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“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay them for what they have done”

Proverbs 19:17



A Letter from God

WA Letter from God" is a meaningful short story. Once a lady got a letter. She looked at envelope and saw that there was no stamp and no postmark, it had only her name and address. She opened it. she read the letter, "DEAR ROSE, I WILL BE COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD THIS EVENING AND WOULD LIKE TO PAY A VISIT TO YOU. LOVE ALWAYS... JESUS." Reading this letter Rose was shaken and started thinking to herself, "Why Jesus would visit me? I have nothing to offer..." with this she remembered about her empty kitchen cabinets and reached for her purse to check for money. She saw that she had only 5 dollars.

She thought about things she could buy and hurried out of door. She went to market and bought a loaf of bread and carton of milk with some sliced turkey. She had only some cents left with her, yet she was happy holding those meager offering tucked under her arm.

On her way back to home she heard a voice saying, "Lady, can you help us?" When she turned back, she saw a man and woman in ragged cloths, were dirty and smelled bad. Man said, "Lady, I have no job and me and my wife have been living on streets and it is getting cold and we have nothing to eat. We are really hungry. If you could help us, we would really appreciate."

Rose replied, "Sir, I would like to help but I am myself a poor woman and all I have is some bread and turkey cuts which I bought for an important guest coming this evening." "Okay I can understand lady...Thanks anyway." Man replied and held hand of his wife and gone. As Rose watched them leave, she felt a little pain in her heart. She turned back to them and told "Sir wait..." couple stopped. Rose ran towards them, handed them her bag and told, "Sir, please take this food with you. I will figure something out to serve my guest."

"Thank you, thank you" said man's wife. Rose saw that she was shivering from cold, seeing this Rose unbuttoned her coat and gave it to her and said, "You know, I have got another coat at home. You take this one." Then she returned home and she was shivering with cold and worried about not having anything to offer to Jesus. As she entered home, she noticed another mail. She took that envelope and opened it.

IT READ: "DEAR ROSE, IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU...THANK YOU FOR THE LOVELY MEAL AND ALSO FOR BEAUTIFUL COAT. LOVE ALWAYS...JESUS".

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done...Proverbs 21:19 Here is outstanding investment advice. Where else can you find a risk-free rate of return that pays guaranteed dividends in this life and eternity? History's richest king, Solomon, tells you about a fully secure investment that yields a variety of large profits perpetually. Helping the poor financially is like making a loan to the LORD Jehovah. The metaphor is powerful. The true God is a great credit risk. He will repay for sure, and He will include interest and blessings with it. Giving to the poor is an endowment fund for our family.

It is a beautiful thought that by showing mercy and pity we are, as it were, making God our debtor; and the truth is wonderfully advanced by Christ, who pronounces, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25: 40. Those are the pretty powerful words. When you serve brothers and sisters in Christ, you are serving Christ himself. As His church. What a powerful picture of identification with his church and what Jesus calls us to do.

Again, we are in a time of Self-Denial – A time to prove our love towards Jesus!

We live in a time when hope is hurting more than anything. Things are changing as if there is not much to look forward. This is perhaps the most melancholic time of this century. But let's remember that our forefathers sacrificed their life, time, money, health and everything for God even when they went through the furnace of misery. Let us remember that we are here only because of their self-denial and love to God.

If you are:

lending your time to God, your compassion to Lord, your resources to the Lord....

God is promising:

- It will be repaid in kind
- It will be repaid in measure
- It will be repaid in heaven.

Along with the Founders lets also pray: "God help me, enable me to cultivate a spirit of self-denial and to yield myself a prisoner of love to the Redeemer of the world" May God bless all of us!!

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CALLING TO SELF-DENIAL LIFE

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In these days, the Officers and Soldiers of the Salvation Army are engaged in raising Self-Denial fund in many Corps, Divisions and Territories in India. And I would like to thank and encourage them for their participation in these efforts.

The Self Denial has deeper roots in the lives of the Salvation Army's soldiers and officers. This is not a seasonal or for a day, or week, a monthly or yearly event, but it is a lifelong commitment of those who are saved by the Blood of Jesus Christ and called to lead others in the fullness of Life found in Jesus. The life of the Salvation Army Soldier requires to live a life of self-denial. Jesus said, 'Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.' (Matthew 10:38 NIV). It really means, to keep God's Kingdom above everything of this world. Jesus is inviting us to always seek God's Kingdom first, nothing else should take its place.

We are living in a competitive generation. There is competition on every level. We see the people long to be in race to become richer. There is endless appetite to get more and more prosperity. In becoming ambitious for self-glory and importance many have followed evil ways and live irresponsible life, having no feelings for the poor and needy. God's Words make us aware of such people, 'Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some

people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.' (1 Timothy 6: 9-10 NIV)

But the faithful soldiers and officers choose to live a self-denial life, denying our own natural will and instead following God's will in uplifting other people. In true sense, they pursue the spiritual choices even if they would need to deny their own human interest. Just as the word of God teaches us, 'Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble towards one another, always considering others better than ourselves. And look out for one another's interest, not just for your own.' And further it says, 'The attitude you should have, is the one that Christ Jesus had.' (Philippians 2:3-11 NIV)

Living such life that Jesus want of us, is imbedded in the soldier's covenant. The covenant which is made with one's own conviction and desire in response to God's love and grace. A covenant to grow and live in the holiness of God. The Self Denial is every day spiritual practice of holiness unto God. As the Soldier of the Salvation Army, he or she promises to be faithful steward of money, time, gifts, possession, as well as body, mind and soul. We follow the example of our Saviour. Ephesians 5: 1-2 tell us, 'Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God'. We have learned to give and give and give more.

I am always thankful to God for the soldiers and officers, who are faithful in their covenant. They do not get weary of living a self-denial life. They whole heartedly sacrificially give money, time, skills. Nothing stops them of giving all that they have, and they enjoy doing so for their love for God and that remains their foremost desire and purpose. They do not wait to be seen by others, neither they seek any honour or glory. But I know, such dedicated and humble people can't be hidden from our sight, and even if they are unnoticed, our Heavenly Father is watching over them. The word of God states, 'Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.' (1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV).

Self-denial is a spiritual discipline to keep God first in your life by submitting to his will and letting him use you for His will for others. His call for discipleship is that we put him first. We learn to do this little by little. By doing so, we do not live-in poverty depending on others, but become responsible to support ourselves and our families, as mention in 1 Timothy 5:8, "If someone does not provide for his own, especially his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Our focus should be obeying God's will to walk after the spirit. We need to study, pray, witness, help each other to develop Christlikeness. As we do so, will result in practising good stewardship of our money, time, skills and possessions, our capacity to follow the spirit of God will grow, as well as our love for God. However, it will be a constant requirement of us to follow Jesus' example and live a self-denial life.



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CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND SELF-DENIAL

You may aware that a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of his teacher. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike. This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily studying it, praying over it, and obeying it. In addition, we should always be ready to give testimony of the reason for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15) and to disciple others to walk in His way. While we concentrate on the element of discipleship, it is also important for us to know and meditate on self-denial, which is a significant practice in our salvationist's life, because the salvationists are the disciples of Jesus.

Modern society is fixated upon self. We are continually urged to indulge ourselves, such that many of us have become habitually self-centred and even self-obsessed. By contrast, the Bible takes it as a given that we love ourselves more than enough as it is. God never tells us to love ourselves because He knows that we already do. How can we relate our discipleship process to the Self-denial thought, which Jesus commanded to follow?

A requirement by Practice

There is only one requirement that Jesus has for those who wish to become His disciples: it is to deny the self and take up one's cross and follow Him. It implies that everyone has his own cross, but they cannot carry it because of a lack of self-

denial. The cross is the mission that one has in his own life; it is that which he needs to bear, to carry when following Christ. Jesus is directly calling us to the highest level of self-denial for our eternal benefit. It goes against all our carnal instincts and cultural expectations. But it is a vital part of being a disciple. The practice of Self-denial only be achieved with the mind of Christ. A person having Christ in heart only be able to exhibit this characteristic of self-denial. Self-denial is part and parcel of the practice of being a Christian disciple, a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew Henry once said that "self-denial is the first lesson in Christ's school." That is, when the Lord Jesus saves you from your sins by His grace and by His blood, when you by faith are united to Him, the very first lesson He begins to teach you is self-denial and He never ceases teaching you that lesson. It means to renounce anything that challenges or trumps our allegiance to the kingdom of God. We are to renounce our yearning to possess things if they trump our allegiance to the kingdom of God. We are to renounce our desire for power. We are to renounce the favour of men if it costs us loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to renounce human glory if it vies with or diminishes the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are to seek first the kingdom. We are to deny ourselves purely in action.

It demands Self-Control

If we practice learning how to deny ourselves and make sacrifices for Jesus' sake, we must also learn how to control ourselves. Self-control is an essential first step to becoming a disciple. It enables us to make choices and impose things on ourselves which our flesh nature does not



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want. Therefore, self-control is listed as one of the fruit of the Spirit in Paul's letter to the Galatians- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law" Galatians 5:22-23 (RSV)

If we do not practice self-control, then it will not be possible to achieve any of God's objectives for our lives. That is because our flesh nature will never desire what God wants or cooperate with anything that promotes our growth as a disciple. Therefore, doing God's will is never the natural choice that we will instinctively make. It has to be imposed on ourselves.

But we may not be able to do it unless we can first learn to control ourselves, such that our will makes the decisions, rather than we act in accordance with our fleshly desires, instincts, and habits. Therefore, the Bible has a lot to say in favour of self-control. In fact, it is the only acceptable form of control. We cannot, and must not, control anybody else. But we can, and must, control

ourselves: "A man without self-control- is like a city broken into and left without walls" Proverbs 25:28 (RSV).

As soldiers, salvationists, or officers, do abide by the truth of Self-Denial, it is my humble wish that whatever we do in word or deed, must resemble our denial for Christ, bringing ultimate Glory to him alone. May God bless all! 🏹

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SELF DENIAL

“The true gospel is a call to Self-Denial” (John F. Mac Arther). Self denial is the characteristics of God the Father and Son. Therefore the Self denial is the essence of the Bible. According to Matthew Henry, “the first lesson in Christ's School is Self Denial”.

1. Example of Self Denial offering

Apostle Paul offers two examples of Sacrificial giving in 2 Corinti 8:1-6 and reminds the Corinthians of their duty and urge them to generosity.

1. Macedonian Church 1 Corinthians 8:1-5

The first-century Christians that lived in the region of Macedonia (namely, the churches of Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea) were poor and in trouble. But they gave all they had with a big heart that was committed to the Lord Jesus and His Cause above all else. Despite their economic status – they were generous in their giving. But out of their difficult situation they did what most of us would consider impossible—their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. The Church in Jerusalem was weakened because of persecution. In fact, there was famine going on, and the church was poverty-stricken. Here the mission churches such as Macedonia are sending an offering to help the mother church. It is wonderful to know that, in Paul's day the field was supporting the home church.

First they had given themselves to the lord and Saviour 8:5
Secondly, they sacrificially shared their wealth to church 8:1-4

2. Lord Jesus Christ – 8: 9

The New Testament vividly describe the nature of the acts of God in Jesus Christ. John 15:13 says, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” The greatest expression of love is to deny and sacrifice oneself for others. In 1 John 4:9– 10 we read, “this is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” God's love is, in short, expressed in such sacrifice-Self denial.

As God's perfect high priest, Jesus Christ himself became the perfect sacrifice -one offering for sin, valid for all time. Human sin is atoned for once and for all. The Sacrifice of Jesus did not begin on the cross. It did not begin with his birth. It began in heaven, when he laid his glory and consented to come to earth. He was rich but he become poor. He came down here and took a place of poverty. Jesus had the habit of being a giver all the times. As the son, Jesus saw God the father as great giver (John 3:16). Therefore, Jesus encouraged his disciples to be generous givers (Matthew 10:8). If we would truly be his disciples, we must see life as an opportunity to give to God.

Explanation of Self Denial Offering

Self-Denial : Sacrificial giving is a scriptural principle put in place by God Himself. God practised it Himself as an example to believers. He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, so He could bring the whole world to Himself. He did it out of love for the World. Sacrificial giving- our self denial offering must be motivated by love. Salvation Army founder William Booth always understood that God's love was to be offered to others; that people in real despair need real hope. And real hope is released through love-filled, practical action. In 1886, Booth called Salvationists to give sacrificially, to deny themselves so that they could offer God's love to a hurting world. So as Salvationists, we give generously to the Self Denial Appeal knowing that our sacrificial giving changes the world because love changes lives. Funds raised through the Self Denial Appeal support the mission and community development work of The Salvation Army in developing countries around the World. Our Self denial offering shows our involvement in the church and its ministry. When we give, we become involved in the mission and ministry of the Salvation Army. Also Self denial offering shows the initiative to respond to God's love. God has showed his love on us. By offering self denial we take initiative to respond to that love. Therefore, Self denial offering should be a person's response to God's love.

Every Salvationist and Corps must give and increase its giving for the Salvation Army to grow. With inflation and need for expanded programs, a church cannot continue to give the same amounts year after year and have church growth. Self Denial is the key to strengthen church and its growth.

Exhortation of Self Denial Offering

The Bible teaches that Christian giving is an act of worship. Paul teaches the Corinthian church that their taking up of the collection is an act of worship which is to be a part of their regular Lord's Day worship. When we put our money in the altar or offering box, we are worshipping Almighty God in accordance with His Word. Mahatma Gandhi said that seven things will destroy us. One among the seven deadly sin is “Worship (Religion) without Sacrifice”. Our sacrificial giving or self denial offering is an act of worship and it reflects our love towards God. God rewards giving and builds His church through the faithful financial worship of His people.

Everything we have doesn't just come from God. It belongs to God (1 Chron. 29:13). It is from God, and as disciples, we should use it for God's purposes and glory. As stewards, we are called to be God's financial advisors and investors. He entrusts us with His money, and we choose how it will be used and invested. Having an ownership mentality creates problems if we are to live for Jesus. Our interests are divided, and our loyalties are split if we have a mine mind. Earthly,



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ownership thinking is wrong and tempts us with an autonomous, self-centered disposition that defeats our call to serve Jesus with his resources. Being a faithful Christian financial steward is vitally important. Stewardship is an outworking of our salvation and holy life.

Principles of Self Denial Offering

1. Give Individually. 1 Corinthians 16:2
2. Give Proportionately. 1 Corinthians 16:2
3. Give Cheerfully. 2 Corinthians 9:7
4. Give Sacrificially 2 Corinthians 8:2

Encouragement to Self Denial Offering

1. Self Denial offering gives us the privilege of entering in to partnership with God's mission around the world. Phil. 4:15.
2. Self Denial offering places us in a position to receive the blessings promised to the giver (Mal. 3:10-23)
3. Self Denial offering and our giving make it possible for us to have treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)
4. Self Denial offering increases our capacity to receive both the blessings of God and the favour of others. (Luke 6:38)

5. Self Denial giving increases our feeling of security and relationship with God (2 Corinthians 9:6-10)

The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deals directly with the subject of money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables of Jesus were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. So the stewardship of our money is very important. The Self denial altar service provides Salvationists the opportunity to respond in gratitude to the grace, love, and mercy of God and to put their faith and trust in the Lord into action. Contribution of funds for those in need reflects caring, mercy and piety. Since God is generous to us, we should be generous. May our eyes be opened to the abundant blessings that come from giving.

“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”— Deuteronomy 15:10

SELF-DENIAL – A LIFESTYLE ESSENTIAL FOR ETERNAL LIFE



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When I was serving in a Corps, in my home territory, during the Social Appeal time, I met a local leader who was well learned, seeking his support to the Salvation Army's charitable activities. During the conversation I learnt that he was in a belief that Self-Denial has been the Greek philosophy later followed by Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi. When it comes to an understanding of self-denial, some people might naturally think that this practice was originated from the great philosophers or religious leaders like Socrates, Buddha, or Gandhi, but we should not be surprised that the practice of self-denial originated from the very the mouth of Christ, the Word of God. If we truly believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, then it is not difficult to embrace that one of the primary principles of Christianity is "self-denial." Self-denial can never be defined as some profusion. Self-denial means knowing only Christ, and no longer oneself. I would like to draw the attention to the following facts, for your careful reading.

I. Self-Denial is a Spiritual Discipline:

Self-Denial is an essential part of the Christian life. Jesus called upon those who wish to be His followers to reject the natural human inclination toward selfishness. The Lord Himself exemplified self-denial (John 13:1–17). Jesus taught that to be His disciple—His follower—the spiritual discipline of self-denial is required: "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me'" (Matthew 16:24, ESV). Self-Denial in Christian life is a deliberate decision to abstain from everything that is ungodly, refuse and reject whatever that does not glorify God, which involves ultimate and dedicated disciplined life. As born-again Christians, self-denial in our Christian lives is very important for our spiritual growth. We cannot be in conformity with this world and expect to be friends with God, this is impossible, and the discipline through the Holy spirit by which your life is controlled, shall play vital role. We need to deny ourselves of something in order to enforce our spiritual growth. Therefore, the Self-

Denial should be an exercise of which the Lord Jesus often spoke. He mentioned it several times as an indispensable token of every true disciple. He connects it with cross-bearing life. Our old life is so sinful, it must therefore be denied and mortified, in order that the new life, the life of God, may have a life in full, which is in Christ alone.

II. Self-Denial is seeking God and the Holiness:

The Dictionary of Bible Themes defines self-denial as "the willingness to deny oneself possessions or status, in order to grow in holiness and commitment to God". Self-denial is saying "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions and living our lives within the righteous framework God has established. We are to do what God has commanded us to do and abstain from what God has commanded us not to do.

People ruled by their own selfish desires will seek to satisfy those desires without regard for God's laws. Self-denial requires that our desire to obey God overrule our destructive desires to find satisfaction outside of what God has for us. Denying includes overcoming the persistent fleshly demands of the body, also known as the carnal self or the natural man and bringing them into submission to God's Word so that we don't give into sin: "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24, ESV).


III. Self-Denial is loving our fellow brethren:

The best expression of Self-Denial, as Jesus taught can be found in loving our fellow brothers and sisters. In the parable of Samaritan, with the initial question, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus clearly mentioned and stressed the point that the eternal life is impossible without loving our 'neighbours'. The most significant way we practice self-denial is in how we love and esteem our brothers and sisters in Christ. Self-denial is the basis for Christian fellowship and service within the church: Apostle Paul urged in his epistle to Philippians "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the

interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:4–8, ESV)

IV. Self-Denial is seeking good of "Others"

"Others" is constant and focussed approach of the Salvation Army, which is coined by the founder General William Booth, whose motive of Self-Denial is to put the faith in Jesus in action. There are number of examples in our Bible, where God's children demonstrated it in action for others (When Ruth followed Naomi, she practised self-denial for the benefit of her mother-in-law (Ruth 2:11). When Esther put her life at risk to save her people, she demonstrated self-denial (Esther 4:16).) We are constantly remained by the Scripture to deny ourselves for the sake of those who are weak in the faith. When we are willing to sacrifice our time, energy, rights, position, reputation, privileges, comforts, and even our very life for the sake of Christ, we exemplify what it means to deny yourself: "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it"

Self-Denial, as Christians, more particularly as Salvationists, should be our lifestyle, not only during the season, but every moment our lives. Self-Denial demands continued submission, which requires a continued faith and life in Christ. As we meditate this Self-Denial, we need to realise and ask ourselves, in what area of life do we need to practice self-denial? As the Lord helps us to bear the fruit of self-denial daily by the power of the Spirit, may our affections for Christ continue to increase so that we will be zealously living for the gospel! 

FEAR AND PREPARATION

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When John started preaching repent and be prepared. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came. John warned them you brood of vipers Produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Matt.3:7-8) When Jesus first started preaching His first words "Repent" (Matt.4:17) After the disciples received the Holy Spirit, in first sermon people cut to the heart and said to Peter andwhat shall we do? Repent from their sins (Acts2:37-38) On the way to Damascus Saul repented and started his new life and ministry. (Acts chapter 9) I can keep on giving references from the Word of God but feel not necessary.

What happens at the time of true repentance? God forgives our sins and because of Jesus' blood He is pleased as His justice is completed. He gives Holy Spirit as the gift and declare us righteous. God knows without the Holy Spirit guidance and help we cannot maintain our God given righteous life. From the book of Acts to Jude are not the acts of the Apostles but of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles. Jesus very clearly said I have much more to say to you.... but when He the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you (John 16:12-13) In short, we can never receive the gift of the Holy Spirit without true repentance. Without true repentance our Christian life preparation will be like the house built on the sand as Jesus warned in Matt.chapter7. Whatever the precious or costly material we may use in construction will be a terrible waste without deep and strong foundation.

For preparation we required knowledge. Here again there is two type knowledge (1) knowledge about word of God. This we need to know the will of God, what should we do or what not. Knowledge about Jesus' second coming signs will take place. I think in these days flood gates are opened to depart and receive the knowledge about the word of God. So many sources such as God's TV Word up,

You Tube etc. Some God's servants wonderfully explain the meanings and the events will take place at the end of the age as per the Revelation God revealed to His servant John. Such as seven seals, seven bowls of God's wrath... I served God and people in His name for a long period but never understand or have the knowledge even from other source such a deep understanding. This knowledge we required and is much beneficial. But it is not enough to put Lord's visa stamp on our life passport to be welcomed by the Lord when He come on the clouds to take His own people to eternal Home.


(2) Knowledge of God. No greatest servant of God even none of the mighty angels in heaven has the knowledge of God and His will also can never attain it. Only Holy Spirit (God's Spirit) have the knowledge of God, He reveals it to us as He wishes and then guide and empowers to fulfil God's will. There are many references such as, When Holy Spirit comes on you....will be My witnesses...end of earth.(Act 1:8) But God has revealed to us (Hidden things of God) by His Holy Spirit (1Cor. 2:10) No one knows the thoughts of God expect the Spirit of God(verse-11) In short no one can serve God's purposes without the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

How and when we receive Holy Spirit? This brings us back to the beginning. One thing must be clear without a slightest doubt, No one can earn or receive Holy Spirit gift by his or her own efforts or any other source. It is entirely God's GIFT. When we receive it? At the time of true repentance only. I don't have the time or space to explain about true repentance. A simple truth if we have not felt Holy spirit's presence at the time of repentance and His guidance subsequently then it is not the true repentance. It was only momentary, emotionally, or temporary feeling for a short time only.

Apostle Paul life is an excellent example to follow for our Christian life, PREPARATION for Jesus second coming and readiness. Paul says to the church at Corinth. Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ. (1Cor.11:1)

His REPENTANCE took place on the way to Damascus Acts chapter 9. His personal life was transformed, and Holy Spirit led ministry commenced. His declaration and testimony "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live in the Son of God Who... (Gal.2:21) This is true repentance and the effect and Paul's declaration. Is this our true repentance and declaration?

Paul's RESOLUTION -I eagerly expect and hope...so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain (Phili.1:20-21) Let us Resolve to open our hearts and allow Holy Spirit to examine. Then seek His help and guidance in our daily lives to be prepared and ready if Jesus is coming TODAY.

May I close as the book of Revelation and the living and written word of God (Bible) closes. The Lord says 'YES' (means surely and certainly) I am coming soon" Our response should be Amen, Come Lord Jesus. I am ready. (Revelation 22:20) 

MY APPOINTMENTS AND THE BEST RESULT



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I am Lt. Colonel Alfred, served 40 years and my dear wife Lt. Colonel D. Rajabai completed 42 years of service in The Salvation Army, and we retired in 2017, residing near by the Salvation Army CB Hospital in Nagercoil with my lovely grandchildren. I am a cadet of "Companion of Christ" Session- 1975-77. As officers we started our journey from Kombankulam corps, Valliyoor Division (once called British Division) the hardest and hottest place in Tamilnadu, Tirunelveli district. This was the new experience to our newly married life as Christian family.

When we reached the ministry field, our heart was broken because the church Hall was damaged without proper door, windows, roof and floor also in bad condition, because no officer was living in the corps past two years, so that no proper worship, no spiritual guidance and no pastoral care, all of them were like lamb without shepherd. There were 30 families and nearly 150 members in the corps, any way we started our ministry with the 1st Sunday Holiness meeting, the attendance were 7 members only (2 women, 2 children, 3 young boys) we became worried, my wife started crying and shedding tears bowed down on Table in the presence of God at the church, the next two months the same things were happening, no one came to church but we started to visit the houses, given advices and counseling to the members but there was no improvement; other side no rain past 6 years, no income, no proper job, so they gone distant places for searching job, even Sundays they tried to work. They were not thinking about the church and worshipping God. So, we changed our ministry style, we started the Tuition class for the school going children, from the corps as well as other religious community children too. And started teaching choruses, songs, dance, instead of conducting worship in the church, we conducted open air meeting at the middle of the village at the panchayath radio park, attracted with the children's action song, dance and everything, parents came forward near the meeting place, finally we started to give the spiritual food. Through this way God almighty and holy spirit moved among the public place, but they were not at all happy to attend the church, they used to go to

job on Sundays. So, we again changed style of ministry - my wife and the village children and myself decided to go to worship where they were working in the open paddy field area, marching with S.A. flag and beating the drum. Hearing this news, all the men and women felt shame and they stopped to go to job on Sundays and almost started to attend the church worship, day by day the attendance increased and most of the members started to seek God regularly through worship, so the spiritual awareness and the Holy spirit moved among the church.

From the beginning of our ministry we met with a lot of problems, obstacles, tribulations, temptations and barriers like poverty, famine in the village, we also faced difficulties of lack of food, income, accommodation, other side, no travelling facilities, flood, sickness, opposition, internal politics we met, but in these difficulties our mighty God, one who called us never forsaken, we succeeded in our ministry, I can proudly say as servant of God, we both sowed the best result in the vineyard in our first appointment. In the History of Kumbankulam corps no one came forward in officer ship past hundred years and now we came to know 4 officers dedicated from the corps, we saw the fruits after many years, I can say many stories like this from our 40 years of service in different capacity, as king Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 11:1 "Cast your bread upon the water for you will find it after many days".

**"Cast your bread
upon the water for you will
find it after many days"**
Ecclesiastes 11:1

Another one unforgettable memory in my ministry is that we received transfer to another corps, two young girls from a Hindu family, joined in our Salvation Army Young Girls Tailoring school and we shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ among them, the particular young girls (both Sisters) started to attend the corps meeting especially Home League meeting, THQ & DHQ youth meetings, through these we led them near to Jesus and both sisters accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, so that the whole family came out from the Hindu belief, then they became a good Christian family, supporting our ministry and we praise and thank God for the saved souls. Another one day while I was standing Nagercoil bus station, one lady came and asked, "Are you Major Alfred?" I answered yes, she told me that because of your ministry we attracted and grow and educated in spiritual activities, now we are taking leadership and supporting to run a corps in the city of Chennai. These are the best testimonies we are hearing after our retirement.

Finally, I can share a sweetest experience that some of my friends and pastors asked me, sir how you are managing your retirement life, Is it boring and difficult to you? I answered, "No retirement to the Gospel Ministry". We have started The Salvation Army Retired Officers Welfare Association (SAROWA). As secretary of the SAROWA, organizing monthly meeting, visiting with a team to retired officers' houses who are sick, alone and in depression praying with them and sharing the spiritual comfort to them. At the time of emergency, we are conducting online Zoom prayer Meeting only for the Retired officers. More than the above, on special days we are providing food parcel to the poor who are on the street, bus Stand, near churches on behalf of our "SAROWA".

God blessed us with 4 sons and 6 grandchildren. By the Grace of God, we are enjoying our retirement with our lovely grandchildren, the real Gift of God. In the Pandemic situation, we never stopped to sow the seeds of God, nearly 150 and above Bible classes conducted to my grandchildren who are with me, they also enjoying with the Bible stories, daily prizes also giving in order to encourage them.

The appointments God and Salvation army entrusted us were Corps officers, DYS, Training Assistant, Chief Cashier CBH, HRD Secretary, Social Secretary, Education Secretary, School Correspondent, CBH Administrator, Divisional Commander, and finally, the Secretary for Programme.

Yes, from the beginning of our ministry up to our retirement God has used us in a wonderful way with much blessing. By the grace of God, I have published a book "PRIEST OF THE MOST HIGH" at the time of thanksgiving meeting after retirement in 2017. After retirement I am also busy with writing a book named "Things Seen & Heard" - 100 small stories helpful for sermons. I request all readers to pray for my family and our ministry.

May God bless all readers of War Cry!!

SERVE WITH SURRENDER

I am delighted to meet the readers in this way. Even in the times of pandemic God is gracious to us. He is showing his abundance of grace enabling us to be alive. For this reason, we need to praise and thank God for his glorious deeds rendering in one's life.

The Salvation Army as a part in God's mission, ministering parallel with social and spiritual mission.

What a great motto our Founder has! How wondrously he pondered to reach the dying men and give them life. Soup, Soap, Salvation. The Social work was commenced on an occasion of the Christmas Eve, Catherine booth prepared a meal with the support of one helper, for the drunkards and street dwellers.

When people are in hunger, if we preach, teach, or talk, nothing will be inserted into their hearts, minds, or souls. It is all in vain.

However, the founder a legend, celebrity, prophet, evangelist, social worker, what not? he is overall.

He is a dynamic, dictator. Whatever he thinks, he does the same. He is for others.

While women weep, as they do now,
I'll fight
While little children go hungry, as they do now,
I'll fight
While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now,
I'll fight
While there is a drunkard left,
While there is a poor lost girl upon the streets,
While there remains one dark soul without the light of God,
I'll fight-I'll fight to the very end!"

— William Booth

"The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell."

Social workers are encouraged to seek partnership with those they serve to create change. Social Service is also to bring change and cause some difference in their socio-economic life for betterment of the communities. Father & mother of social work, Jane Addams (1860–1935) she was awarded a Nobel Peace prize in 1931. Father of social work in India, Thounaojam Ibomyama.

Nevertheless, our Triune God is a good social

worker. He started his work at the beginning in transforming the creation by creating a humankind. He revealed his service through his begotten son Lord Jesus Christ to serve the humankind with surrender by sacrificing his life on cross of Calvary.

Jesus' Mission Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4: 16-19

Proclaim the good news to the poor Bind up the broken hearted proclaim the freedom for the captives release from darkness the prisoners Comfort all who mourn this is the mission of Jesus.

However, I would like to elaborate the word social with the thought which God gave me when I was pondering on the word SOCIAL. This word thought me many insights how to surrender ourselves for the mission of God.

1. "S" - Serving with full Surrender 1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Matthew 20: 26- 28, Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave –28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

It is so important for us to put others first, that Jesus implored us.

2."O"- Offering to who are in Need

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Proverbs 14:21

Whoever despises his neighbour is a sinner but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

3."C"- Caring the Destitute Proverbs 31:8-9

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously; defend the rights of the poor and needy. "The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty". Therefore,

Jesus did the same to the people who are in need. When he preached continuously for three days, he found out that people are hungry. Immediately he responded to meet the need of the people. He cared about the lepers, the tax collectors, the Samaritan woman, the blind beggar, and the c.

4."I" – Intimacy with Integrity Ephesians 6:5-9

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Jesus remains deeply in love with us even when we are undeserving of His love. "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*" (Hebrews 13:8)

5."A"-Action with Affection

Deuteronomy 15:10 You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

6."L"- Love Your Neighbour as God Showed. Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind*" (Matthew 22:37-38 We are given a variety of gifts to serve God and we can honour God by being excellent at what we do in our profession. "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters*" (Colossians 3:23)

Conclusion: Social service is not a stage for us to broadcast our ideology. It is a platform for us to shout out Jesus' love in action. And surrender ourselves to serve the communities who are in need. 🏠



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HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA



Cancer not only attacks you physically; it also tears at you mentally, emotionally and spiritually. For many people, spiritual strength is critical in the fight against cancer. hope, faith and courage are the strength in the disease. All of our pains, disappointments, and sufferings are temporary – but our hope through Jesus is eternal.

Hodgkin's lymphoma (HL) is also known as Hodgkin's disease. It is a type of blood cancer that starts in the white blood cells known as lymphocytes. The exact cause of HL remains unknown, but the cancer can begin with a change to the DNA of the lymphocytes. There are two main types of lymphocytes: B lymphocytes (or B cells) and T lymphocytes (or T cells). HL usually begins in B lymphocytes. There are two main types of lymphoma: Hodgkin's lymphoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Diagnostic Tests 56% had blood tests 49% had a bone marrow biopsy 53% had some other form of biopsy, such as a lymph node. CT scan and PET scan.

Chest X-ray and Echo Stages of Lymphoma.

Lymphomas may be classified in children and young adults as Stage I, II, III, or IV. These stages may be further subdivided to indicate if cancer has been found in lymph nodes throughout the body. The staging may also include the letters A, B, E, S, or X.2,4

A means the child has no symptoms.

B means the child has symptoms like fever or weight loss.

E means cancer found outside of the lymph system.

S means cancer found in the spleen.

X means "bulky disease" or that the cancer cells are larger than 10 cm.

Symptoms for both types of lymphoma are similar and can include 2 Swollen lymph nodes in the neck, armpits, or groin Fever Weakness and fatigue Weight loss, Sweating Difficulty breathing and/or chest pain Itchy skin

and Rash Both children and adults can get HL. It is most often diagnosed in young adults in their 20s or in older adults after age 55. About 10-15 percent of cases are found in children or teens. It is rare in children under the age of 5.

Management. Taking chemo is not an easy thing especially when you have to watch your child go through it. He/she had to do 12 rounds of chemo in order to be cured. Each round was given in two-week intervals with Laboratory Tests.

1. Radiation Therapy. This involves using highly focused beams of radiation to target cancer in specific areas of the body. Examples are IFRT or Involved-Field Radiation wherein organs/areas with cancer is the focal point of application.
2. Induction Chemotherapy. A variety of initial chemotherapy protocols are administered, one commonly used protocol for Hodgkin's disease is the ABVD (Adriamycin, Bleomycin, Vinblastine, and Dacarbazine).

3. Salvage Chemotherapy - This involves the use of chemotherapy drugs administered to patients on the later or more advanced stages of the disease. An example is the ICE regimen (Ifosfamide, Carboplatin, and Etoposide).

4. Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. After high doses of chemotherapy are administered, new, healthy stem cells are infused to replace the necessary blood cells lost NURSING CARE.

To protect the skin receiving radiation, avoid rubbing, powders, deodorants, lotions, or ointments (unless prescribed) or application of heat or cold. Encourage patient to keep clean and dry, and to bathe the area affected by radiation gently with tepid water and mild soap.

Encourage wearing loose-fitting clothes and to protect skin from exposure to sun, chlorine, and temperature extremes. To protect oral and gastro-intestinal tract mucous membranes, encourage frequent, small meals, using bland and




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soft diet at mild temperatures. Teach the patients to avoid irritants such as alcohol, tobacco, spices, and extremely hot or cold foods.

Administer or teach self-administration of pain medication or antiemetic before eating or drinking, if needed.

Encourage mouth care at least twice per day and after meals using a soft toothbrush or mild mouth rinse. Assess for ulcers, plaques, or discharge that may be indicative of superimposed infection. For diarrhoea, switch to low-residue diet and administer anti-diarrheal as ordered. Teach patient about risk of infection. Advise patient to monitor temperature and report any fever or other sign of infection promptly. Explain to patient that radiation therapy may cause sterility.

Are you walking through a season of grief and suffering? Are you struggling to get back up after being hit by one difficulty after another? Take your eyes off the problem and look to God. Ask God for HIS strength and guidance to persevere. Because for the Jesus follower, even when everything that seems go wrong, the hope in Jesus never waivers. HE IS THE HEALER This article is dedicated to a 13-year-old boy on Treatment at present at RCC TVM. Pray for all Cancer patients. And be a good Samaritan their reward is from above!!!! 

Joy to the World!

'This is the Story..... ,
This is the Song'

Background

Since 1719, "Joy to the World" has been a Christmas staple. Its lyrics were crafted by Isaac Watts, and to date, it remains one of the most-published hymns in Northern America. However, the fun fact is, the song wasn't even intended to be a Christmas Carol, as its original version had no such link with Christmas. It wasn't even supposed to be a song!

Origin

According to Church history, Isaac Watts was one of the most prolific and celebrated creators of hymns. However, his most famous creation, "Joy to the

The musical origin of "Joy to the World" is somewhat mystical. Lowell Mason's version remains the most prevalently utilized to date, which was the fourth revised interpretation of the carol. Lowell named it "ANTIOCH," the tune of which is attributed to George Frederic Handel. The choruses of Handel's oratorio, titled "Messiah" shared a chance resemblance with "ANTIOCH." A theme of this musical accompaniment also



Isaac Watts - Lyricist



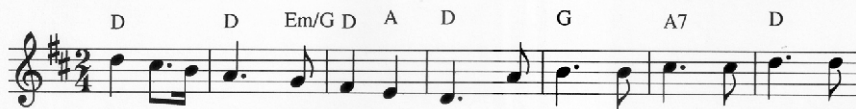
George Frideric Handel - Composer

Joy to the world! (ESB 113)

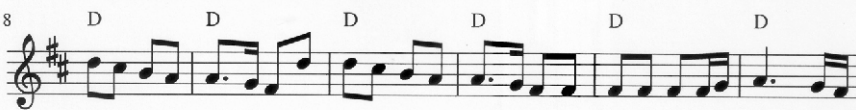
Tune: Joy to the world

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)



Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re- ceive her King, Let



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heaven and na - tu - re sing. A - nd hea - ven and hea - ven and nat - ure sing.

Christmas carol. Although it clearly depicts the second coming of the Christ, it doesn't have any trivial connection with the Christmas story. However, contrary to popular opinion, there lies a correlation - a "second coming" cannot be manifested without a "first coming." The piece is all about fulfilment, depicting the notions of a supernatural phenomenon, of what could be achieved from its impact. Similarly, Christmas does not only dwell in the past attainments but also looks forward to the grace that was achieved subsequently. The song proclaims the ultimate joy that is yet to be revealed, establishing a strong connection with the festive period.

Hope through the music and lyrics

The vision of "Psalm 98" is to bring joy for all people. "Joy to the World" inspires the listeners to look forward to the future, at times when the sin will finally be evicted, and all of humanity will bask in the glory of the almighty's righteousness. The message, "We must hope, and rejoice - the future will be bright" was accompanied well with melody and harmonies that are uplifting and in the forward motions. Watts and Mason succeeded profoundly in their mission. Although, they had no clue that the work will spark a tune that will bask through the ages.



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World" was born of coincidence, rather than desire. In 1719, Watts published "The Psalms of David," a collection of poems where each verse was based on a psalm. But, instead of translating the original texts of the "Old Testament," he made some subtle adjustments. His poems referred more explicitly towards the works of Jesus, thus seeking inspiration from the New Testament.

portrayed an eerie similarity with the orchestral inception of "Comfort ye," a recitative.

The Accidental Christmas Hymn

Another widespread debate that is most associated with this hymn - its origin as a

O B E D I E N C E IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

“OBEDIENCE” means to submit to the command of one in authority. Also means doing what God says, no matter how difficult the command is. Even though the command is difficult to execute, God has every right to demand obedience from us. If we obey and do willingly what God says, our obedience is a 'Gift of Love' to Him. In God's purview, this kind of gift is more to Him than any other sacrifice we could make. That was the reason Prophet Samuel in the Old Testament declared "To Obey is better than sacrifice" (I Sam 15:22).

OBEDIENCE IS AN ORDINANCE:

'Obedience' is an Ordinance from God. We must observe it as an ordinance laid down by God (Exodus 12:24; Leviticus 18:4). Implicit obedience to God will enable you to serve God with all your heart and soul (Joshua 22:5). You can be loyal to God to serve Him (I Kings 8:61). Jesus said to His disciples that they should observe all things He commanded them (St Matthew 28:20; St. Luke 23:56). St Paul also emphasized 'Obedience in all things (II Corinthians 2:9; 10:5). St. Peter also advised his people to be obedient (I Peter 1:14). Those who are obedient shall have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev 12:17; 14:12).

OBEDIENT TO GOD BRING BLESSING:

In the Old Testament it is clear evident how God did bless Abraham. God said to Abraham 'in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice' (Genesis 22:18). It is quite common that believers used to say that they are richly blessed when they obey God's Voice. It is true. God speaks to us at the time of selecting a life partner, a job, resigning Job for full time ministry or calls for ministry and on several occasions. God speaks to us. If we obey God's voice even though we need to sacrifice certain privileges or luxuries, God blesses us abundantly because we obeyed Him (Deu 6:3). We will have

longevity (I Kings 3:14; Psalm 91:16). We will have good provisions (Isaiah 1:19). We will be well in our areas (Jeremiah 9:4). God's mercy upon us (Daniel 9:4). Jesus said that such persons will be blessed greatly (St. Luke 11:28). They will be covered by God's Love (St. John 15:10). They will be filled with Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32).

GOD DISCIPLINES US WHEN WE DISOBEY HIM:

When we disobey God's voice, God disciplines us (Deut. 28:15,45; Judges 2:17). If we do against God's voice, we will face hardships from the Lord (I Samuel 12:15). Israelites did not hear God's voice and got punished by the Lord (Psalm 106:25-26). If ignore God's voice, punishment is severe (Jeremiah 22:5; 32:23; Daniel 9:11). St. Paul also said that the disobedience people be punished (II Corinthians 10:6).

OBEDIENT BELIEVERS OF GOD:

Abraham obeyed God's voice (Genesis 26:5). Jacob obeyed parents (Genesis 28:7). David obeyed God's voice (I Kings 3:14). Judah obeyed God's voice (II Chronicles 14:4). Hezekiel obeyed God commandments and prospered (II Chronicle 31:21), Jonah (Jonah 3:3), Haggiah (Haggiah 1:12), St Paul obeyed God in word and Deed (Romans 15:18). St Paul lauded the obedience of followers of Christ (Romans 16:19). St. Paul appreciated the obedience of Titus (II Corinthians 7:15; 9:13). St. Paul concept of obedience is in his own words 'For me to live is Christ and to die is gain' (Philippians 1:21).

OBEDIENCE INCLUDES LOVE AND FAITH:

The most significance of obedience is when we obedient to God i.e., when we observe His commandments, we develop a love towards God. Jesus said that if we Love Him, we will keep His commandments. Jesus also said that we also love God. Our obedience makes Jesus



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and the heavenly Father to love us (St. John 14:15,21). St. Paul also said this kind of obedience leads to Faith (Romans 1:5). The more we love God the more we are obedient to Him. Simultaneously our faith also stands firm in our lives.

OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS:

Children are to be obedient to parents. In the Old Testament disobedient children should be punished severely (Deuteronomy 21:18-21). But Jesus, as a child subjected to the authority of His parents (St. Luke 2:51). But St. Paul emphasized that Children should obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1). This is what God expects (Colossians 3:20).

JESUS OBEDIENT TO GOD, HIS FATHER:

Jesus as God - Man not only obedient to His earthly parents but also obedient to His heavenly Father. Jesus obeyed His Father (St. John 15:10). Jesus made us righteousness by His obedience (Romans 5:19). Jesus also made obedient to the point of death (Philippians 2:8).

BESIDES OBEYING GOD, WE NEED TO OBEY OUR AUTHORITIES:

We need to obey our leaders (Joshua 1:17; Ecclesiastes 8:2). Jesus said to obey leaders (St. Matthew 23:3). At crucial times we need to obey God (Acts 4:19; 5:29). St Paul exhorted that bonded servants to obey their Masters (Ephesians 6:5; Colossians 3:22). Women to obey their husbands (I Peter 3:6).

Dear Readers as a Believer, God expects you to obey His Voice in all your ways. If you Obey His Voice, you will see God's blessings over pouring in your life. God Bless you. 🙏

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS IN LIFE (EVERY TIME)



Do you want to make the right decisions in your life? If yes, here are 5 important principles you should use when making decisions.

Have you ever experienced being torn between two decisions? I do.

Have you ever experienced asking God a sign like that thunderbolt from heaven to let you know what you should do?

I believe most of us had experienced how hard it is to choose between two choices especially if all options are not morally wrong.

So, when the time comes for you to make a decision, how do you do it? Whether you are deciding which college to go to, which career to take, where to live, which friends to choose, or anything that needs your decision-making ability, it is always helpful to have some principles to live by.

1. Start with What is Clearly Commanded in the Bible

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

The Bible is a moral compass that tells us what is right and wrong, good and evil.

With this in mind, we must start with what the Bible clearly defines as sin and unacceptable. If one choice will lead you to compromise God's commandment, then you need to cross that option out of your list. If you really want to know God's will for you then let Him guide you by not compromising with your Christian values.

2. Seek Godly Advice

"Where there is no counsel, the people fall, but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

Seeking counsel from your pastor or elder can be a great help. They have been endowed by God with godly wisdom and they can give you sound Bible-principled advice.

You will be really amazed by how much wisdom you can get from them. After

receiving advice, pray to God that He will let you see more clearly with the pieces of advice you gathered.

3. Choose the Option which will Glorify God

"For you were bought at a price; therefore, GLORIFY God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:20).

Like what was already mentioned, some options are really not morally wrong.

In this case, you should ask yourself if the decision you are about to make will help you glorify God. This includes being a light of the world so that when they see your good works, people will be driven to glorify God. There are some choices that are less beneficial when seen through the lenses of the human eye but more spiritually fulfilling through the eyes of God. Dedicating your life to God's work is one good area to start with and from there you can start aligning every decision of your life with that choice. There are times that both choices are not morally wrong or right. In this case, God gave us the freedom of choice and whichever you choose, learn by heart that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

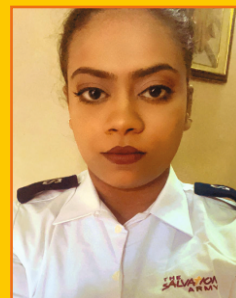
4. List the Pros and Cons of your Options

"A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; the simple pass on and are punished" (Proverbs 22:3; 27:12).

It is very important to not just analyse your options in your head.

You need to write them down to get a better picture of your options. Try to list all the positives and negatives, after that, you should rate each item depending on how much impact they can make in your life. Compare the results of both options. The one with the highest score is most probably the best choice.

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5. Ask for God's Will

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (I John 5:14).

We all pray for God's will to be done. But how much do we really mean it? Are we REALLY prepared to step out of our comfort zone and trust God that the ultimate result of following Him will lead to our own good? In making a crucial choice or even a simple one, you need to look for what is important to God and what He wants for you – NOT what you want for your life. We are already counted "as sheep for the slaughter (Romans 31:36)" and we are supposed to be dead already as we bury ourselves in that watery grave. We need to realize that "it is no longer (we) who live, but Christ lives in (us)" (Galatians 2:20) as we come out from the water. Therefore, we do not have any right to complain every time we suffer for God's sake. As we start to follow God's will, remember that His will is for our ULTIMATE good and "no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly" (Psalms 84:11). Have a submissive and humble attitude when you pray. Ask for a willing heart to obey.

These are just some of the best principles that you can use when making decisions. Remember that God is not the author of confusion and He is more than eager to direct your path.

Though every once in a while, we make the wrong choices, do not forget that these wrong choices will remain a mistake if you do not learn from them. I sincerely hope that all of us will make the right choices in our lives as we strive harder to make it to God's Kingdom! 


DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Beyond the dark

We, India South Western Territory, have joined in the prayers for victims of human trafficking, to exploited women and children around the world. The day was observed in every divisions, institutions and corps. Many soldiers and friends prayed for victims of human trafficking and raised awareness about human trafficking and its dangers. Anti-Human traffic poster and banners were displayed everywhere and prayers were led. Awareness classes were conducted at these places in Nedumangad, Kottayam, Malabar, Kangazha and Thiruvananthapuram divisions and in Thiruvananthapuram central corps. Police Officers, Advocates and Teachers were the resource persons. The Kottayam Division presented a short film titled Missing a Girl which created a huge awareness in trafficking among the people. At the end of the meeting everyone held candles and prayed for the victims of Human Trafficking. In many places other church members and other communities joined this fellowship which was very remarkable. In addition, the Kattakada Division was able to organize awareness rallies on this subject and public meeting organized by the Corps, with the Rally Captain explaining the theme “#BEYOND THE DARK” and delivered the message everywhere. Many women and children are hiding their dark experience and not willing to share with others. The Territorial Head Quarters also arranged meeting at Priya hall. Lieut. Colonel Rajam Daniel TSWM who presided over the meeting, made

the importance of this day clear in her introduction. The women officers performed a special song based on the subject and 1Peter2:9 & 10 verses. Major Shiny Titus AHT Co coordinator gave a good description through PowerPoint by collecting various pictures and figures of the subject. The symbolic dance performed by the women officers with the help of the song 'Lead me to the cross' was heart touching. Purple color ribbon indicating prevention of violence against women was all pinned to the dress. As a blessing of the meeting, Colonel Indumathi Christian TPWM delivered message based on the Gospel Luke.4.16-21. Everything is God's creation and equal before God. He gave us the same Spirit that the Father gave the Son. Therefore, we must speak out against all injustice. Isaiah 61:1,2, Matthew 25: 45, 1 Peter 2: 9-10 These scriptures are also included in her message.

TPWM concluded the message with a very famous quote of Founder William Booth, "While women weep, I will fight to the end, I will fight..." 

Major Shiny Titus
Coordinator for AHT
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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF UPPAL CORPS, HYDERABAD DIVISION, INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR (1971-2021)

We give thanks to the Almighty God for His continued faithfulness bestowed upon us during the last 50 years. As we celebrate Golden Jubilee of our Uppal Corps, we can say that God is so good to all nurturing our Corps to grow Spiritually and financially. On this occasion we decree and declare that the Gracious God enabled us to exhibit the Spirit of Salvationism in every act and ministry of our Uppal Corps.

Beginning of Uppal Corps:

Our Corps established in a different way than other Corps in our Territory. Usually in the Salvation Army, Corps will be established with the support of one or few Salvationist families, but here our Corps pioneered without any Army base. In the year 1970, Lt. P. Bhushanam, a young Army Officer of Shanthi Nagar Corps of Hyderabad District visited Uppal for the purpose of establishing an out-post. He found a place in Monday Market near Electrical Substation where people used to gather from surrounding places to purchase provision and vegetables. Lt. P. Bhushanam started preaching the Gospel to them. Many people heard the Gospel. But three young men namely Mr. M. Manikyam, Mr. P. John and Mr. J. Prabhu Das came forward and encouraged the Officer. They met several times, conducted Open Air Meetings, and in the afternoon visited houses in various places in Uppal. The result was that after a few days these young men and others made a request to DHQ to open a Corps. Consequently, our Uppal Corps started in the year 1971 and Lt. P. Bhushanam was appointed our first Corps Commanding officer. Later by

the Grace of God our Corps gradually increased in numbers. Within a decade God gave us a place for worship. In the year 1982, God gave us an officer's quarter, and in the year 1988, God gave us a spacious Prayer Hall. In the year 1997, our Corps became Self-Support. Many people joined the Corps and left the Corps. But Mr. J. Prabhu Das, Pioneer Local Officer of this Corps continued to support and served the Corps and Hyderabad Division until his last



breath on 4th November 2014. His family still serving God in Corps and Hyderabad Division.

We remember and thank God for all officers who have put their heart and soul in serving and developing this Corps.

By the Grace of God Almighty we could be able to extend our Prayer Hall in the year 2012 by self-support. In the year 2018 with the little support of THQ we constructed a spacious quarter for our Officer.

These developments are apart from regular Corps deductions and support to DHQ and THQ whenever needed.

We have started two outposts, one is at Dwaraka Nagar and another is at Adharsh Nagar. We are very glad that by Grace of God Almighty and continuous efforts of Officers and Local Officers now "Adharsh Nagar out Post is becoming a Corps and which will be declared as "Adharsh Nagar Corps" on 09-10-2021 in the Thanksgiving meeting of UPPAL Corps as "Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Uppal Corps" by our respected Territorial Leaders Colonel Yaqoob Masih and Colonel Sumitha Y Masih.

Following are our vision: -

1. To construct big Church with the area of 5000 Sqft.
2. To add more families to our Corps.
3. To Strengthen and support new corps Adharsh Nagar and build a Prayer Hall for it.
4. To make "Dwaraka Nagar Out Post" to a Corps.
5. To focus more on Youth Children Ministry so that next generations shall be work for God and Salvation Army.

Let me close this report with the words of General William Booth "some men's ambition is Art, some men's ambition is fame, and some men's ambition is money. But my ambition is the souls of men."

J. Joseph Babu
Corps Sergeant Major, Uppal Corps
India Central Territory

DIVISIONAL LEVEL BIBLE ORATORICAL CONTEST 2021

10th September, 2021 was a great day for the Anand Division because Youth & Children were gathered at B. T. Church Anand, like youth festival along with their parents- a day of Divisional Bible oratorical contest 2021. By the grace of God Anand town corps taken responsibility to organize this contest and Mr. Henish Parmar was the sponsor for whole program.



The meeting was conducted under the leadership of DC & DDWM with the support of Capt Rajesh Macwan & Capt. Sneha Macwan. Spiritual meeting was led by DDWM Maj Gunvanti S Parmar and DC gave the Bible

message and D. A Major Mahesh Parmar announced some rules of judges and participations C. O., Major Emmanuel Macwan welcomed leaders, judges and participants and divisional Leaders appreciated Mr. Henish Parmar who sponsored this program on the

loving memory of his father late Mr. Suresh M. Parmar, and then he lighted the candle and inaugurated this program. Because of large number of participants, this program arranged in two places - at Booth Tucker Church and William Booth Primary School.

We thank judges Pricilla K. Chauhan. Mahesh Macwan, Mr. Alpesh Macwan, Mr. Brijesh J. Parmar, Mr. Robinson Mahida and Mrs. Prafulla, who spent their valuable time for God's ministry and gave important suggestions to all the participants for their future spiritual life.

Lastly Trophy distributed to all the participants, judges and also Corps officers. Vote of thanks spoken by DYS last prayer was offer by DSWM and benediction given by Divisional commander.

Capt Rajesh K Macwan
DYS Anand Division
India Western Territory

WELCOME MEETING OF "REFLECTORS OF HOLINESS" SESSION CADETS 2021-2023 - INDIA SOUTH EASTERN TERRITORY

By the Grace of God, we had a wonderful welcome meeting of "Reflectors of Holiness" Session Cadets 2021-2023 on 19th August 2021 at TSA College for Officer Training-Nagercoil.

At the entrance of our CFOT we the cadets & Training staff gave a warm welcome to our beloved Colonel John Kumar Dasari, Territorial Commander, Colonel Mani Kumari Dasari, Territorial president of women's ministries and Lieut. Colonel Davidson Varghese, Chief Secretary.

Following that the flag hoisting ceremony was conducted by the Territorial commander and flag was hoisted by Chief Secretary with a word




of Prayer. Then, we had a salient moment of planting the sapling by our beloved Territorial Commander, TPWM, and Chief Secretary respectively. For this meeting Senior reserved officers, all the Divisional Commanders with DDWM and relatives and parents of the Cadets gave their presence.

The programme started at 10 am with March of witness. The Territorial Commander received Cadets with salute. TPWM led the programme with the spirit of blood and fire. Territorial Commander handed over 22 Cadets to Major M. Packiarajan, Principal for officer Training. The principal promised that, he will train and equip the cadets to become excellent officers for the Salvation Army for accomplishing the mission of God's kingdom.

The Territorial commander delivered message based on Exodus 19:6 that "How can we reflect the holiness of God" the spirit of God moved in every hearts. By hearing the word of God, all the cadets dedicated themselves before the mercy seat to reflect the holiness of God.

Finally, Captain Gino M. Grampton, Education Officer thanked everyone who attended the meeting. All the arrangements were made in a well manner by the principal, and all the Staff.

All the Glory and honor to the Lord Almighty. 

Cadet M. Vinoth Martin
CFOT - India South-Eastern Territory

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING — TRAIN THE TRAINERS, INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY

It's my immense pleasure extend my sincere thanks to Territorial Commander, TPWM and IHQ team for arranging the child protection Training - Train the Trainer in India Central territory on 23rd, 24th at HRD, centre Chennai and on 26th, & 27th August, 2021 at SACFOT- Nellore.

At Chennai

The Child Protection training- Train the Trainers beautified with the presence of Territorial Leaders. Colonel. Yaqoob Masih Territorial Commander edified and inspired the delegates from word of God Matt: 19: 14. Colonel. Sumitra Masih T.P.W.M inaugurated the training by lightening the lamp. IHQ resource person Major. Jashiben D. Khristi ZCPS gave a brief talk about the aim and purpose of the training. Lt. Col. M. Abraham Lincoln Secretary for Program Administration led inaugural session, final session and conducted morning devotion at both the centres.

The contents of the training for the Train the trainers consist of Introduction/Rules/ Why are we here? International Child Protection Policy, Photos/Videos of Children policy, The Brain Story, Child Development, Part-2 Prevent, Case Studies, Training Techniques Part-3 React, Forms of Child Abuse, Balloon Activities, Children with disabilities, Managing Child Abuse Allegations, Do Children lie? Part-4 Practice to train, Feedback forms. IHQ resource person gave vivid information on the topics.


Through interactions and skit performances, the delegates gave their active participation. Totally 36 delegates attended this training. On final session concluded with the message of Territorial commander from proverbs 22:6. Through the message delegates were moved in spirit, drew themselves to mercy seat, seeking Gods' guidance to do better services for the safety of children.

AT SACFOT -Nellore:

Inaugural session: is led by secretary for Program Administration, Major M. P. Ch. Prasad, Divisional Commander, exhorted from scripture emphasizing on 2 kings 2: Lightening the lamp by Major. M. Krupamma, DDWM. The IHQ representative gave short talk about the motto of the training to the cadets, and very clearly exhorted about the seven standards of the international child Protection Policy. In this training, many interactions, group discussions, activities, took place, and cadets gave their full cooperation and with attentiveness, they enthusiastically learned about subject, which is much useful for their future ministry.



Final Session at Nellore concluded with the message of Major. Jashiben Khristi. Emphasizing on call and plan of God towards his children, from Jeremiah 1: 5-8. Cadets shared their reflections in impressive way. Once again, cadets rededicated their lives at mercy seat. The meeting concluded with prayer and benediction of ZCPS. Totally, 38 are attendees.

All delegates felt happy to receive certificates, send by IHQ for their achievement in the completion of the training. The purpose of the child protection training instil clear understanding to the officers, cadets and employees how to work among the children. It revived and renewed the spirits of the delegates to do better services among children. This training gave awareness and blessings to delegates. 

Major Sunithakumari Mikkili
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