

# IMPACTING THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST

Biblical Principles:

1) **We should be \_\_\_ the world, but not \_\_\_\_\_ the world.**

Christians need to know how to live in the world without being a part of it (John 17:14-19). Satan is temporary "god" and "ruler" of the world system (II Corinthians 4:4, John 12:31, 16:11) and in some sense the world lies in his power (I John 5:19). However, Satan is a defeated foe (Colossians 2:15, Rev 20:10, John 12:31, 16:11) and Christians are to continue Jesus work of destroying the works of Satan (I John 3:8).

2) **We have the privilege to be God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Christians have a responsibility to share the love of Christ by reaching out to unbelievers (evangelism); and by helping the poor and needy (Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 25:31-46, I Peter 3:15, II Corinthians 5:18-21, Colossians 4:5-6, Luke 10:25-37, Gal 6:10). We are Christ's ambassadors and should be conducting ourselves with wisdom towards outsiders and be a good witness in word and deed (Colossians 4:5-6, II Corinthians 5:18-21).

3) **We should \_\_\_\_\_ each other, do \_\_\_\_\_ works, and build \_\_\_\_\_ with pre-Christians.**

Christians need to love each other, be above approach and do good works so that unbelievers can see goodness in action (John 13:34-35, Mt 5:16, Philippians 2:14-16, I Peter 2:12). We also should be accepting, forgiving, non-judgmental, and grace oriented (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 7:1-5, Romans 15:7, 2 Peter 2:1). We need to be "friends of sinners" like Jesus was, get close to people and build relationships, so that they ask questions which we can then answer (Matthew 11:19, Colossians 4:5-6, I Peter 3:15). But, we need to avoid being "unequally yoked" with unbelievers and avoid participating in their deeds of darkness (II Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:6-11).

## SHARING OUR FAITH

Thought: “\_\_\_\_\_ may speak louder than words, but \_\_\_\_\_ are very important”.

- 1) **Take the \_\_\_\_\_ In**
- 2) **Get the \_\_\_\_\_ Straight**
- 3) **Give the \_\_\_\_\_ Out**

### **TAKE THE MESSAGE IN**

We need to have something worth sharing. Personal spiritual growth is essential.

Prayer (spiritual breathing - Philippians 4:6-7)

Word (spiritual food - II Timothy 3:16-17)

Accountability (spiritual stimulation to love & good deeds - Hebrews 10:24)

Good Works (spiritual exercise - Philippians 2:10; Matthew 5:16)

### **GET THE MESSAGE STRAIGHT**

Be ready to share your own testimony. Learn a simple gospel presentation (e.g. 4 Spiritual Laws, Steps to Peace With God, etc.)

### **GET THE MESSAGE OUT**

Keep in mind:

- 1) Our own life is very important. Holy Spirit works best through a clean life.
- 2) Imitate Jesus -- serve people and meet needs.
- 3) Remember that you are presenting a PERSON, not a system or a "religion".
- 4) Keep it simple.

Possible questions to help evaluate a person's spiritual position:

- \* (After a person has heard a gospel presentation) WHAT DID YOU THINK OF \_\_\_\_\_?
- \* WHEN DID YOU RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR AND LORD?
- \* IF YOU WERE TO DIE TONIGHT, WOULD YOU GO TO HEAVEN?
- IF YOU WERE TO STAND BEFORE GOD AND HE WERE TO SAY "WHY SHOULD I ACCEPT YOU INTO MY HEAVEN", WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?
- IS THERE ANY OBSTACLE PREVENTING YOUR FROM RECEIVING JESUS AS SAVIOR RIGHT NOW?

"LET'S SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS"

### **OPERATION ANDREW (Billy Graham)**

John 1:40-42 "Andrew then went to find his brother (Simon Peter)... and he brought him to meet Jesus".

- 1) **LOOK AROUND** - identify unbelievers God has placed in your life. Make a mental or written list.
- 2) **LOOK UP** - pray regularly for yourself and the people on your list.
- 3) **LOOK OUT** - for ways to build relationships with each person.
- 4) **LOOK ABOUT** - to opportunities to share the gospel and/or invite to an evangelistic event.
- 5) **LOOK AFTER** - encourage people who receive Christ or show interest in the gospel. Continue to love and pray for those who have not yet responded.

### **PRAYER GUIDELINES**

## **1) Pray for Believers**

- a) Power of Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- b) Eyes opened to the power of God (Ephesians 3:14-21)
- c) Good witness with our actions; good works (Matthew 5:14-16; Colossians 4:4-6)
- d) Opportunity; open doors (Colossians 4:3-5)
- e) Boldness (Ephesians 6:19-20; Acts 4:31)
- f) Clear, graceful and edifying speech (Colossians 4:4-6; Ephesians 4:29)
- g) Readiness and ability to explain (I Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6)
- h) Sending of workers into the harvest (Matthew 9:36-38)

## **2) Pray for Unbelievers**

- a) Work of the Holy Spirit -- conviction, faith (John 16:7-11)
- b) Against blinding of unbelievers; open eyes (II Corinthians 4:3-4; Acts 26:18)
- c) Open hearts (Acts 16:14)
- d) For binding of Satan, evil spirits, and evil influences in the name of Jesus (Matthew 16:19, 18:18, 12:29)
- e) Gospel message to be received; gospel to spread rapidly and be glorified (II Thes 3:1)