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### WORKERS, PERSONAL FOR CHRIST

#### 1. Bringing the Helpless to Christ

*Mk 2:3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.*

Accordingly, to the scripture Jesus Christ is the healer. He heals all kinds of diseases, sickness and paralytic. In this gospel of Mark 2: 1-12 we founded helpless condition person has been longing who could heal his paralytic to recover as possible as situation. But he can't heal himself or draw near to Jesus Christ our Lord. However, there was a helper for him to bringing them to Jesus master of Healer. We do not know that the four peoples but bringing the helpless person to Christ earnestly and compassionately.

*Why should we have to bringing the helpless to Jesus?* The answer is we have responsibility to do more our duties, works and burdening for Christ winning the perishing souls. This is the present times of our activated, mobilizing evangelism and missionary works all over the earth.

#### 2. Winning members of their own Household

*Jn 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and said unto him, we have found the Messiah which is, being interpreted (the Christ).*

It should seem that both the disciples (after their converse with Christ at the place where he lodged) went together to look for Peter, Andrew's brother. Andrew first found him and tell him (with great, joy) that he and other disciple had found the Messiah, prophesied of by Daniel, and in the expectation of whom the disciples and the Jew lived. The term Messiah in Hebrew is the same with Christ in Greek and both signify the same with Anointed in English. The article in this place is emphatically, not merely prepositive as in other p ace but signifying that anointed. It is used for other Kings, Priests and prophets were also anointed. God's people are called anointed. But he was anointed with the oil of gladness about his fellows having spirit not given him by measure.

*Jn 1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the Son of Jona, thou shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A Stone.*

Now Andrew having found his brother Simon, conducts him to Jesus. Probably Simon was one of John's disciples and came to attend his ministry so as the disciples only sought him in the crowd, and came with him to Christ. When Christ beheld him he said, Thou art Simon. He knew him and called him by name and told him his father's name also Jonas. And Jesus give him a new name which was Cephas. In other place Peter which signified a stone also or rock, Cephas is a Syriac word, Peter a Greek word. Christ gave him the name both Cephas and Peter are by interpretation, as a Stone.

In V.41 we have seen the specific word Messiah which means Christ the anointed one and V.42 signifying a stone that Cephas and Peter both of them were called as a stone. In the same manner we are also so called the anointed one and a stone through Christ Jesus when we becoming the child of God, accepting our Lord Christ Jesus our personal Savior.

The question is *why God want us winning members of their own household?* In our live workers of personal in Christ, is not to save ourselves but to save the entirely family and to all the people around the worlds. God's want us to winning members of their own household as to be stand firm, stone just like us Cephas as the anointed one.

### **3. Recommending Christ to Personal Friends**

***Jn 1: 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, we have found him, of Moses in the Law and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth the Son of Joshep.***

Here in we founded Philip has having himself discovered about Christ, is not willing to eat his morsels alone but desires to communicate his discovery to the others. He find one Nathanael, he was of Cana in Galilee. Jn 21:2 Having found him, he tells him with great joy, that they had found him of whom Moses had wrote in the Law, the Shiloh, mentioned in Gen 49:10 (Shiloh means a name of Jesus or is epithet of the Messiah and can have no other meaning).

All the other prophets, him whom they are usually called Jesus of Nazareth. LK 2: 4,51. If Philip did only speak as was commonly said, though himself knew and believed other things. He is not be blamed but the most think Philip discover here his own weakness both in thinking of Christ the Son of Joshep and to have been born at Nazareth. It is certain that the apostles themselves at first, truly and till Christ resurrection of the dead, had a very imperfect notion of Christ as the true Messiah. Grace may consist with great weakness as to knowledge.

***Do you ever think about Jesus has recommending us to be as personal friend just like Philip and Nathanael friendships?***

The Lord Jesus Christ himself recommending us to have in Him and intimacy with Him as long as we live and serve Him for his expansion of His Kingdom. No matter what circumstances we have made a friendship with Jesus and pray to him. He will answer your supplicate, need and desires.

#### 4. Inspiring other workers

***Act 11: 25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul.***

Saul or Paul, being Barnabas's friend and acquaintance, whom Barnabas had brought to the knowledge of the apostles, Act 9:27 he goes now to seek him, that they might advise and strengthen one another in the works of the Lord.

***Act 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the Church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.***

A whole year they assembled themselves, Frequency of meeting to partake of the ordinances of God is great reason why the gospel was so prevalent in this place. The disciple were called Christians first in Antioch which will be renowned so long as the world lasts, because here the banner of Christ was first publicly set up and men listed under him. This by divine authority for the word imparts no less was it a name the enemies of Christianity gave unto the professors of it, for they called them Nazarenes or Galileans, out of contempt. But God would have Christ's disciple to be called Christian not only as scholars were amongst the Greeks called from their masters to teach us whom we profess to learn of and to be instructed by, but to mind us of our unction for Christians are anointed ones. I Jn 2:27 and are made by Christ (in spiritual sense) kings and priests unto God and his Fathers Rev 1:6.

In the same way we are called to serve for Him and working hard on inspiring to the other persons for care, love and be a fruitful mission works wherever we are anticipation in God's vineyard that on the moment we are living on this earth.

#### 5. Saving souls from death

***James 5: 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.***

The way of his life and action which is contrary to the way which God has prescribed. "Shall save," men are said to save in the same way as to convert, viz, instrumentally As soul, the soul of him that is thus converted. I Tim 4: 16 Soul for person mentioning here. James 1: 21 explained that from death, eternal death, unto which he was hastening while he continued in the error of his way, which led him toward destruction. And shall hide a multitude of sin in the same sense as before he is said to convert and save his soul, viz, in being instrumental to bring him to faith and repentance upon which God pardons i.e hides his sins, Ps 32:1 though not from

the eye of his omniscience, yet from the eye of his vindictive justice, and so as not to bring them for in Judgment against him.

Let us amazing and exam ourselves to do more for our personal duties, to serving him more for the work of the almighty God without neglecting what we are called by the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Letting ask a question why should we do to be saving souls from death?***

The answer is you and I are edifying depress person to win many Souls and having responsibility to preach, teaches the gospels to the people of hindrance and those who have being fall in temptation and backslide condition. Bringing them back to Jesus to saving them physical and spiritually, as to be true Christian family or person and moral character to services.

**Conclusion:-**

Therefore, the **WORKERS, PERSONAL FOR CHRIST** is very important to a Christian life. Since we had been called to serve Him with all our ability, energy and capacity to every single person must have enthusiastically minded the mission works for Christ kingdom.

My prayer is to see the glory of God through those points view:-

- (1) Bringing the helpless to Christ. Mk 2:3***
- (2) Winning members of their own household. Jn 1: 41***
- (3) Inspiring other workers. Acts 11: 25,26***
- (4) Recommending Christ to personal friends. Jn 1: 45***
- (5) Saving souls from death. James 5: 20***

May the Lord blesses to these five points will be a useful instruments to each one of you by the power, wisdom and strength through his grace. Amen.

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