teachers have the greatest influence on children. Most of the time, teachers spend more time with children than their parents do. A Christian teacher should see this as a divine opportunity to be maximized for kingdom influence.

On February 19, 1969, his Biology teacher named Ms. Betty Lasher led my spiritual father, Dr David Oyedepo, to Christ. Dr Oyedepo is the founder of one of the largest Pentecostal/Charismatic churches in the world today. She was a missionary teacher. She led many other young people to Christ who are doing great exploits for God around the world today. You don't know who the young person you are leading to Christ would become. Some of the children in your classroom have been destined to be part of the leaders who will win many to Christ and transform the world. God called you, anointed you and positioned you in that school to win the students to Him and to raise for Him an army of worldchangers. I urge you to wake up to this covenant responsibility.

Some Practical Ways to Lead Your Learners to Christ

By the leading of the Holy Spirit, I will be giving you some practical ideas that will enable you to lead your learners to Christ. Please open your heart to receive them and expect a divine empowerment to put them to work.

1. Show them the love of God

Love is the most powerful force on earth. It can open any heart. Children are drawn to people who genuinely love them. Dr David Oyedepo once said this about the woman who led him to Christ, "You could catch love on her face. She loved kids. The love of Jesus radiating from her eyes, she caught me with that love and several others."

You have God, who is Love personified living in you (1 John 4:16). You have in your born-again spirit, the Godkind of love (Galatians 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit of God living in you has poured the love of God into your heart

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." - Romans 5:5

Let this life-changing love flow from you to the learners God has put under your tutelage. Don't be mean to them. Don't hurt their feelings with your words. Don't abuse them. Motivate and encourage them with words of encouragement. Correct them gently. Touch them, reassure them, strengthen their self-esteem. Give them gifts. Bake cakes and muffins for them. Make them feel special and loved, and they will open their hearts to receive your message of God's love.

2. Pray for them

Everything I have shared with you about prayer in this book applies here. Break the hold of the devil on their lives. Call them by name, and ask God to save them.

Ask God to give you your school, and empower you to win everyone – staff and students to Christ.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy

possession." - Psalms 2:8 (KJV)

3. Engage in Strategic Evangelism

Some schools may not allow the public preaching of the Gospel to learners, so you have to be wise, intentional, and strategic in your approach to sharing the Gospel. You can invite your learners to your office for some private academic counselling, and while talking to them about how to improve their academic performance, chip in the message of the Gospel and lead them in prayer.

You can also target learners and speak with them privately in the course of the day.

Take advantage of any opportunity you have to pray in any school gathering to chip in the message of the Gospel in your prayer, like I explained earlier. This is why you should not be an 'undercover Christian'. The school should know you as the 'Prayer Warrior'.

When any student is sick or injured, be there as much as possible to pray with them. When any staff member is sick, you should also be there for him.

Have a sticker on your desk, laptop or water bottle with the Gospel message on them. Let people 'read' the Gospel whenever they see it.

4. Hold fellowship meetings

If your school does not have a fellowship for Christian students, start one. This will be your platform for evangelism and discipleship. In 1998, with the permission of the founder of our High School, my friends and I started a branch of Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) on our campus. We met on Tuesdays for prayers and on Fridays for our weekly fellowship. We had a choir and a live band. One Muslim boy even attended the fellowship. Many of those who got saved there are still serving The Lord today. In my book 'Make Disciple' I discussed what to teach your disciple in one of the chapters. You need to take them on a journey, one step at a time, so that by the time they are graduating, you have given them a solid foundation for a successful Christian life.

HOW TO WIN YOUR SPOUSE TO CHRIST

ife can be difficult when one's spouse is unsaved. An unsaved person has the nature of the devil and is controlled by the spirit of disobedience (Ephesians 2:1-2). The most painful thing that could happen to you is to see your loved one slip into eternity without receiving the gift of salvation. If you keep doing everything God will reveal to you in this chapter and other things He will reveal to you that are not in this book, you will soon see your spouse saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

1. Engage in a Prayer Warfare

Praying for someone to be saved is a form of spiritual warfare. You are determined to snatch him out of the hand of the devil. The Bible admonishes us to pull unsaved people out of fire:

"And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even

the garment defiled by the flesh." - Jude 1:22

You command the devil to desist from his manipulations and manoeuvres, and claim the salvation of your spouse by the force of faith. Pray that God would send laborers to your spouse to lead him or her to Christ (Matthew 9:38). Pray extensively in the spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to pray the perfect will of God through your lips. You and I know that God will never fail to answer when the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.

"In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at

the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words." - Romans 8:26 (AMP)

Praying for the salvation of your spouse is the will of God, and we are assured of answers whenever we pray according to His will.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14

Do not be discouraged if your spouse's behaviour seems to worsen after you start praying. If you do not give up, you will surely see him or her saved. It may seem as though nothing is happening, but God is at work.

"Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary." Galatians 6:9 (NASB) Keep on praying and God will answer you.

"Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you." - Mark 11:24

2. Continue to be a Good Example

Some believers' bad habits are the reason why their spouses have not yet been born again. Your spouse will not be interested in a Jesus who cannot change your life. Your Christian lifestyle speaks louder than your sermons.

"Married women, in the same way, be submissive to your husbands, so that even if some of them disbelieve the Message, they may, apart from the Message, be won over by the daily life

of their wives, after watching your daily life — so full of

reverence, and so blameless!"

1 Peter 3:1-2 (Weymouth New Testament)

Next to the word of God, the lifestyle of a Christian wife is the greatest instrument God can use to save her husband and children. If you want your husband to love God, show him by the way you love the Lord. Stop the nagging. Stop being disrespectful. You should be bold to say with Apostle Paul, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

Lead a holy life. You should model the highest Christian character in your home. If you miss the mark, confess your sins openly. You should let your spouse see how faithfully you serve the Lord. Show your spouse the unconditional love of God. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 17:1-13.

God has called you to lead your spouse to Christ and to disciple him or her unto maturity. Receive grace to fulfil this calling in Jesus' name.

3. Continue to Speak Life

Oftentimes, people do all the right things, but they destroy all their good works by saying the wrong things. The Bible says,

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences

of their words." Proverbs 18:21 (AMP)

It is possible that you are the one stopping or delaying the salvation of your spouse by your constant complaining, nagging and criticisms. God wants you to say only what you want to see happen in your spouse's life, instead of saying what you are seeing. If you will speak the will of God (salvation, deliverance, sanctification, etc.) over your spouse, you will weaken the hold of the devil on his or her life. Start

praying and declaring God's words over your spouse instead of venting to your friends. For instance, if he is not born again, he may do what sinners do from time to time, despite the fact that he loves you so much. This is because of his fallen nature. He commits the sinful act because of his sinful nature. He may promise never to do it again, but he does not have the power to resist the spirit of disobedience that is ruling his life. You can strengthen the influence of that spirit by complaining and criticizing him or you can weaken it by resisting the devil, claiming your husband's salvation and deliverance. Complaining only complicates situations. The next time you are tempted to gripe, do the opposite, and bless your spouse. By blessing your spouse, you will break the hold of the devil and open the door for them to receive the word of salvation.

4. Engage the Power of Your Body

Jesus Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing lives in you.

...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 1:27

You are a member of the body of Christ the Anointed. He is the head and we are His body. We are partakers of His divine nature. "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption

that is in the world through lust." - 1 Peter 1:3-4

Everything that makes the Head powerful is in the body. The anointing that destroys every yoke is in you as one who is united with Christ. Whatever happens in a place when Jesus shows up is ordained to happen wherever you show up. I have been walking in this revelation, as a result, whenever I stay in a place, people start getting saved, as I spread the influence of the Anointed one and His anointing that is at work in me. The power of God is transmitted into anything that a believer touches, if he is conscious of it.

"God was doing extraordinary and unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or face-towels or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out [of them]."

Acts 19:11-12 (AMP)

The anointing of Christ in you is transmittable. It can do something in the life of your spouse. You can release this anointing through your words and by physical contact.

Never refuse to have sexual relations with your spouse because he or she is not saved. Instead take advantage

of it. Be conscious of the spiritual 'law of contact and transmission.' Something from your body is transferred into your spouse each time you have physical contact. When your spouse sleeps in the same bed with you, be conscious of the power of God in the room. Lay your hands on your spouse's clothes and declare salvation and deliverance. Remember that God makes sure that the words you say come to pass.

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them,

and you will have them." Mark 11:23-24

Let the devil not make you believe that your steps of faith are superstitious. You must be consistent in your words and actions. Do not give up on what you believe. Be willing to stand in faith forever for the salvation of your spouse. Dr Jerry Savelle once said, "If you are willing to stand forever, God will make sure you do not stand for long." God will answer your prayer and honour your faith in Jesus' name.

5. Preach the Gospel

Whenever you get an opportunity, share the Gospel with your spouse in a humble way. Use all of the strategies I have shared with you, particularly the one on winning your

family members to Christ. When your spouse is concerned about something, take the opportunity to explain how Jesus can solve the problem. If your spouse is sick, talk about Jesus the healer. Pray that God would put the right words in your mouth and that He would help you to know the right time to share the Gospel with your spouse.

After you have shared the word, remember to invite your spouse to receive the gift of salvation.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU GO OUT

inning the lost is a highly spiritual exercise, and you must give it a serious spiritual approach to succeed at it. Prayer is the secret of my success in personal evangelism. In this short chapter, I will share with you how to prepare yourself in prayer for a fruitful evangelism.

The angels of God are sent to work for us as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission.

"Are not all the angels ministering spirits sent out [by God] to serve (accompany, protect) those who will inherit salvation? [Of course, they are!] Hebrews 1:4 (AMP)

They are the spiritual reaper in the harvest field.

"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."

Matthew 13:39

For hitch-free outreaches, we engage the ministry of

the angels of God. As we travel around the world to preach the Gospel, they ensure that God's will is carried out during harvest.

Before you go out spend some time in prayer. Ask the Lord to deploy His angels ahead of you into the areas you plan to share the Gospel. Decree the destruction of every power of darkness that has been sent to obstruct your outreach. When you pray, the angels of God begin to wage war on your behalf against the forces of darkness that are arrayed against you.

It is important to ask The Holy Spirit to lead you to the right place, where the right people are waiting to receive the gift of salvation. Pray extensively in the language of the spirit.

Pray for God to open the hearts of the people to receive the message of the Gospel. Ask God to remove every veil Satan has put on the minds of the people to stop the light of the Gospel from penetrating.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

2 Corinthians 4:4

Pray that God would give you the right word for each person you will be speaking to. Ask God to fill you with the

wisdom required to communicate the word of God with simplicity, accuracy and great effect.

You should earnestly desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit and pray that they will flow freely to confirm your message, as you meet with people. The primary purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is for the harvest of souls into the kingdom of God. When the Holy Ghost was poured out on the day of Pentecost and the gift of diverse kinds of tongues manifested, three thousand people were added to the kingdom of God (Acts 2:1-46). After the man who was born crippled was healed by the manifestation of the gift of the working of miracles in Acts Chapter three, the kingdom of God increased by five thousand people. When God confirmed the preaching of Philip the Evangelist with miracles, signs and wonders, the entire city was won to Christ.

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and

lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

Acts 8:5-8

Always ask God to use you to demonstrate His power as you share the everlasting Gospel of His son Jesus Christ. The believers in the early church said this prayer and God answered them.

"...Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they

spoke the word of God with boldness."

Acts 4:29-31

Let this be the cry of your heart. If it is in your heart, God will make sure you experience it.

Many times, the manifestation of the gift of healing has opened the door for me to win the lost. I remember one day at Vincent Mall (in East London, South Africa), the Holy Spirit asked me to share the Gospel with a man sitting next to me. I was not in a very happy mood that day, and I did not know how to even start a conversation with the man. I finally pulled myself together and asked if I could speak to him for a few minutes. He told me that he could not hear with his right ear, and moved over to my right, so he could hear me from his left ear. I saw an open door. I told him that I would pray for God to open his ear and then I would tell him why God opened his ear (because of His love, and His son Jesus Christ). I prayed for him and God opened his ear and he heard me perfectly. I then proceeded to share the Gospel with him.

Sometimes if I meet someone who is sick, I heal him with the power of God before I share the Gospel with him. The manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit opens the heart of people to receive the Gospel.

Another time I asked God to give me a word of knowledge about a man I wanted to preach to in a village in Edo State, Nigeria. After I told him something about him which he did not tell me, his heart was open to receive the Gospel.

Before you go out to witness for Christ, pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Your prayer life determines how effective your witness will be.

CHAPTER 8

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU HAVE SHARED THE GOSPEL

hat you do after you have shared the Gospel with your contact is very important. In this chapter I will share with you some important things to do after someone has given you the opportunity to speak to them about Jesus.

1. Give a compelling invitation

After you have told your contact about God's plan for salvation, you must give him an opportunity to receive the gift of salvation. What a person does or does not do after hearing the message of salvation will determine where he spend eternity. This is why asking a person to make the decision to make Jesus The Lord of his life is one of the most important things you will ever do as a believer. You must be very strategic and intentional about it.

Some believers are so annoyingly careless when it

comes to this stage of evangelism. They would preach a very powerful message and mess it up with a very casual invitation. There are ways you should never make an invitation. For example, you should never ask someone any of the following:

"Do you want to be born again now or do you want to think about it?" The person may tell you "no, I want to think about it" or "I am not ready now".

"Do you want to become a child of God?"

Most people do not believe that they are children of the devil.

I have messed up several times, until The Holy Spirit taught me how to make compelling invitations. There is a way now I make my invitation that works for me every time. For example, instead of asking someone if he would like to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, I tell him to do so. This is how I say it: "I want to have the honor and privilege to lead you in a prayer of salvation. After you say this prayer, all your sin will be washed away and you will become a brandnew man. Is there any reason in the world you wouldn't want to make Jesus the Lord of your life right now? Is there any reason you wouldn't want to say this prayer with me?" Most of the times I get a positive response. Some other times, I say something like "There is one prayer you will say that will change your life right now. The Bible assures us that if anyone would confess with his mouth the Lordship of Jesus and believe in his heart that God raised Him from the dead, he shall be saved. I am sure you want to be saved; I am sure you want to have Jesus in your life; I am sure you would love to spend eternity with Jesus after a very successful life on earth! Is there any reason why you would not want to say that prayer with me now?" I know someone may think I am manipulating people, but remember that before I got to this point, I have shared the Powerful, self-anointed Gospel with them, and my Covenant-Partner - The Holy Ghost was working on their hearts while the words were coming out of my mouth. This is no manipulation. The whole of heaven is watching because a lost person is about to return home. I put all of my faith energy into my invitation. I do it with every sense of responsibility and God gives me the increase.

Once a person agrees to say the prayer, I ask them to repeat the prayer after you. Please be very mindful of the content of the prayer. It is not every confession that leads to salvation. These two elements must be part of the prayer: "**The Lordship of Jesus Christ** and **His resurrection from the dead**, according to Romans 10:9. This is an example of the prayer I lead people to say to receive the gift of salvation: *"Lord Jesus, I am a sinner in need of salvation. I believe you*

died for my sins, and God raised you from the dead. I receive the free gift of salvation you have purchased for me by your death, burial and resurrection. I declare that I am now a child of God, a new creature in Christ. I ask you to baptize me with your Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues."

Just make sure that they confess and receive Jesus as Lord. If you lead a person to do what the Bible says in Romans 10:9 they will surely be saved. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to lead people to salvation and He will surely do so.

2. Assure the new believer of his salvation

Usually, when a person genuinely receives the gift of salvation, he is so excited because of the 'feeling' of freedom they get. Some people I have led to The Lord recently told me that they felt like a heavy load was taken off their heart and they felt free. The unfortunate thing is that there is a guy called 'The Devil' who comes immediately someone receives the word of God to steal the word they have just received (read Mark 4:1-41). He will organize temptations and persecutions discourage the new believer. He is also called 'The Accuser of the Brethren' (Revelation 12:10), and he will try to lie to a new believer, and make them feel unworthy and unclean. This is why it is very important to assure the new believer of his right standing with God. Find scriptures that assures him that he is now a new person. Let him know that he is not the same person you met a few minutes ago. Assure him that he became a new creature the moment he said the prayer, according to 2 Corinthians 5:17. I usually tell a person I lead to Christ that he is like a baby just born in a hospital, who has never done anything wrong. I tell him that, like that new born baby, he has no record of sin in the sight of God. Everything he did wrong has been washed away. Please get my book 'Make Disciples' to learn what to teach a new believer. Please prepare your new convert to face 'The Accuser of the Brethren' by assuring them of their salvation.

3. Leave the new believer with something to read

Please always have a copy of printed or electronic follow-up material to share with people you lead to Christ. It is very important for a new believer to read something to reassure him of what happened to him after he said the prayer to receive the gift of salvation. You can download the following materials from our website dominioncommission.org 'Your New Life in Christ' and

'How to Grow in Your New Christian Life'. You can send them a soft copy over WhatsApp or E-mail.

A new believer is like a new born baby. He will definitely encounter many temptations. It may take some time before he learns how to walk in victory over his old sinful habits. Sometimes when he sins, Satan will condemn him and try to make him feel that he was probably not 'well saved'. This is why you see a lot of new believers coming to the altar again and again to 'recommit' their lives to Christ. If you give them something to read, they will resort to it when The Accuser comes to them.

4. Believe that the new believer is truly saved

You should never forget this Gospel truth, "the devil is a liar!

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." - John 8:44

Sometimes Satan will try to make you feel like the person you just shared the Gospel with, and led in the prayer was not really saved. He hates evangelism. You should remember that you literally went to his prison in broad day light, took one of his captives and walked away unchallenged. He will do everything possible to get his prisoner back, and his two most powerful tools are lies and deception. He will lie to you and the new believer. Sometimes, because the new believer's mind has not been renewed by the word of God, he will still behave like he used to behave before he got saved, and the devil will tell you, "You see, he is not saved..." You must resist him each time he tries to lie to you.

Believe that the word of God you have preached will always accomplish God's desired purpose (Isaiah 55:11). Even if the person does not say the prayer after you have shared the Gospel with him, believe that you have sown the incorruptible seed of the word of God in his heart and God will surely cause it to germinate and bear fruits.

5. Pray for the new believer

Always write down the name, address and phone number of anyone you have led to Christ. Call them by name when praying for them. Pray that God would send him someone who will help him grow in the faith. Ask God to send him someone to disciple him. Pray that he would never return to his old ways. Prayer is still the most effective followup strategy. Do not stop praying. Whenever you do not know what to pray about for your disciples, pray for them in the language of the spirit.

You may only meet the people you led to Christ again in heaven. The devil lied to me one time that there was no need to lead random people I meet on the street to Christ if I won't get them planted in a church. I bought into that lie and became unfruitful. But he is a liar, now I know better. I lead people to Christ and commit them to the one who is able to keep them from falling.

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy..."

Jude 1:24

Prayer can do what words can do. Your prayer will reach them wherever they are. The establishment of new believers is the will of God, and God answers whenever we ask anything in line with His will.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have

the petitions that we have asked of Him." - 1 John 5:14-15

The process of discipleship begins immediately after a person has received the gift of salvation. If a new born baby is abandoned in the hospital after birth, he will die within twenty-four hours. In the same way, a person who just became born again will return to his old ways if no one takes the responsibility of discipling him. We bring them into the kingdom through evangelism, but we nurture them unto maturity through discipleship. You will learn more about practical ways to nurture a new believer in my other book, 'Make Disciples'. Please get it today.

POWER TO WIN THE LOST

here is an anointing that makes winning the lost possible. It ignites a zeal in the heart of a believer to reach out to the unsaved, and energizes him to keep going, even when the devil organizes persecutions to stop him. If for any reason you have never won a person to the Lord since you got saved, or you have not been consistent in doing so, God wants to pour out His Spirit upon you right now.

Before Jesus was taken up into heave, He instructed His disciples to wait for an enduement with power from heaven which would enable them to fulfil the task He had given them – to preach the Gospel to all creatures and to make disciple of all nations (Matthew 29:16-20; Mark 16:15-18).

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with

the Holy Spirit not many days from now...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 1:4-5, 8

Jesus Christ Himself knew that no human has capacity to fulfil The Great Commission in the energy of the flesh. We need this power from on high to be able to boldly proclaim the Gospel and see sinners receive the gift of salvation.

The disciples waited in the upper room, in obedience to the Christ's instruction until the day of Pentecost.

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of

them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." - Acts 2:1-4

They received the power and everything about them changed. The same Peter, who out of fear, denied Jesus Christ three times a few weeks ago, preached a message that led about three thousand people to Christ with one sermon (Acts 2:14-42). The difference between that weak Peter and

the one who preached boldly was the power he received.

Child of God, there is power available to you right now. This power will turn you into a sharp sickle in the hand of the Almighty God, to harvest multitudes into His kingdom. God wants to pour out His Spirit upon your life right now because He wants to anoint you to preach the Gospel to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of the sight to the blind; to liberate people from the oppression of the devil (Luke 4:18). The Holy Spirit will turn you into 'God's power bank', to charge up and strengthen weak believers. Peter and John used this power to heal a man who was born lame (Acts 3:1-10), and this one miracle brought thousands of people into the kingdom of God.

"However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand."

Acts 4:4

This power will make you bold. You will need this boldness to proclaim the gospel in certain places, disregarding the threats penalties and consequences. This power will cause your words to become as powerful as fire, a sword and a hammer, thereby empowering it to bring conviction, repentance and conversion. When you receive this power, you will be filled with the wisdom of God to be

able to speak the right words to the right people at the right time and place.

With the wisdom and power that came with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Philip, who was an ordinary Christian like you and I took an entire city for Jesus Christ, leading many to salvation.

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and

lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

Acts 8:5-8

With this power at work in your life nobody will be too hard for you to win to Christ and no place will be too difficult for you to take for Jesus.

You need this power if you want to win many to Christ. With this power at work in your life, many people on their way to hell fire will be redirected to heaven, and on that day when it is all over, you will hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" many will be in heaven because of you. Child of God, this power is available on demand. The believers asked for it in prayer and this was the result: "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with

the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with

boldness." - Acts 4:31

God will never fail to answer anyone who asks Him to fill Him with the Holy Spirit. He says,

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the

Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" - Luke 11:13

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I want to lead you in this prayer. Find a place where you will be able to pray. As you say this prayer aloud, the Spirit of God will come upon you, and His power shall be released. As soon as you say this prayer, God will give you a new prayer language, so I want you to pray in other tongues for as long as you can to activate this power.

If you are ready, say this prayer aloud, with all your heart:

"Lord Jesus, I believe you died for my sins, and God raised you from the dead. I now receive you as my baptizer with the Holy Ghost and fire. Fill me now with your Holy Spirit and let your power come upon me right now, in your name. Amen."

Now, close your eyes, lift your hands and begin to pray in other tongues.

FINAL CHARGE

You have received a lot of ideas and instructions in this book. The question is, what are you going to do with them? I strongly believe that God led you to read this book because he wants you to use you to fulfil His end-time agenda. My prayer is that you will not disappoint Him. It is the doer of the word that is blessed (James 1:22-25). Right now, I decree the impartation of the Spirit of Obedience on your life in Jesus' name.

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