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Soul Winner

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# 1

## *WHAT IS MAN?*

**"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world**

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**unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God".**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-20**

**I**n at least four places in the Scriptures the question is asked, what is man?

**"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"**

**Psalms 8:4**

**"What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?"**

**Job 7:17-18**

**"LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!"**

**Psalms 144:3**

**"But one in a certain place testified, saying, what is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"**

**Hebrews 2:6**

## **What is man?**

### **SIX THINGS THAT MAN IS**

#### **Man is a created being and a made being**

When I write of man as a being that is created, I simply mean there is a part of God that is in man and when I write of man as a made being, I simply mean that there is a part of the dust or earth that is man. Genesis 2:7 says that,

**"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."**

**Genesis 2:7**

The breath of life that God breathed into man is the created part of man, so man is both a created and a made being. That is the first thing man is.

#### **Man is a dependent being**

Dependent in this context simply means man is the creature of a creator and therefore depends on his creator for his survival. God is not a dependent being, God is self-existent. He does not depend on anything outside Himself for His existence. God says I AM THAT I AM, but that is

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not man; man is a dependent being. You and I depend on others - depend on our drivers, depend on our lecturers, depend on our students, depend on our jobs, etc. We are dependent beings.

### **Man Is A Moral Being**

What does it mean to be a moral being? It simply means that man is a being with a power of choice. He is a being that has freewill to determine and to choose what he will do and what he will not do, what he will say and what he will not say, where he will go and where he will not go. Man is not a robot; man has a will and is allowed to make choices by God. God can teach us what to choose but the choice is still ours.

**"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live"**

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

So man is a moral being with a conscience to choose.

**"And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all**

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**good conscience before God until this day.”  
Acts 23:1**

Man is a moral being, a being with the freewill to make decisions and choices. So man is not just a created and a made being, he is not just a dependent being; he is also a moral being.

### **Man Is A Love Being**

Man was created by a being known as love; man is the only part of creation that can receive and give love. Man is different from the brute beasts that are completely dependent on their feelings and their instincts. Man is a love being. The best thing you can offer man is love; the best thing God has offered man is love. Man appreciates love, man receives love. When everything fails, love never fails.

**“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away”.**  
**1 Corinthians 13:8**

That is why God is love. So man is not just a created being, he is not just a made being, man is not just a

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dependent being, he is not just a moral being, man is also as it were, a love being.

### **Man Is A Composite Being**

Man is a being of many parts. Man is not monolithic in constitution, man is a composite being. The word composite means that man has two or three parts. Man is made up of parts. In the natural you know we are made up of organs and systems: reproductive system, digestive system, circulatory system and we have various organs.

Man is a composite being with several parts and there are two theories that explain this composite nature. The first theory is what we call the dichotomous theory. This theory says man is made up of two parts: the visible part, the invisible part; the seen, the unseen; the natural and the supernatural; the inward and the outward. That is the first theory of man's constitution. The second theory however is called trichotomous theory and this theory says that man is made up of three parts. These theories are given backing to in scriptures.

While 2 Corinthians 4:16 "(For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man

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is renewed day by day)” gives backing as it were to the dichotomous theory, 1Thessalonians 5:23 “(And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ)” underscores the trichotomous theory. Here, the spirit is differentiated from the soul, and the spirit and soul are differentiated from the body.

At the beginning there was spirit which is from God and there was body which was formed out of the dust. When God the spirit breath into man, there was an interaction between the spirit and the body and mans soul was produced. So the soul of man was a creation of the interaction between the Spirit of God and the body that he formed from the dust. So the soul of man is the creation that was brought into being when the Spirit of God came into contact with the body of man. This is the trichotomous theory.

### **Man Is An Intelligent Being**

What does it mean to be intelligent? In our everyday way of using intelligence, we will say well, if somebody is very

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intelligent what it means is that he is very bright, he is very smart, but that is not what the word intelligence actually mean. I studied that word very closely, I studied it in Greek, I studied it in Hebrew, I looked at it very closely in Latin and I tried to look at it in other ways in which it is used and I came out with a simple definition that the word intelligence simply means reasonable.

Man is an intelligent being which means man is a reasonable being. What does that mean? It simply means for everything man does, for everything man says, for every place man goes to, there is always a reason.

The word intelligence means not just to be reasonable; it also means to be responsible. Man does not just do things anyhow, there is always a reason for the people he sees, there is a reason for the places he goes and there is a reason for the things he does. There is a reason why you go to a certain church, there is a reason why you do the kind of business you do; buying and selling, etc. There is a reason for reading the course you read, there is a reason for going to the university you go, there is a reason for settling in the place where you settle.

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The word intelligence means to be contemplative, to contemplate an action which means the action of men are not irrational, the actions of men are not just things that happen to occur, they are contemplated. The word intelligence also means to be shrewd, responsible and to do things by perception. Man is an intelligent being.

Man is an intelligent being who does things based on reasoning. The reason for which man does things may be expressed by him or it may not be expressed by him, but that does not mean there is no reason. If you see anybody do anything and you say why are you doing that? And he says, "nothing," he is not serious; he is not giving you the whole truth. There must be a reason, because man is an intelligent being who does things for reasons that are best known to him.

The reasons why I do things may be different from the reasons why you do your own things but we are intelligent beings. We do things for various reasons. And whenever we do not do things there are reasons also.

In the light of the above I want to share with you some reasons many Christians do not evangelize. I am not

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claiming that these reasons are exhaustive. I am also not claiming that these reasons are the only reasons there are, but I am trying to point us in certain directions to help us to know why we do not evangelize.

All these reasons may not be the same reasons for you, there may be other reasons but for what man does and for what man does not do, there are reasons. The reasons may not be acceptable. The reasons may not be the same. The reasons may not be tenable. The reasons may not be what people say. The reasons may be what they have never told anyone, but there are reasons for what man does just like there are reasons for what man does not do.

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### *REASONS WE DO NOT EVANGELIZE*

**M**ost believers do not see winning souls as their duty. You and indeed everyone have the duty, obligation and responsibility to evangelise and win souls. People are more likely to do what they believe is their job. Where there is no admission that something is our job, one can always expect that there will be no commitment or devotion to do it. No matter what other jobs we are doing, a common job for everyone to do is the work of an evangelist. Your job description is not just to invite people to meetings, but also to invite them directly to Christ.

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When we read the New Testament, we cannot but notice that it was and is still our job.

**"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard".**

**Acts 4:20**

**"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature".**

**Mark 16:15**

The early disciples saw it as their job.

**"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ".**

**Acts 5:42**

**"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word".**

**Acts 8:4**

People fail to evangelize because they do not see it as their obligation. They do not see it as their responsibility. A father may bring a child to the world but if he does not feel that it is his duty to pay the school fees of the child,

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he may not pay, not because he does not have the money, not because he does not feel that it is a good thing to do, but because he does not think it is his job. We may feel that we are doing other jobs already: I'm an usher already, I'm a deliverance minister already, I'm a member of the choir already, and so because we do not see it as our job, we do not evangelize.

Some people believe that evangelism is for those who have been trained and who are being paid to do it. They believe it is the work of the pastor; he is being paid to do it. They have not come to accept, receive, admit and adjust their understanding to the fact that it is their duty, their obligation and their responsibility to win souls. Now the ultimate question is this, whose job is it to win souls? It is your job, it is my job and that was what Jesus called work, and if you and I will do the work that Jesus did; we must do what He did in winning souls. Christ came to seek and save what was lost.

**"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost".**

**Matthew 18:11**

**"For the Son of man is come to seek and to**

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save that which was lost".

Luke 19:10

In Matthew 18:11, He said I came to save the lost. In Luke 19:10, He said I came to seek and to save the lost sheep. Once you see something as your job, you will do it but when you do not see that it is your duty to do it, no matter what anybody says, you may say well, that is not part of my responsibility. Until we begin to see evangelism as our job and part of what we need to do (that which Jesus calls work) we will never do it. Paul was speaking to Timothy and he said something that I will like to share with you here.

**"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry".**

2Timothy 4:5

Paul said to Timothy do the work of an evangelist. You may not be an evangelist; but do the work of an evangelist, which means he was telling Timothy that he needed to see evangelism as part of his job, mandate, and commission. I like some other translations of this verse, "Work to spread the gospel." He was telling him part of your work is to spread the gospel. Another one says, "Do

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the works of a missionary.” A missionary is someone who is sent with a mandate. Another one says, “Do your works as a herald of the gospel.” A herald is a messenger that carries a message; it is part of your responsibility.

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new”.**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Of course, verse 17 talks about us. He now goes ahead to tell us in verse 18 that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and He has given unto us the ministry of reconciliation. Now to whom is the ministry of reconciliation begotten, to whom is the work of reconciliation given? It is the person in verse 17 that God says, “Therefore if he is in Christ he is a new creature.” So people do not evangelize because they do not see it as their work but God’s word tells us that you and I have received the ministry of reconciliation.

One translation of that scripture says, “To which God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” This means you and I are supposed to work in making peace. That is part of our

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mandate, we are supposed to work in making people who are enemies with God become God's friends. There is a lot of witnessing in the book of Acts. How can we claim we are doing the works He did if we are not winning souls?

**"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father".**

**John 14:12**

We are His witnesses.

**"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses".**

**Acts 2:32**

**"And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses".**

**Acts 3:15**

**"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all".**

**Acts 4:33**

## **We Feel We Are Not Able To**

Many believe they are not qualified to do so. People believe

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or feel they cannot evangelize. In the word of God, you will see so many people who God told to do things but who told God they were not able. When God first called Moses to go and deliver the children of Israel in Exodus 3:10-13, Moses argued.

**“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, what is his name? What shall I say unto them?”**

**Exodus 3:10-13.**

Also in Exodus 4:1, 4:10 Moses was still arguing, He told God I am a man of a slow tongue, I am a stammerer. He was saying I cannot do it.

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**"And Moses answered and said, but, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee."**

**Exodus 4:1**

**"And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue."**

**Exodus 4:10**

Some people believe that they cannot, they are not able to. When God called Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:6 he said, "... I, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child." When God called Gideon in the book of Judges 6:15 he said, "Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." When God called Saul to be the first king of Israel, he said 'my family is the least family in our small tribe'. He was saying I cannot, I am not able to, I cannot convince anyone, I am not good enough, etc. Some people believe that. You may feel that you are not persuasive, you cannot convince anybody.

Now let me ask you a simple question: will God expect you

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to do something and not help you do it? Will God expect you to do something and not equip you to do it? God will never ask us to evangelize if He had not made fantastic provision for you and I to be able to do it. Matthew 4:19 He said to the apostles, "...Follow me, and I will make you ...." God is not looking for ability in any one but availability.

**"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here am I; send me".**

**Isaiah 6:8**

When the apostles started preaching, Acts 4:13 the word of God tells us the people knew that they were ignorant and unlearned men but they took notice that they had been with Jesus. The literal Greek says,

**"They took notice of what being with Jesus  
had done to them"**

**Acts 4:13**

**"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to  
think any thing as of ourselves; but our  
sufficiency is of God;"**

**2 Corinthians 3:5**

He is the one who made us able. In 1 Corinthians 3:6-7,

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Paul said,

**"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."**

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

While some are gifted to do evangelism in special ways at certain times we are all called to win souls and God will work in us to make us so. Luke 12:12.

**"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."**

**Philippians 2:13**

It isn't ability in terms of what we have that is important to God but availability because all the ability is Gods already. So part of our failure to evangelise comes from a lack of this understanding.

God uses not so much the ability of people but the faithfulness of many. Your conclusion that you can't because you don't have the ability does not absolve you of the responsibility to obey. It is work that we all can do as members of the body.

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### **Other Things Seem More Urgent To Us Than Evangelizing**

We think we are too busy with other good things which are legitimate ways for us to spend our time. We think our job will not give us time to evangelize; our marriage will not give us time to evangelize; our academics will not give us time to evangelize; our businesses will not give us time to evangelize. We believe that there are other things that are more important to us, which are more time sensitive than evangelizing. In other words in our priority there is so much else to do in any given day that are time sensitive.

Most of the time it isn't that our other commitments are such that can't be delayed till later but it is because that is the way we interpret them.

People always come up with reasons why they do not do what they need to do. In Luke 14, a man made a great feast and he invited many people, but when it was almost time for the feast to start, they all began to drag their feet. He sent out people to remind them and said in verse 17, "come now for all things are ready;" and the people with almost complete unanimity began to give excuses. They

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were saying 'I have other things that are on my priority: I have bought land, I have to go and see it; I have bought oxen, I have not tried them; I have just married, I cannot come'.

People always give the impression that there are certain things that are first in their lives ahead of obeying God's call to win souls. They try to explain away the fact that there are other things that are time sensitive.

Jesus speaking in Luke 9:59, "And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury the dead but you go and preach the kingdom of God".

That man was saying, Look there's something high on my agenda - my parents, my academics, my work - they are important. Jesus said my work is more important than all those ones.

**"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".**

**Matthew 6:33**

God must be first in our lives. Let everything wait and let

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evangelism take the fore front. You have to do it in season and out of season. You cannot explain it away. Jesus said even if your father is dead; what can be compared to you losing your father? But Jesus said that should not stop the work of evangelism. Some people say I cannot evangelize; my wife is in the hospital. I cannot evangelize, my children are too young and I must stay with them. Jesus was saying that the reason people do not evangelize is because they think there are other things that are more important but most of the time, we just claim those things are important not because they are more important than evangelism but because that is the way we see it and that is the way we prefer to see it.

Let us consider Luke 9 again, Jesus said to them, let the dead bury their own dead, and another said Lord I will follow thee but first, let me go and bid them farewell which are at my house and Jesus said to them no man having put his hand on the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

I have a business deal, I have an appointment, I have a meeting, I have a place, I have books to read and

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because of that you want the king's commandment to wait; you want the king's job to wait. Dying souls will not wait for you; hell will not wait for you; death will not wait for you. So, there is nothing more important and urgent than winning souls because some souls that we would have won yesterday may not be there tomorrow for us to win. These excuses are generated because we don't plan to make time to evangelise. We plan for so many less important things why not plan for evangelism as well.

## **We Do Not Love God Enough and We Do Not Love Our Neighbours and Unsaved Sinners Enough**

The word of God tells us to love God,

**"Thou shall love the lord thy God with thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might."**

**Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37**

**"And the Lord directs your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."**

**2Thessalonians 3:5**

**"Keep yourself in the love of God..."**

**Jude 21**

**"O love the LORD, all ye his saints..."**

**Psalms 31:23**

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The reason some of us do not evangelize is because we do not love God enough and I'm going to prove it. Simply because some people say I love God, does not mean they do as their action does not show it. Action is the best way to prove love and Jesus said it clearly in 3 places. The English man says action speaks louder than words.

**"If you love me, keep my commandments".  
John 14:14**

**"He that has my commandment and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father and I will love him and will manifest myself to him."**

**John 14:21**

Do you now see the reason God does not manifest Himself to us? It is because our action does not reflect our love. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love him because he first loved us." How can I prove that I love God? Keep His commandment. What is His commandment? Go into all the earth and preach the Gospel. It is a command, it is an instruction. You have received the ministry of reconciliation; obey His command. The word of God tells us when the people went in Mark 16:20 preaching, "And they went forth, and preached

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everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” He said if you love me, keep my commandment. The commandments of God are not grievous, the commandment of God are simple: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned and these signs shall follow them that believe.

So why do we not for God’s sake preach? Why do we not evangelize? Because we do not love God enough; in these last days we are told the love of many will wax cold. Now we are lovers of pleasure than lovers of God. We can spend ninety minutes watching a football match in which you and I have no stake at all. Whether Nigeria wins or Egypt wins or England wins, there is no personal benefit to you but he that winneth soul is wise. Why is it that we concentrate on doing the things that do not benefit us personally? Of what value is it to watch a soap, ‘mirror in the sun’ for thirty minutes? Godliness is profitable unto all things having a promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. Why is it that we do not evangelize? Let us look at verse 23, of John 14, “Jesus answered and said

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unto them if a man loves me, he will keep my words..."

How do you know someone who loves God? He keeps His word. If you love God, you will keep His commandment.

**"Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded".**

**Proverbs 13:13**

Still on love, we do not evangelize because we do not love people enough. The first commandment is thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might, the second is thou shall love thy neighbour as thyself. If you know that if your neighbour keeps living the way he is living, he is likely to end up in hell and you claim you love him; you claim you love your father, friend, colleague, how do you show it? By witnessing, by sharing with them the way of life; by showing them how they can escape the way of death and how they can come to the straight and the narrow way – the way of life.

Jesus said,

**"Greater love hath no man than this that a**

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**man lay down his life for his friends.”**

**John 15:13**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son for us; He is asking you to give 1 hour, 30 minutes, 15 minutes to talk to somebody about Jesus Christ. The reasons why we do not evangelize are very simple reasons, they are unfortunate reasons and it is time for us to change.

Our lack of love for others is covered with excuses like people won't want to hear, they won't be interested, they already know the gospel, it will probably not work and I doubt they will believe. What we believe and think such is surprising to me

### **Fear That We Will Not Succeed**

Another reason why we don't evangelise is because of fear. Satan has been known to fill people with so much fear, he has told them that it will be a disaster for them to start out; not knowing that actually it will be a disaster for Satan and not for them. Some people are afraid that preaching the gospel can cause problem for them in School

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or in business or at work. Many are afraid to be labelled. Why because of the fear of men which the bible says we shouldn't bother about (Psalm 27:1,3; Psalm 56:4,11; Psalm 118:6 Isaiah 41:10,13 Isaiah 43:5; Jeremiah 1:8), we don't in the fear of God keep His commandment, then we are not operating as we should. We need to have the proper fear of God to keep His commandments (Proverb 1:7; 9:10; 19:9; Psalm 34:11; 34:9; 86:11; Malachi 1:6). Many times we are afraid we may get into trouble with man. Do we prefer to get into trouble with man or with God?

We fear we may not succeed. We have fear of rejection. We also at times fear we may not be able to bring them to a decision for Christ. We fear that if we try to win somebody to Christ, they may get angry with us. We fear that if we evangelize, we may be labelled as a fanatic. We fear we may be resisted. We fear men. We are afraid of the faces of men. If I talk to him about Jesus, he may sack me from my place of work.

I remember a student, God told him, "speak to your lecturer, in one month's time he will be dead, speak to him." The student said, "I am afraid to speak to him because if

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I speak to him now he will brand me as a fanatic. If I speak to him he will fail me in his course..." Eventually he did not speak to the lecturer and the lecturer died in his sins, the lecturer today is in hell because a student that God warned about the need to speak to him did not do so. For everything we do not do, there is a reason, but is God accepting those reasons? I want you to search your heart and look at your ways and return to God. It is better to fear God than fear men. If we fear God we will do whatever He tells us to do. If you are still afraid of men, you are not afraid of God.

**"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction".**

**Proverbs 1:7**

**"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding".**

**Proverbs 9:10**

**"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe".**

**Proverbs 29:25**

There is no reason you cannot talk to your uncle. There

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is no reason you cannot talk to your cousin. There is no reason you cannot speak to your father, and tell them it is time for him to get saved and straighten their course. We are afraid we may get into trouble with man. Do we prefer to get into trouble with God or with man? May the Lord grant us understanding in these things!



# 3

## *WHY I AM A SOUL WINNER*

**"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;  
and he that winneth souls is wise."**

**Proverbs 11:30**

**"And they that be wise shall shine as the  
brightness of the firmament; and they that  
turn many to righteousness as the stars  
forever and ever."**

**Daniel 12:3**

**I**n four places in the word of God, you will find this phrase: 'What is man?'

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**"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"  
Psalms 8:4**

**"What is man, that thou shouldest magnify  
him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart  
upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him  
every morning, and try him every moment?"  
Job 7:17-18**

**"But one in a certain place testified, saying,  
What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or  
the son of man, that thou visitest him?"  
Hebrews 2:6**

**"LORD, what is man, that thou takest  
knowledge of him! Or the son of man, that  
thou makest account of him!"  
Psalms 144:3**

In all these places, God's word is trying to give us insight about the import and place of man.

I remember several years ago when I started my lecturing job in Kwara State Polytechnic on July 11, 1980, by then I had not become a born again child of God and the school was not in session, they had gone on a long vacation. I was so excited that I had become a lecturer in Kwara State

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Polytechnic, because when we finished from the university and many of my friends were applying to places where they were going to work, they applied to several places like the Federal Civil Service, State Civil Service and many government institutions and Parastatals. I also applied to UAC and Leventis, and we were employed from school then but after I came back from the one year National Youth Service Corps programme, I lost interest in working with UAC and Leventis. So I went and picked a teaching job at Inisha with Inisha Grammar School. It was while I was teaching at Inisha Grammar School that I got the Kwara State Polytechnic job. Wow!

I was so excited and I eagerly waited for the vacation to be over, so that I can pursue my career in lecturing, but as God would have it, on September 27, 1980, I met with the Lord and I surrendered my life to Him. On September 28, 1980 I got filled with the Holy Spirit. And so by the time the school resumed for the academic session, I was already a born again child of God and whatever I had planned to be or to do was frustrated already because the bible says

**"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a**

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**new creature: old things are passed away;  
behold, all things are become new.”  
2Corinthians 5:17**

After resumption, the next thing I felt was that as I looked into the faces of those young boys and girls that were resuming I was jealous for them because when I was their age and I was in school like them, I did not know Jesus. I only knew Jesus at the age of 23. Most of these people were boys and girls who were in their teen years and as I looked at them I felt in my spirit strongly that, if this people can know the Lord from now, what a change and impact it would make in their lives. For I knew the change I would have experienced if I had known the Lord earlier in life. So I wanted to help some of these young men and women to discover what I have discovered.

I decided that every day when I came out of my house on Old Jebba Road and I entered into the bus, I decided I would be preaching in the bus as I go to Kwara State Polytechnic and I would be preaching in the bus as I come back, and that in the evenings when I take a stroll, I will talk to people about Jesus. I would read the Bible from morning till night and when I have read and I am tired

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and my eyes hurt, I would just take a walk. It was during such walks that I had the opportunity to preach Christ to so many people. I would walk from one side of the road to another speaking to people about Christ. I did the same thing among students and staff members in the school where I was lecturing. Then I had an exercise note where I used to record my messages, visions from God, tongues and interpretation in the place of prayer and so on. I later transferred this idea to my evangelism and witnessing activities; I got a note book where I recorded the names and known particulars of everyone I preached to. I used it for the purpose of praying for them and of following them up.

One man came to me one day and asked me a simple question. He said, "I see that you are energetically pursuing these students and preaching to staff members, and you make a business out of it. Why are you doing it?" That was the question, why are you a soul-winner? I mean until then, I had never thought about it, I just felt that it was something for me to do, it was something I had to do because I felt like doing it; so I had to look for explanations in scriptures for why I was giving my time, my energy to

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winning souls. You know the word of God tells us in 1 Peter 3:15 that we should have everything in readiness to give a reason of the hope that is in us to anyone who asks us with all meekness and fear. So, I decided that I am going to have reasons for my winning of souls. In this chapter I want to share with you an important part of Evangelism, why I am a soul-winner? If by any means I can challenge you, I can motivate you, I can provoke you, and I can encourage you also to become a soul-winner. Till date, I have never been able to wean myself from that experience; I have lost count of the people I have spoken to - from petrol stations to hotels, on the streets, in the parks. I have lost count of the people. Over the years many things about me changed but something did not change and that is soul-winning, my passion for souls has never changed.

I remember in those days, I read a phrase by John Wesley, "you have only one business in the world and that is to win souls." I remember something that William Booth (he was the founder of the Salvation Army) said when the Queen of England called him and knighted him, she gave him recognition, public recognition and she asked him,

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“William Booth what is your passion?” Booth responded, “Some people’s passion is for gold, some for silver but my passion, my passion is for souls, souls, souls.” I remember a statement by a man known as David Livingstone, he said, “Lord, give me souls or take my soul.” Over the years I have read about men of like passion who also had the kind of passion for souls that I saw was burning in me but the ultimate question is; why am I a soul-winner? It is the same reason why I’m provoking and challenging you also to join me. It is the sole purpose of this book.

**“Wherefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things have passed away, behold all things have become new and all things are of God who has reconciled us unto Himself by Jesus Christ and committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation.”**

**1 Corinthians 5:17-18**

All of us may not be called to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers but we are all called as it were to soul-winning.



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**W**hy do I take such a delight, why do I spend such energy, why do I concentrate with zeal that is unquenched, devotion that is un-wavered in winning souls, why am I a soul-winner?

#### *Because Jesus Was*

I am a soul-winner because Jesus, my perfect example was, is and will ever be a soul-winner. Paul was speaking about Jesus in 1Timothy 1:15 He said, This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

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Jesus Christ came to this world for souls, He lived for souls, He suffered for souls, He died for souls, He was resurrected because of souls, He ascended into heaven for souls, He is at the right hand of the Father today where He forever liveth to make intercession for souls. In Jesus, I find the perfect example of a soul winner.

**"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost".**

**Matthew 18:11**

**"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost".**

**Luke 19:10**

What does it mean to be a Christian? It means to be like Christ, how can you claim to be a Christian if you are not burdened with the things that burden Him? One of the things that burdened Jesus the most was souls. In Matthew 9, He looked upon the multitude, He had compassion, and His heart broke because they were like sheep having no shepherd. In Jesus I find the perfect example of a soul winner. He won not just the soul of a woman in John 5 but He also won the souls of all men by the vicarious sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary. I am a soul-winner

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because Jesus, my pattern, my example, was and will ever be a soul-winner.

**"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."**

**1 Corinthians 2:16**

**"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."**

**Philippians 2:5**

Whenever Jesus looks at people, He does not show partiality because of riches or position. He looks at the soul of a man. A rich man visited Him and He said unto him in John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. When we are not concerned with the things that concern Him, we cannot say we are Christians, because we do not have the same spirit that Christ operated in.

**"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."**

**Romans 8:9**

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**"The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master."**

**Luke 6:40**

You cannot say you are of Christ until you become a soul winner. I tell people, do not say I am an apostle and as such have no time for soul winning. It doesn't matter whether you are an apostle or a prophet; there is no greater apostle than Jesus. He is the apostle and the high priest of our profession and He was a soul-winner. There is no greater prophet than Jesus Christ, He is a prophet like unto Moses; He was a soul-winner. There is no greater evangelist than Him, he is the epitome; He loves souls. He lived for souls. He died for souls and today He forever liveth to make intercession for souls.

**"For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you."**

**John 13:15**

He has left for us an example that we should walk in His steps. The primary reason I am a soul winner is because Christ was, Christ is and Christ will forever be and if He is my perfect example, there is no better thing I can be

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than to be what He is and that is a soul-winner. Christ was a winner of souls, He won the souls of those who loved Him, He won the souls of those who did not like Him, He won the souls of the high, He won the souls of the low and today He is still a soul-winner.

When God blesses us, He wants to make us attractive so that through our lives, the Gospel can be preached to people. Recently, I was reading a book titled 'becoming the message'. It is one thing to preach a message; it is another thing to become a message. Jesus was the embodiment of the message of salvation. Paul said, for this course I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ it is the power of God unto salvation.

There's nothing like being a Christian if you are not Christ-like, and if you are going to be Christ-like you must be burdened, troubled and challenged by the things that troubles, challenges and burdens Him, and that is souls. The heart cry of a soul winner is, 'Give me souls oh God or take my soul'. The only thing that is worth dying for is dying for souls. God is not even asking us to die for souls, He is asking us to be alive for souls because that is what

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the Psalmist said, Psa 118:17 "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD".

The signs and the wonders that the early Apostles did was to attract people so that they can come into the saving knowledge of Christ.

### *The Harvest Is Plenteous*

In this world today, there are over seven billion people on the earth; that is a potentially big market for soul-winning. Of the seven billion on the earth, it has been discovered that two billion have not had the opportunity of hearing the Gospel. In Matthew 9 ministered to Jairus' daughter, two men that were blind, a man that was dumb and the woman with an issue of blood. After having ministered to these people the Bible says

**"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."**

**Matthew 9:36**

Lifting up His eyes and seeing the multitude He remarked,

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'truly the harvest is plenteous.' Now, that is not a remark that came out of the lips of man. Jesus made the statement after He had done what He could do. After he had ministered to a woman, a man or two men, a girl representing male, female and children, He still looked and said truly, the harvest is plenteous. It has been discovered that every single day, 500,000 children are born, the harvest is plenteous. It has been discovered that every single day, over 300,000 people die in various parts of the world, truly the harvest is plenteous.

For every single child that is born into a community where there is a Christian witness, there are 30 children that are born into communities where there are no Christian witnesses.

All around us can be seen the ripened harvest of souls standing waiting to be reaped. If we are like Christ we ought to be moved with compassion as He was and go them bringing them in. Unless we go now we may lose the harvest. The harvest is in the field the fishes are in the river. If we would be like Christ we need to meet the sinners out there where they are.

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In those days when I was in Kwara Polytechnic, I looked at children from various families, various disorganized, disoriented backgrounds; children who were born into such family through no fault of theirs. Sometime ago I was in Sheraton Hotel in Lagos, I had just returned to the country, but could not stay in my room. So I went out of the hotel room and I walked on the streets, I was just looking at the multitudes and multitudes that were in the valley of decision. Joel 3:14 says,

**"Multitudes and multitudes are in the valley  
of decision,"**

But you know something, the day of the Lord draws near in the valley of decision.

Recently, I was outside of Nigeria on a Sunday morning, and I was amazed at the number of people who did not go to church. I made up my mind that day that I was going to walk on the streets and I was going to ask the first 50 people that I met on the streets of London "Are you born again?" These people brought Christianity to us, but the United Kingdom, and all these countries are now harvest fields, they need labourers. The harvest is plenteous. The

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generation of people today in the United Kingdom do not know Christ. Churches and cathedrals of yesteryears that were used during the John Wesley revival, Evans Roberts's revival and the great Robert Murray Mcchynne's revivals, have become cinema houses, pubs, stores, museums and block of flats, etc.

On a visit once to Scotland I went to the church where Robert Murray Mcchynne used to pastor, it is a museum now. Churches are being turned to hostels, churches are being turned to beer parlours; church buildings are being used for secular purposes. The harvest is plenteous, people have forgotten God. People have moved away from God, people are no longer as close to God as they used to be.

The countries that have the largest population are the same that do not have enough Christians and they are the places where the Christian is most restricted. All around us in every place is a generation unreached by the gospel; they are religious in some ways but lost.

In Nigeria, the harvest is plenteous. It has been discovered that in Nigeria alone we still have 75 ethnic groups that

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have no single witness of Christ among them. The harvest is truly plenteous. Jesus looked at it and He gave a concise analysis, He gave a wonderful description, and said, "Truly the harvest is plenteous." After all He had done, after He had ministered, He said, "look I cannot cope with this, I cannot sustain it." That is why in Matthew 10 He sent labourers, because He discovered the harvest is plenteous.

Look around you, how many born again Christians who are serious with God are around you? How many people who are on the way to heaven do you meet? I went on the streets of London and I counted, I said, "are you born again?" They said, "What's that?" "Are you born again?" "What's that?" "Are you born again?" "What's that?" It was when I got to the 86th person that he said, "I'm a catholic."

The harvest is plenteous! The harvest is plenteous! I am a soul winner because I know that if this harvest is to be preserved, we need people who are going to reap the precious fruit of the earth. We need people who are going to go out there to the highway and the edges, and compel men to come into the saving knowledge of Christ.

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### *The Labourers Are Few*

I am a soul-winner not just because the harvest is plenteous but because the labourers are few. I will shock you with some statistics that will reveal to you that indeed the labourers are few. How many people are in the evangelism department of any church? Can you compare it with the number of people in the choir? Can you compare it with the number of people in the drama department? The labourers are few.

**“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here am I; send me”.**

**Isaiah 6:8**

I can still hear the voice of God ringing “who shall go for us, who shall I send?” In the beginning, He sought for an intercessor but He could find none; that was why His own hand brought salvation. Who is going to tell them? The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; it is a case of double jeopardy. Jesus said truly the harvest is plenteous, but there are no labourers to bring in the harvest. Methods that worked yesterday, will no longer work today, the great crusades have disappeared.

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In Africa it is a bad case. It is not enough to pray for labourers but to be the labourers. Many live in their sins and die in their sins not because they reject Jesus but because there are no labourers. The great evangelists who did crusades have now been replaced by evangelists who call themselves evangelists and pastors. Scripturally, it is not possible to be an evangelist and a pastor at the same time; an evangelist is somebody whose entire commission is outside the church. A pastor is someone whose entire commission is inside the church.

Paul told Timothy, "do the work." He did not say be, he said "do the work of an evangelist." Timothy was not called an evangelist, he said do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry. Your ministry is the job and you need to do the work of an evangelist. Every one of us is called to do the work of an evangelist, for the labourers are few.

When there is a call for evangelistic outreaches, how many of us sincerely respond with the intention of winning souls? In the last 5 months, how many souls have you won? I am not asking of invitation given through an altar call from the pulpit; I am writing of one to one. Yet you

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meet people on your way, yet you have sat down with people, yet you have lived with people next door who are not saved.

Do you know that English is one of the languages that is least spoken in the world? But it is still the major language through which the gospel is being preached, it has been discovered that 94% of the ministers of the Gospel in the world are ministering only to 9% who are English speaking. While 6% are ministering to the 91% in other lands. Many people cannot speak English, yet most gospel materials are only available in English.

What of the people who speak Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese etc.? Great things are happening in Fiji Island, Philippines, Alaska, and Siberia etc. But in most of these places, English is not spoken by everyone. In West Africa only a few countries speak English others are French speaking countries.

### *The Facts of Hell and the Facts of Heaven*

While many people have gone to hell and come back and

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described it I believe more what the bible has to say about hell is the best description that frightens one most. In Luke is an account of two men who once lived and walked on earth. They both one day died and in hell the rich man said, "Please send people to my house so that they will not come to this place of torment." Father Abraham responded, "That cannot be done." The rich man replied, "Ok, send Lazarus to dip his finger into water and come and cool my tongue." Imagine the degree of thirst that a finger of water will be so important.

**"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry  
with the wicked every day."**

**Psalms 7:11**

**"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all  
the nations that forget God".**

**Psalms 9:17**

After I studied the concept of the place hell, I said, I will never want anybody to go there. I have read several books about people who died and went to hell but I do not even need to read those books to know how hell is, all I need to do is to read the Bible.

**"And in hell he lifts up his eyes, being in**

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**torments, and seeth Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom".**

**Luke 16:23**

The rich man did not have time for God while he was here but in hell, he lifted up his eyes. I have been to all the best cities you can imagine in the world. Hell is a place, it is not a state it is not the grave it is a place of total and final separation from God. Some people say I am in hell, yet they do not know what hell is. If you are in hell, you will not be able to say it. I am a soul-winner because of the facts of hell and the facts of heaven. The reality of hell! I have never been there, but we are told in scriptures that the fire in hell burns without quenching; that the moths and the maggots there do not die, that the fire burns with the intensity higher than the fire of the earth.

Hell is a place of torture. Your father, mother, neighbour, classmate and friend do not need to go there. You need to do everything you can so that they can be redeemed from the power of hell. Hades, Gehenna are terminologies that are used to describe hell. There was a place in Israel outside Jerusalem where they dump refuse and waste of the city. The fire in this place is always burning. It is called

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Gehenna and that is the place that is used as a word to refer to the characterization of hell. Hell was not made for man but for the devil and his angels Matthew 25:41. It is a place you go by choice. It is a place of extreme burning agony, torment, suffering and pain. It is a place of painful memories and remorse. It is a place of insatiable and tormenting desires. No water no opportunity to tell others. It is a place where everybody is dishonoured. It is a place of vile companionship Rev 21:8. It is a place without hope.

### ***I Do Not Want Anybody's Blood On My Hands***

Because of the moral responsibilities I have as a believer to show the lost the way so that as a watchman God will not demand the blood of the sinner from my hands. So I am a soul-winner because I do not want anybody's blood on my hands. For everybody who dies near you, for everybody you know, whom you are close to, whom you should have witnessed to, that you did not and they died in their sins, their blood is on your hands. The word of God tells us this sobering truth.

**"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman**

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**unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand”.**

**Ezekiel 3:17-18**

When I read this scripture as a young Christian, I said, “I do not want anybody’s blood on my hands.” People who are close to me have died, wives of my friends have died but I can tell you something, their blood are not on my hands because I spoke to them. People’s hands are full of blood. How can your hand be full of blood, did you kill them? You did not kill them but while they lived in pleasure, lived in sin you would have warned them about the lifestyle that they were living. 1Ti 5:6 says, “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth”. I do not want anybody’s blood on my hands, if he is going to die let him die, but he is not going to die without me telling him what I know. Look at Ezekiel 3:19:

**“Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked**

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**way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul”.**

**Ezekiel 3:19**

**“But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman’s hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand”.**

**Ezekiel 33:6-8**

You can save your soul. By winning people to Christ you are not just helping them; you are also saving yourself. Look at what Paul did in Acts 18:6, “And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.” This means he cherished the message: “your blood be upon your head.” So when you witness to someone he can die

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if he wants, his blood will be upon his head.

Paul said,

**“And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day that I am pure from the blood of all men.”**

**Acts 20:25-26**

That is why I am a soul-winner; I want to be free from the blood of all men. If I preach the Gospel willingly, I have a reward but if not, woe is me if I preach not the Gospel. Necessity is laid on me to preach the Gospel. Soul winning is everyday Christianity in action.

### *The Sufferings of Christ*

I am a soul-winner because of the sufferings of Christ. Consider the extent of His sufferings. If you do not tell people about what Christ came to make available to them, then the sufferings of Christ is in vain to such people. I have said this again and again to people, when I was in school, in secondary school, I did not read because I like reading. I read not because I preferred reading, I read most of the time because I saw my father's suffering.

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My father had 13 children. When it was time to pay school fees, my father could hardly afford funds to provide for the kind of food he wanted to eat. His salary will disappear under 5 minutes. He will distribute the money amongst us and with tears in his eyes he would say, "The greatest thing you can do for me is to face your studies." So when I was in school and I played football, and I remember my father's face, I would stop playing and quickly go to the class. I did not read because I wanted to read, I had to read because I saw his sufferings.

Because of us his children our father could not drive the kind of car he wanted to neither could he dress the way he wanted to. My father worked in a very senior position as a civil servant but he lived like a pauper not because he was poorly paid.

Have you ever read about the sufferings of Christ for the sinner? He suffered for sin so no one else should suffer for the same thing. In Isaiah 50:6, he said, "I did not hide my face from spittle and from shame. I did not hide my face from those who pulled my beard from off my face." What happened to Christ was that someone put his knees

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on Christ's jaw, held unto His beard and tore it from His face. Many of the pictures you see about Jesus does not look like Him. If you know what the crucifixion is like, it is the most barbaric and most savage form of punishment in those days. It is a cruel thing. The Bible tells us how Jesus looked in Isaiah 52:14:

**"As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men."**

**Isaiah 52:14**

**"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

I am a soul-winner because of the sufferings of Christ, I saw what He suffered for and I know He suffered for all men. Why should they be suffering from the things that Jesus already suffered for? It is a terrible thing if people today are still suffering from what Christ died to redeem them from. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us for it is written cursed is everyone that hangeth on the tree that the blessings of Abraham may come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ

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and that we may receive the promise of the spirit by faith.”  
When I see men and women suffering from things that Christ already redeemed them from, I cannot but be a soul-winner.

**“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”**

**1 Peter 2:24**

He was beaten; they pushed a crown of thorns upon His head. I read a medical analysis of what Christ suffered from before and during His crucifixion and I quaked. When the Bible said He suffered for sin, some people do not know what that means. Many of those smooth bodies you see hanging on the cross that is not how Christ looked. Have you ever watched the film, “Passion of the Christ” by Mel Gibson? That is a movie you should watch, it is the closest thing to the real thing. It is perhaps the most accurate description of what took place at the cross. I understand what it means when they say He suffered for sin. I understand the degree to which His pain went on the cross of Calvary. The Father turned His back on the Son and the Son said “Eloi, Eloi; lama sabachthani” meaning

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“my Father, my Father, why have thou forsaken me?” that is why I’m a soul-winner. Is His suffering in vain? The price that He paid, will I allow it to be without impact?

### *Because Of Unfulfilled Prophecies Concerning Christ’s Return*

Many people talk about and many still are expecting the soon return of Christ by saying many prophecies has been fulfilled which has to do with His second coming. This however is not true because perhaps the most important sign of all is that of yet to be fulfilled prophecies and that is the sign that concerns you and me which involves us as Christians in our commission as witnesses.

Of the many signs of His coming are false Christ, wars, nations in conflicts, famines, pestilences, earth quakes, persecutions etc. Matthew 24:4-12. However in verse 14, He said, “and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come”. This has not been done. The early Church understood this because not only did each Apostle a witness but every believer was also one despite deadly oppositions, because they believe that

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as soon as they finish Jesus will return. It was so fast. Reaching the presently unreached people is part of the signs that Christ foretold. The prophecy is still unfulfilled. He died for all creature and we need to reach them all. We have not done what Christ says must first be done. What John saw in Rev 7:9-10 will be as he said it. If Christ comes today this will not be as John saw it. Angel can't do what God wants us to do.

### *My Own Experience*

I am also a soul-winner because of my own experience. I knew who I was, I know what God brought me out of, and after having tasted that God is good, I cannot but introduce Him to other people. He brought me out of a horrible pit, out of miry clay and set my feet on the rock to stay; He established my goings and put a song in my mouth. I knew how I was, a slave to habit. I know how I was, lost in the occult world. I know how the thoughts and the imaginations of my heart were evil continually. I know how and the extent to which I felt like an animal while I was still a human being - that is why I am a soul-winner. I have tasted and I have seen. You have also tasted, you have seen that the Lord is good, that His mercies endure

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forever. Do you not think somebody needs to know that? Do you not think that boy from a broken home needs to get out of the problems from his family background? Do you not think that woman who have been wallowing in sin and have been slaves to demons need to be delivered, being a daughter of Abraham too?

Now when people honour me, I cannot but remember who I used to be; I was lost in the occult world, and if God can deliver me after all those things and also gave me a chance in life, then there are people who surely deserve a chance to live the life that is available in God.

**“He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.”**

**Psalms 113:7-8**

I am a soul-winner because I know someone can use the grace I have used; someone can be a better person just the way I have been bettered.

### ***The Great Commission***

I'm a soul-winner because I have received my marching

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orders. The last thing Jesus commanded us to do before he went away like the words of a dying person is to go to the entire world as echoed in Mark 16:15. This is what is called the great commission.

**"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."**

**Mark 16:15**

No better thing can be done to his memory that to inform people about Jesus. Do not neglect anybody, nobody is too bad, nobody is too terrible to be saved by Jesus Christ.

**"Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded".**

**Proverbs 13:13**

We are expecting the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, when there are some people who have not experienced the blessing of His first coming. We are expecting Him to come and take us home, and still there are people who are close to us who have not experienced the blessing of His first coming. Jesus left us here to do only ONE THING. This is every Christian's life work. He

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gave us no other work. It was to be our assignment for life. This was what the early Christian did day and night. They understood their calling. Many today are church members and not witnesses. The great commission is our order and we do not need any other call to do this.

One of the things that will bring Jesus back quickly is evangelism, and there is no reward that is so bountiful like that of winning souls. He that winneth soul is wise; whosoever does not win souls is a foolish person.

Today, the most important thing to me is to get a soul saved, and that is why I never complete my message without giving people an opportunity to get out of the kingdom of darkness and to turn into the kingdom of His light. Will you be a soul-winner today? Will you join me on the harvest field? The harvest is plenteous, the labourers are few. Christ has suffered for sin; there is no need for people to keep suffering for what He died for. My prayer is that you will make a change. I take soul winning very seriously. If your soul is precious to you like those people out there, you need to think about them too.

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