

Becoming a World-Class Christian

(Adapted from Raymond Woodward's *Life Course 401*)

“Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you”
(Habakkuk 1:5).

“Jesus said, ‘Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone’”
(Mark 16:15, NCV).

“And the Good News must first be made known in every nation before the end-time finally comes” (Mark 10:13, LB).

Many Christians mistakenly assume that the responsibility for taking the gospel to all parts of the world belongs only to missionaries and pastors. But the Bible clearly points out that it is every believer’s responsibility to be a world-class Christian. With the earth’s ever-exploding population, our responsibility has certainly increased; however, in many ways the job of evangelism is getting much easier. With the internet and air travel at our disposal, the world is shrinking. The opportunity to be a part of God’s global mission is now, more than ever before, available to every Christian.

“Look at the nations and be amazed! Watch and be astounded at what I will do! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn’t believe even if someone told you about it.”
(Habakkuk 1:5, NLT)

“God says: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people.” (Acts 2:17, NCV)

THE WORLD SITUATION:

- The vast majority of the world’s six billion people are lost without Jesus Christ.
- There are still over two thousand unreached people groups in the world.
- Nearly one-third of the world’s population do not even have a visible witness for Jesus Christ.
- The four words that best describe the unreached people in our world are: Asian, Islamic, Urban, Youth.
- The lost will never hear about Jesus Christ unless someone goes to their culture and tells them.

“For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures”
(Rom. 1:14, NLT).



The problem is not the harvest; the problem is the lack of laborers to bring in the harvest!

“Jesus said to his followers, ‘There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them’” (Matthew 9:37, NCV).

“Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved. But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them; and before someone can go and tell them, that person must be sent” (Romans 10:13-15, NCV).

“Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind” (Psalm 67:2, LB).

GOALS FOR “CORE” MEMBERS:

- **EVERY FEW MONTHS:** Have a mission experience in **Jerusalem (home town)**.
- **EVERY YEAR:** Have a mission experience in **Judea (province/state)**.
- **EVERY FEW YEARS:** Have a mission experience with another culture in your nation (**Samaria**).
- **AT LEAST ONCE:** Have a mission experience with another culture in another country (**the world**).

“But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world” (Acts 1:8, CEV).

“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John. 13:17, NIV).

20 WAYS TO DEVELOP A MISSIONARY HEART

1. Invite your friends to special events at your local Church.
2. Host an “Open House” to get to know your neighbors.
3. Volunteer to get involved at your children’s school.
4. House someone attending a conference (regional or national).
5. Leave a tract for a waiter/waitress (with a generous tip!).
6. Reach out to university students from other cultures.
7. Get yourself a world map and pray for our missionaries.
8. Get involved in our PUSH Prayer Meetings.
9. Become an e-mail pen pal with one of our missionaries.
10. Pray for the countries mentioned in news reports.
11. Become a volunteer at the closest hospital to where you live.
12. Teach or host a Home Bible Study group.
13. Provide transportation to bring someone to church.
14. Donate food, clothing or money to the underprivileged.

15. Get involved in the World Network of Prayer ministry.
16. Become a mentor to a struggling young person.
17. Visit a senior who cannot get to church.
18. Volunteer to help a neighbor with some yardwork.
19. Go on a short term missions trip to another country.

WHAT IT TAKES TO HAVE A MISSIONARY HEART

1. We must shift our thinking from SELF-CENTEREDNESS to GOD-CENTEREDNESS.

“For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them. If you will stir up this inner power, you will never be afraid to tell others about our Lord” (2 Timothy 1:7-8, LB).

“Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62, LB).

2. We must shift our thinking from LOCAL ORIENTATION to GLOBAL ORIENTATION.

“If you ask me, I will give you the nations; all the people on earth will be yours” (Psalm 2:8, NCV).

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made” (Isaiah 43:5-7, NIV).

3. We must shift our thinking from TEMPORARY VALUES to ETERNAL VALUES.

“No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier” (2 Timothy 2:4, NASB).

“The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you” (Matthew 6:33, NCV).

4. We must shift our thinking from SECURITY to SERVICE.

“Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live” (Mark 8:35, LB).

“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back ... and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us” (Hebrews 12:1, LB).

5. We must shift our thinking from PERSONAL COMFORT to PERSONAL SACRIFICE.

“Since God has shown us great mercy... offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him” (Romans

12:1, NCV).

Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything ... for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over ... All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30, LB).

The BEST INVESTMENT you can make
is an investment in SOULS.
Will anyone be in heaven because of you?

"I want to finish the race I'm running. I want to carry out the mission I received from the Lord Jesus – the mission of testifying to the Good News of God's kindness" (Acts 20:24, GWT).

Study Questions

1. List five (5) points we need to remember about the world situation, when we think of evangelism.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

2. The problem is not the _____, the problem is the _____ of _____ for the _____.

3. Read through the list of 20 Ways to Develop a Missionary Heart. On the lines provided below, write those you have never done, that are possible to add to your lifestyle immediately.

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4. List five (5) things it takes to have a missionary heart. Support each with Scripture.

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2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

My Life Investment Guide

What percentage is used for God's Kingdom?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

MY TIME

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

MY TALENT

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

MY TREASURE

Directions: Put a circle on each line indicating your current status. Then put an "X" on each line indicating where you would like to be starting today.

What are you going to live the rest of your life for? The Choice Is Yours!

"Store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is" (Matthew 6:20-21, NCV).

"For what is it we live for, that gives us hope and joy and is our proud reward and crown? It is you! Yes, you will bring us much joy as we stand together before our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes back again. For you are our trophy and joy" (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, LB).

There are only two things that you can't do in Heaven – sin and witness. What do you think the Lord left you here on earth to do?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me" (Isaiah 6:8, NIV).

My Evangelism Covenant

