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THE LORD'S STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL EVANGELISM

...living a life that compels people to accept Jesus

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Only Changed Men Can Change the World

Evangelism must be continuous, contagious, and compelling. This can be achieved when we begin to live a life that compels others to accept Jesus. What we do consistently will eventually become contagious and, in no time, become compelling (**Luke 19:1-10**).

If you are a student of the Scripture and the Spirit, what is easily noticeable about the Christian faith or gospel is the proclamation that only changed men can change the world. Throughout the Bible, you will always see people who stood shoulder-high above the perversity of their generations to show people that it would take a changed man to change the world. Whereas a reflective man can produce new philosophies, only a regenerated man can make a difference. Most preachers today are psychology, sociology, and philosophy majors. I am not saying those things are wrong; I am saying you must be absolutely rooted in Christ

(**Colossians 2:4-10**).

If indeed we are changed men and women, then like the Gadarene demoniac who was delivered and healed by Jesus, our joy should be infectious and contagious so that we can share the good news of our salvation with our friends, families, as well as those in our villages, towns, and cities (**Mark 5:1-14, Acts 16:6-40**). What makes evangelism immensely imperative is the truth grounded in the good news that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and He has committed to us the ministry and the word of reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Luke 5:27-32; 19:1-9**).

From Occasional Evangelism to Regular Evangelism

Strategic evangelism today requires an intentional effort to widen the circle of faith by including transformed individuals who have trusted in Christ as Saviour while ensuring that this process remains continuous, contagious, and compelling. The concept of

evangelism needs to be rescued from the realm of the special and occasional and anchored in its essential nature—the regular.

There is much that beckons us to the soul-winning and disciple-winning strategy that works through small groups and builds towards congregational witness. A little leaven leavens the whole lump (**1 Corinthians 5:6, Galatians 5:9**). This is the only thing that will demonstrate the connection between the gospel we preach and the life the gospel enables us to live. It will demonstrate that a change has occurred and that the gospel we preach and the life we live are not contradictory. It is the transformed life that will bring others to Christ.

From Theories to Concrete Situations

My observation over the years is that whenever we embark on a new venture or significant evangelistic outreach endeavour, we move in either of two directions at the end of the day. First, we move from words to things (we speak about it, build our people up and take action). Second, we move from things to words. In other words, we become commemorative because we do not allow the special and the occasional to be translated into the regular.

If we do not journey from theories and ideas to concrete situations, the concrete situations will become mere words—they will become

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- * By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

commemorative. Instead of anticipating the next move of God, we now become storytellers. So, in every church, you have three types of people: **celebrators** (they celebrate new things), **commemorators** (they talk about the past move of God), and **anticipators** (they anticipate the next move of God and understand how to turn the special and occasional to the regular until it becomes a lifestyle). To avoid moving from concrete things into mere words or empty slogans, we must think like men of action and act like men of thought. According to John Locke, this is because “The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.”

Master Plan (The Master and His Plan)

In **John 14:1-6, 23**, Jesus talks about the Father's mansions. Many have wrongly believed that mansions are waiting for them in heaven. The truth is that the mansions of God are not in heaven but on earth. Jesus did not resurrect to go and build mansions for us in heaven. That is why there will be a new heaven and a new earth (**Revelation 21:1**). In **Hebrews 10:5**, the Bible makes it clear that Jesus is God's mansion when it says, “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for Me.” So, in **John 14:2**, where Jesus says there are many mansions in His Father's house, He is saying the Father dwells in Him, that is, He is the Father's mansion while here on earth, and He wants to create more mansions. That is why we are the dwelling places of God in the spirit and living stones as spiritual houses for God to dwell in (**Ephesians 2:22, 1 Peter 2:4-5**). Therefore, the mansions of God are on the earth.

In **John 14:23**, the Lord says He and the Father will make their home with whosoever loves Him. In other words, the Father and the Son will make their mansions with those who love and believe in Him. Here, mansions refer to the dimensions of the Spirit, as He is the foremost Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. But those dimensions would come to the believers as a result of the sacrifice on the cross.

He is the way, the truth, and the life (**John 14:6**). So, if you are ever going to embark on evangelism that will not just be occasional but regular, you have to follow the Master's way.

Purging the Mountains of “Pigs”

Because we are merely busy or skilled at what we are doing does not necessarily mean that we are getting anything accomplished. We must purge the mountains of “pigs” so that righteousness can exalt the nations. This is why we are nation-builders and a holy nation within the nations. Our assignment is to transform nations, not just to get the crowd (**Matthew 28:19**).

As a result of our ministry and lifestyle, there must be an ever-expanding company of dedicated people reaching the world with the gospel. The efforts being made must produce a disciplined nation. If we are accomplishing our objectives, the fruits that remain must be commensurate with our investment of time and resources. We must be carriers of God's presence, spreading the good news through our lifestyle everywhere we go.

Following the Master's Method

Many people think crusades and special outreaches are what have kept the church going (**John 2:23-25**). Jesus' method of ensuring the continuity of what He began—its contagiousness and compelling nature—did not depend on the crowd or multitude. That does not mean Jesus did not care about the crowd; He did care (**Matthew 14:13-21; 15:29-31; 8:14-16, Luke 7:21, John 6:15**). But the contagiousness and the compelling nature of His ministry depended on the individuals whom He called to Himself. That is, men were His method. Therefore, if we are going to embrace the pattern of evangelism that is continuous, contagious, and compelling, we must follow the Master's example. We must move from the special and occasional to the regular.

Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead according to Scripture such that nothing was done out of season (**1 Corinthians 15:3**). Therefore, He conceived the plan that would not

fail. It all started by calling a few men to follow Him. Immediately, this revealed the direction that His evangelistic strategy would take. His strategy was to reach or raise men whom the multitude would follow. Remarkably, Jesus gathered those men before He preached a single sermon. In essence, His initial objective was to enlist men who could bear witness to His life and carry on His work after He had returned to the Father. From Andrew, the news about Jesus began to spread from one person to another. If your life is good and thorough and has been changed by the Lord, there will be somebody else you can bring to Christ to continue with the work (**John 1:35-51**).

It is worthy of note that having called those men to Himself, Jesus stayed with them (**Matthew 28:20, Mark 3:13-15**), consecrated them (**Matthew 11:28-30**), imparted them, demonstrated how to live with God and man to them, delegated them, supervised them, and charged them to reproduce (**John 15:16**). When these become continuous at the different levels in our ministry and families till they become contagious, then they will become compelling.

When I say that I was born a child, raised a boy, became a man, and will die an institution, it includes everyone whom God has given me. They will continue to discuss and live by the teachings I imparted in a continuous, contagious, and compelling manner long after I am gone. This is how to reach every sphere of human endeavour with the gospel of Christ, locally and globally.

“If your contribution has been vital, there will always be somebody to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality.”—Walter Gropius.