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As a Christian (follower of Jesus Christ), we are faced with choices every day concerning how to spend our time and our resources. Just like a farmer must choose when and what to plant in the field, we must also be wise in our choices. Every moment we have in this life is a precious gift from God. We either maximize the gift or squander it. God's Wisdom is required to manage our time, gifts, talents, and resources properly, in a manner that is pleasing to God. Very few people unfortunately consult God about the choices that they make.

The **primary mission** of each Believer in Jesus Christ is **to present Christ's Gospel to the world**. The Holy Bible is very clear in this regard. **"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."** Mark 16:15-18. **"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."** Acts 1:8.

We are to be witnesses for Jesus throughout the entire world! If we can't go, we should send others who can reach others. **We can always pray**, support, encourage, nurture, and help others do the work of the ministry. As we strive to **present** The Gospel personally, and through our support of other laborers, we give people the greatest present that they could ever receive: **eternal life with Jesus Christ, redeemed from Hell's penalty**.

We are to **boldly go out and present** Christ's Gospel, His Hope, to all who will listen. **We have the greatest present** the world could ever receive, so much better than any material thing or any other thing here on earth. **God does not want us conformed to the world**, or ashamed of Christ or His Gospel. *See* Romans 1:16,12:2.

We are called to **present**, point the way, invite, and reason with people, so they may come to Jesus Christ, so that they may be saved. *See* Isaiah 1:18, Luke 14:23. Too many people **take Christ for granted**, and neglect sharing His Hope with other people who are bound for Hell. It pleases God when Christ's Hope is presented.

Not everyone will receive the wonderful present of The Gospel. We can not force anyone to accept Christ, but we can present the opportunity to believe in Him. We need The Holy Spirit to lead us at all times, as not everyone is ready to receive Christ. We merely must be obedient, and do what He says to do, when He says to do it. There are many **stiff-necked people, who do not want to believe upon God** and Jesus Christ. *See* Exodus 32:9-10, Acts 7:51. The Gospel is precious, and to be respected. We need God's Wisdom, to whom, and when, to present The Gospel. "...neither cast ye your pearls before swine..." Matthew 7:6.

The advancement of the Kingdom of God is a continual, daily battle which God empowers us to victoriously engage in. We must be **present** and available for God to use us in This Great Work. Too often, when the roll is called, there are many who come up missing or unavailable for The Master's Use. Will we be **present** and accounted for, **when we are called** into The Service Of The King? **Can He trust and rely on us to go forth into all the world and present His Gospel** to the lonely, sick, hurt, and depressed? Will we enable others to go out, and do likewise, in His Service? It is only when we **work together in unity and agreement**, that we can **truly be His Body, the real church** of The Living God. We must love God, and we must truly love one another. "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27.