

Title: Soul Winning – A Biblical Strategy III

Text: *Luke 10:1-9, After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.*

2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

4 "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

5 "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

7 "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

8 "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

9 "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Introduction: Today, we are looking at the sixth step into the heart of a community.

STEP 6:

Share the Good News and tell them, *'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'* means God has come near you to save you. That's why we must not be ashamed of sharing the Gospel. Apostle Paul said,

***Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. We must not be ashamed to share the Gospel which is Good News; so make sure you share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Don't be ashamed or fearful but it may be helpful to remember that, if you minister in an environment that is antagonistic to the Gospel of Jesus, there are

only three possible outcomes from sharing: The person can accept Jesus Christ, the person can reject Jesus Christ and we can also plant a seed in the person.

So regardless of the environment around us, we must still share the gospel because Jesus said

'upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'

If we share the Good News with the same level of commitment Jesus did, we will come into conflict and suffer too. Many scriptures tell us not to be afraid of people when sharing the Gospel. Therefore, Jesus said in **Luke 12:4**

"And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."

Lu 12:7 *"But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."*

Matthew 10:28 *"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

Isa 8:13 *"Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread."*

The ultimate purpose of the strategy is to save souls so these are some steps you need to take to implement the Strategy:

Learn to share the Gospel by reading and understanding the Gospel and practise sharing the Gospel. It should not take you more than a few hours of practise before you can present it well. If you are sharing the Gospel to illiterates then make sure you prepare your testimony and commit it to memory so you can share it naturally.

Share the gospel and tell them that *"The Kingdom of God is near you now"*

1Co 15:3 *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

4 *and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*

Ro 4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Ac 26:23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Tell the person you are sharing with, that, Jesus is the Saviour and King of the world. On the cross Jesus dealt with not only our sin but also all kinds of sickness and disease (**Ps. 103:3, 1 Peter 2:24**) and there is no problem too big for Him.

Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His grave with the wicked-But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

We tell people,

“you don't have to live with that addiction any longer, you don't have to be sick, cripple, blind or lame- Jesus dealt with those things on the cross. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, what He did over 2000 years ago He still does today.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

You have to be born again to see or to enter into the Kingdom.

Mr 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

...So you must be born again!

Tell them Christianity is power, it is a powerful Kingdom. If they accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, they become a child of the Most High God, and as children there is nothing that should defy them in life as a child of the living God.

Make sure you know how to share the whole Gospel and have memorized your testimony and can share it naturally. Find a ministry partner who you can work with- Unless you're teamed with your sibling or spouse; make sure your witnessing partner is the same sex. Set aside at the desired hours a week for Soul Winning endeavours.

In Conclusion:

Jesus started with prayer and ended with prayer. Prayer is the master key.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

So we must pray in faith for the lost.

A Model Prayer: "Lord, I thank you that you have made it clear to us that you are not willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance and a knowledge of salvation (**2 Peter 3:9**). The main obstacle to this is that the god of this age, satan, has blinded the minds of those who are perishing to stop them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (**2 Cor. 4 v 4**) Therefore, in the name of Jesus we command satan's works to be destroyed,

every bondage and blindness gone. We command hearts to be opened and receptive to the seed of the Word as we bring it to them. Thank You Lord that You will set up divine appointments with those whom you have prepared in advance and are now ready to receive your Word.”

This type of praying is led by the Holy Spirit as He brings scriptures to your lips. The most powerful praying is the declaration of God’s known will into a situation to turn it around. Jesus never begged God in prayer. He operated in authority and He wants us to imitate His example.

Teach other Believers what you’ve learnt; and take them along with you go fishing for souls. Be an example to others and keep proclaiming Jesus and His Kingdom the Biblical way and never give up! There is a reward for you.

Prayer Points for today:

- Pray every day for the Lord to send out Workers (**Matthew 9:37-38**)
- Pray for Opportunities and Words to speak (**Isaiah 50:4**)
- Pray for boldness

Ac 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Ac 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Ac 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

- Now Tell the Lord to release grace upon for wisdom in Soul Winning@
 - Grace to be wise **Mt 10:16** *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*
 - Grace to present the Gospel effectively
 - Grace to be a solution centre for your friends
 - Grace to maximise your potential to fulfil kingdom assignment

The Holy Communion:

Pray for forgiveness of sins

“I bless the bread and wine and whatever you have. I declare it holy as the symbol of the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ

I pray that as you partake of this communion, wisdom and boldness is released upon you in Jesus name. And I pray that God will give you spiritual understanding to know what you ought to do in this Prophetic season of revival.”

Give Him thanks!