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THE ROLE OF CHURCH MEMBERS



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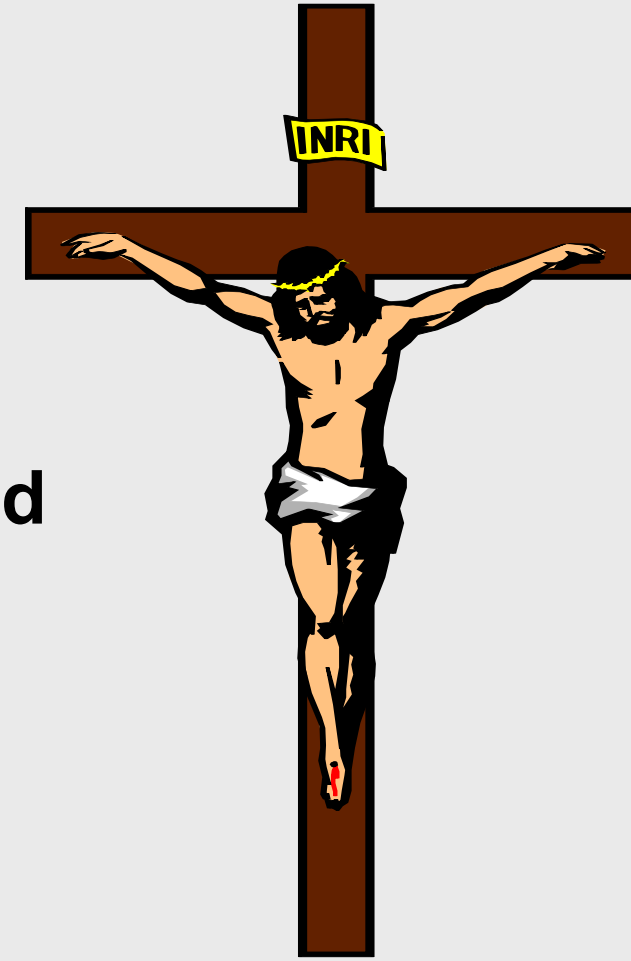
The Sympathizing Christ

- **"Before evangelism can ever be a program, it must be first a passion…if we are to witness for Christ successfully, we must honestly care for people" (Sweeting, *How to Witness Successfully,* p. 83).**



Christ's Method Alone

- **Christ was constantly confronted with apparent failure. He seemed to do little of the work which He longed to do in uplifting and saving….But He would not be discouraged….He knew that truth would finally triumph in the contest with evil" (*Gospel Workers*, pp. 514, 515).**



WHAT IS OUR ROLE AS MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH?

THE SAD REALITY ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERS…

- The majority of Church members are spectators of religion.
- The Church is not a stadium where thousands watch a selected few participating.
- To begin with, we need to ask ourselves why are we Church members?
- Why are we here?
- What is our purpose?

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF GOD

- We ought to understand that we are members in the body of God.
- Each one of us needs to comprehend which part they play in the cohesion of the Church.
- To understand GOD and His DOCTRINE is imperative for us as members of the Church.

THE ROLE OF DOCTRINE IN WITNESSING & EVANGELISM

- Evangelism is largely a process of **EXPLAINING** to others **DOCTRINAL** truth.
- The assumption being that when one understood what the Church was **TEACHING** the faith once delivered to the saints in terms of **DOCTRINAL** truth he would be compelled to embrace the message.

SOUL-WINNING APPROACH:

SOUL-WINNING APPROACH MUST CHANGE…

- Our approach must be relevant
- Assurance of acceptance and of eternal life through God & the salvation work.
- Assurance before membership
- Take note that God is not exclusive for Church members

- The everlasting gospel must come first – assurance of salvation basic masses are responsive to provisions of the gospel
- The 1st angel's message
- Revelation 14:6-7
- Give glory to God
- The hour of judgment is come
- Worship Him

- Our approach is simple: we can't expect those we preach to, to be what we are not.
- Highlighting that which constitutes judgment, which is the LAW.
- We are to let people know that God is worthy of their worship.
- We can't expect people to worship God when we don't worship Him.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- Worship is the reverential response of creation to the all-encompassing magnificence of God (Isa 6:1–6; Exod 15:11; Psa 148:1–14)
- The verb הָלַל (*hālal) could be used to designate the act of celebrating God.*
- The word “hallelujah” is derived from the Hebrew phrase הַלְלוּ־יָהּ (*halĕlû-yāh), meaning “praise Yahweh.*

THE TYPE OF WORSHIP GOD WANTS:

- John 4:23
- We are to make our brothers and sisters in the LORD to acknowledge that God desires us to worship Him in **SPIRIT** and in **TRUTH.**
- Worship is not **DENOMINATIONAL**
- Understand beloved that as you go out there, you are going to **SEEK** for those God is **SEEKING** for to worship Him this way…

WHAT SHOULD WE HEAR?

- GOD and only GOD.
- We ought not exalt our denominations.
- We are not saved through denominations.
- We are ONLY saved by GOD.
- Be prepared to tell people about GOD and not your Church.
- In the event that you are asked about your Church, give a reply however, highlight that GOD as the HEAD of the Church is more important to know about..

SALVATION IS THROUGH GOD!

- Point people to GOD Don't present to people an ambiguous Gospel but let your presentation of the Gospel be simple yet profound.
- Memorise the outline of the Gospel presentation – know it by heart. Le it be your experience.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM:

- Personal evangelism is structured.
- You may decide what the person receives first unlike a public evangelism campaign where a person may have not started attending from the first day of the campaign.
- It is wise to be systematic, let your witnessing flow and be in sync.

OUR HOMES, A CENTRE OF TRAINING:

- Training in the homes absolutely essential.
- Letting members see how it is done [practical].
- Knowing how to introduce themselves
- What to say
- How to say it
- These are very important when doing door to door witnessing.

CHANGE SOUL-WINNING PSYCHOLOGY:

- Change soul-winning psychology from warning to good news.
- The doctrines and warnings must be given, but they are given and received in a new and positive light when GOD and salvation have come first.
- The love of GOD will melt and win hearts when the mere reiteration of doctrine will accomplish nothing.

- Present GOD because you know Him as your personal Saviour.
- You are the light of the world – are you shinning?

DIMENSIONS OF CHURCH GROWTH AS A RESULT OF WITNESSING:

- Numerical Growth – this is sometimes used interchangeably with quantitative growth.
- This is essentially measuring the growth of the Church in terms of numbers.
- Organic Growth – this is the dimension that views the Church as a living organism and not just as an organisation.
- The Church various organs which MUST work together in UNITY like a body, even the body of Christ.

- If the Church has not grown in this aspect, it has not fully grown.
- About 10% of members are involved in Church activities.
- About 80% are nominal members.
- About 10% are totally not committed.

- Conceptual Growth – this growth concerns the theological understanding/concept of the ministry of the Church.
- The Church can't grow when there are theological and conceptual misunderstandings among the Church members.
- When you don't have the right concept of ministry, it impacts on the way you carry yourself.

- Incarnational Growth – this growth is about how well members integrate with the communities around them.
- This is the ability of the Church to touch the lives of people in and around the Church.
- It has to do with the warmth in the Church.

- Christian Maturation Growth – Qualitative growth is central to all these other dimensions of Church Growth.
- The growth of the believers in their experiential knowledge of Christ is the highest form of growth.
- Ephesians 4:12-13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