



Live in the Spirit

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JESUS THE PERFECT BUSINESSMAN

Every businessman sells a product. God has a product—Jesus. Jesus also has a product—Life. The devil also has a product—Death. His business is to persecute you, steal from you, and kill you.

The secrets to being a good businessman

1. A good businessman knows his customers well

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks. Give careful attention to your herds (Proverbs 27:33). Jesus knew his flock well, that is why he said: "My sheep, when I call them, they know my voice. I know them by name. And they will follow me." (John 10:27)

2. A good businessman gives himself

What did Jesus give? He gave himself. You will be a good businessman when you give yourself. You may have put a lot of money into your business, but if you have no time to attend prayer meetings, you are going to lose your investment. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power. And He went around doing good. Jesus made time for everyone.

3. A good businessman sells the right product

Jesus sold a product everyone needed—Eternal Life. He sold a product that would satisfy people. He said, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

4. A good businessman keeps his promises and does not lie

Most businessmen want to get rich quick. So they lie, rob and cheat.

What they do not know is that very soon all their customers are going to leave them. Jesus kept his promises. He told the people: "I am going back to my Father. But remember I will come again to take you. I am going to prepare a mansion for you."

5. A good businessman is a problem solver

Jesus was successful because He solved people's problems. To the hungry, He gave food. He said "I am the Bread of Life." To the repentant, He gave forgiveness. To the sick, He gave healing. To those held in bondage by evil spirits, He gave freedom. And to a world ensnared by sin, He gave His Life!

6. A good businessman makes time for God

Many businessmen are failures today because they are so busy that they do not even have time for God. Jesus was an extremely busy person. Yet, He went up to the mountain early every morning and prayed. He knew his strength came from the Father. He needed knowledge and power and He knew He could get these only from His Father.

To be a successful businessman all you have to do is follow Jesus.

— Bro. Manuel Mergulhao



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The Ten Commandments

WHAT IS YOUR PRIORITY?

God created the world and the system that governs it. He then entrusted the task of upholding that system to man. However, man failed God and the world began descending deeper and deeper into an abyss. Pitying man's sinful, sorrowful state, God brought His chosen people out of Egypt and gave them the Decalogue—a definitive set of rules by which to live their lives and enter His eternal Kingdom victoriously. What are these rules? Why are they necessary? How do they help? Are they still relevant? And why should we follow them? We will attempt to answer these queries and shed more light on these points in this series on the Ten Commandments, focussing on one commandment each month, starting with the first:

“I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:2-3)

Establishing, developing and maintaining a personal relationship with the true living God is the most important commitment we can ever make. That is the primary focus of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me.”

The First Commandment warns us not to place anything, be it religion, culture, tradition, or any other element, before God. It teaches us not to depend on anything other than the one true God. There is no other source of life or blessings, but Jesus. Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11). Indeed, to the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. (Deuteronomy 10:14) He alone created and sustains the universe in which we exist.

This is the First Commandment's powerful message. We are to worship and serve our Creator, the miracle-working God, who freed ancient Israel from Egyptian bondage. We must not credit our Existence and Blessings to any other source. We are to love, respect and honour God so that we may enjoy a genuine, personal relation with Him.

All that we have comes from God. Paul cautions us “not to be arrogant nor to put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” (1 Timothy 6:17) The only reliable assurance that our future is secure lies in our relationship with our Creator.

Worship the creator, not the creation. He made us (the creation) to worship Him (the Creator). He created for us a wonderful dwelling – our beautiful planet. He fashioned it to provide us with everything we need for our material survival. It is His desire that we enjoy and appreciate His gifts.

At the same time, God wants us to understand that we must never worship anything that He has created or regard it as the source of our life and blessing. Only the Creator – never the Creation – is to receive that honour. Amen.

– Editorial Desk

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Why me?

Whilst matchmakers flourish to satisfy their need to work as social workers, many forget that husbands and wives are meant to live together.

Many get trapped into marriages where the couple is separated. The husband lives in the Gulf, while the wife either lives alone in a flat bought by the money earned in the Gulf, or with her in-laws minus the husband! Such a woman is easy prey to the roving eyes of men because of her own loneliness. Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, was constantly away from home fighting battles for King David.

"It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking upon the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her... And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am with child." (2 Samuel 11:2-5 RSV)

Whatever the circumstances, both fell into the trap of lust of the flesh! Even if Bathsheba was powerless before the demands and sweetness of a King, she too was a part of the sin of adultery. But this very same Bathsheba finds herself in the genealogy of Jesus! What was her credit? In 2 Samuel 11:6-13, King David attempts to make Uriah look like the father of the child Bathsheba conceived out of this sin. One sin to cover another leads finally to MURDER!

But the hero of the Bible is neither David, nor any other historic figure. The only HERO of the Bible is JESUS CHRIST! Could He turn sin around and give the sinner such a high unimaginable place?

*The most powerful and liberating scripture is Ephesians 2, which after talking about us being saved by grace, talks about us already being seated with Christ in the heavenly places!! This is your position, beloved, **IF** you have accepted Jesus as your only Lord and Saviour after having repented and turned away from your sins. Where is Christ seated? Far above all principalities, power, might, dominions, every name that is named not only in this world, but also in that which is to come!! (Ephesians 1:19-23) and this is where you are with Him. If only you knew where you are seated right now...*

King David faced many troubles in his lifetime, but the gravest one was his sin of adultery leading to the murder of Uriah. A murder he schemed so well that Uriah himself carried his own death warrant to the battlefield. (2 Samuel 11:14-17) David apparently thought that he could get away with it. He didn't. In 2 Samuel 12:7-10, David is rebuked by God. David repented with bitter tears and pleaded with God. His plea is recorded in the Psalms. The chosen people were given a role in God's plan of salvation. For the sake of that salvation, God forgave David and though the child conceived out of wedlock dies, the son born within the marriage which God accepted became his successor and went on to build the greatest temple in Jerusalem. But why Bathsheba's son, when any of David's sons from his previous marriages could have been the rightful heir?

I would ask myself: "Why me?"

– Sister Lynette

Kids' Corner

Word Search Fruit of the Spirit

Look forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards and diagonally to find the Fruits of the Spirit given below.

Love Joy Peace Patience Kindness Goodness
Faithfulness Gentleness Self Control

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KEY TO PROSPERITY

Entering into God's Presence

is frequently used in the church today in reference to worship and prayer. However, most of us, the casual, twenty-first-century generation, do not understand the real meaning behind this phrase. Even when we attempt to do so wholeheartedly, we are not able to comprehend it completely. Why? Frankly, it is because often our reverence for God is not genuine. Here's a small example. When I was growing up, if someone wearing a hat happened to walk past a church, he would immediately take it off as a sign of respect for the place where God was worshipped. Of course, today we say, "Well, that is unnecessary. It is the attitude that counts." Yet, I think we have lost both the attitude as well as the custom. We need to be spiritually sensitive to the fact that God is holy, mighty and worthy of complete reverence.

One of the favorite theological ideas in many churches today is that grace cancels law. Yet, because we misunderstand the nature of grace, in as far as obedience to God is concerned, our approach is casual. We commit sin, and then hurriedly ask for forgiveness on our way to church or a prayer meeting. By the time we get to the door, we think we are worthy to join other believers in prayer.

We treat the precious blood of Jesus, which He shed to save us, as if it is something to be used for temporary relief before we start sinning all over again. It is sad that while we do not really love Jesus, we do not hesitate to use Him. We then have the audacity to complain that God does not answer our prayers. The truth is that grace supersedes law in the sense that only the grace we receive in Christ enables us to fulfill God's law. Jesus told us that the greatest commandment of all is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37) In essence, God is telling the church, "Do not obey Me because you want things from Me. Rather, obey Me because you love Me. If you love Me, you will obey my commands. (John 14:15) If you truly love Me, I will not have to chastise and discipline you to get you to do what I ask of you."

God does not want us to use Him merely as insurance against hell. He wants a relationship. He wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts. He wants to be a father to us. He wants communion with us. What is communion? It is an intimacy with our Heavenly Father through which we express our love for Him, discern His will, and then follow it. In retrospect, it is equivalent to entering into the very mind and heart of God in order to become one with Him and His purposes. In this sense, drawing close to God is not as simple a matter as we are inclined think.

God bless you.

– Editorial Desk



Confused and lost; not sure where we are heading—that in a nutshell is teenage. And sometimes it is a real challenge to live in this rapidly changing world, but not be a part of it.

A common issue for most teenagers is relationships—what most of you would call 'dating'. What's wrong with that? If we like someone and want to spend time alone with that person getting to know him/her better, why shouldn't we? Most people in this world date and they all seem happy. Then why can't we do the same and go out there and have fun?

Fun – What exactly does this word mean? For most people fun is synonymous with happiness. But can one really be happy doing wrong? Is that kind of fun good or bad? Are you happy doing what the Lord wants you to do, or are you still looking for worldly pleasures?

The Girls Youth Cell (GYC) is a body where young girls are taught and explained the Word of God. The main aim of this body is to groom and nurture young girls to grow up to be strong women of God, capable of facing each and every trial with spiritual confidence.

A few weeks ago, we were shown a Christian movie called 'Pamela's Prayer' at one of our meetings. It was a great movie and it enlightened each one of us. The movie was very relevant to current times and taught us that it was not right for anyone to be in a relationship before time. It also expounded on the sacred relationship between spouses

But how will we know when the right person comes our way? How will we know if the time is right? The movie showed us that the Lord will send the right person at the right time and lead us through signs and symbols.

I now know why we shouldn't date before our time and that we need to wait on the Lord for He has a plan for each one of us.

The GYC has cleared our doubts on various other issues as well. It has helped us to know the Lord better and live according to His ways. It has taught us to love. We see our daily lives in reference to the interpretation of the Word. We listen and understand the Word as it speaks to us. We are learning to distinguish between right and the wrong. We are taught how to live in this world and yet live in the spirit. We share our experiences and testimonies, which strengthens our faith. We glorify the Lord for all that He has done for us. We praise, worship, thank Him and we sing for joy and have a lots of fun. Yes, my friends, we have FUN.

We are grateful to Bro. Manuel, Sis. Lynette and all the elders under whose guidance we young girls are moulded into warriors for Christ.

– GYC

HOW TO WIN

How to Win - PART 5

What is winning? Most people characterise a winner as someone who has achieved his goals and acquired wealth, prestige, favour, status and power. I say a person who has hope is a person who some day, some time will win. Winning is an attitude, an approach towards what Jesus paid on that Cross. Winning for a believer is to achieve a goal in God's way with contentment (deep aggressive peace). Winning begins with a hope, a vision, a goal, a focus, a determination and will power.

Hope: Every living being has a hope. Ecc 9:4b says "Even a live dog is better than a dead lion." Because a live dog has a hope but the dead knows nothing. They have no further reward. Everything begins with hope. The book of Isaiah says "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Vision: Hope has to become a vision. Vision is something which you cannot see physically except with your spiritual eyes. Elisha's vision was to inherit a double portion from Elijah. He did not leave Elijah till the end. Wherever he went, he followed him. Deeds without vision result in failure, and vision without deeds is futile.

Goal: A man was travelling. He stopped at an intersection and asked an elderly man, "Where does this road take me?" The elderly person asked, "Where do you want to go?" The man replied, "I don't know." The elderly person said, "Then take any road. What difference does it make?" When Jesus came into this world He knew His goal very well. His goal was to do his Father's will. We need to be persistent—as persistent as the widow in the Bible who wouldn't stop calling at the judge's house until she found an answer to her problem and justice was granted to her.

Focus: This is an important step towards success. The three Magi could find Jesus because they focused on the star and followed it. To win in your walk with God, you need to be focused and not stray from the truth. Knowing and doing what God says is vital to success. "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8

Determination: The person who was invalid for 35 years could not get his healing because he lacked determination to go inside the pool when the water was being stirred. Determination determines your attitude towards a situation or a problem and gives you the inner strength to overcome that problem. This is only possible with God's grace. Determination means come what may I am going to achieve my goal. Remember David's encounter with Goliath? He did not find Goliath too big to hit but too big to miss! A person with determination is someone who thinks he can and so he will never quit. Ecc 9:11 says, "The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all (the determined)."

Willpower: Willpower is not measured by how high you go up in life but how many times we bounce back when we fall down. It is this ability to bounce back that determines our victory. Thomas Edison failed approximately 10,000 times while he was working on the light bulb. But he did not give up. For him defeat was a detour not a dead end. As long as Moses' hands were lifted up the Israelites were winning the battle against the Amalekites. Moses' hands grew tired (Exodus 17:12) but not Moses because of his willpower. His ultimate goal was to see the victory of the Israelites.

The Winner man: Jesus is the winner man because He won the battle for you and for me. From the very beginning God the Father had a hope to set mankind free. He sent prophets, kings and many others, but they failed. Ultimately, He sent His only begotten son, whose goal was to give salvation so that we all can live in freedom. The Father's hope became the Son's vision to restore everything that Adam had lost. He was so focused on His goal that He walked the way of Calvary. He became a curse on that tree so that our curse could be destroyed. He was so determined that even at the point of death He did not lose the authority to send a robber to heaven and save his soul from hell. With the deepest willpower He fought the battle till the end and when it was over He said, "It is finished."

Jesus has finished everything for us. It is time for us to rejoice, to live in His freedom and live the life of a winner. So my brother and sister, what's stopping you from living a life of victory? Go out and win in the one and only one name — Jesus.

— Editorial Desk



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New Birth into a Living Hope

On the 11th August 2009, Sister Cecilia Almeida
(Sister Lynette's mother and Brother Manuel's mother-in-law)
left us leaving this message to me.

She left us at the age of ninety-seven
To celebrate her birthday in heaven
A wife of a noble character who can find?
She gets up while it is still dark...
 provides for her family
 Sets about her work rigorously...
 clothed with strength & dignity,
She watches over the affairs of her household...
 Her children call her blessed...
A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised
 (Proverbs 31:10-30)
For no matter how many promises
 God has made
 They are yes in Christ & through
 Him the Amen
This is what I learnt from the little I saw of her.
 "New Birth into a living hope through
 the resurrection of
 Jesus Christ from the dead into an inheritance
 that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven
 (1 Peter 1:3&4)
In the bulletin of February 2009, I mentioned that
 With the ministry of Brother Manuel
 My wife and I visited the land of the Bible
 And we oldies up to the age of
 ninety-five were capable
Of assimilating words of scripture & Samuel
In Israel, we walked barefoot on small rocks
 And waded in shallow waters
 at the Sea of Galilee
 We also enjoyed baked fish
 and bread in that place
 That I can still sing:
 I saw a dish, I saw a dish...
 with a very tasty fish.}2
At the Sea of Galilee, where we happened to be
 I saw a dish, I saw a dish...
 with a very tasty fish.}2
Sister Cecelia walked with us
 up the Dolorosa Street
 Carrying her own cross
 and not made by craftsmen

Here I could see scripture fulfilled
 (Isaiah 40: 30 & 31)
The youth getting tired & weary but she
renewed her strength as she carried her cross.
"Oh Death" where is your sting? (1 Cor 15:55)
 Which sage has seen in your face?
You are for all mankind, for every race,
 For all religions, for every creed,
 For all mankind, for every breed.
So, of all we own, Hope is a must
When all things must turn to dust
 When we die new life begins
Is death the wage for our sin? (Romans 6:23)
 All graveyards are covered with green
 A common sight where many have seen
 But new life is not here,
 For all who know it's quite clean
 To live for tomorrow
 In joy, not sorrow
 To carry on the task ahead
 There is need for our daily bread
We have to run the race with joy and grace.
And extinguish the fire of burning desire.
 Or the ashes that will remain
 Will all be the same?
Who can pay the wages of death?
 It's the One who gives us our breath
Our resurrection and life and hope is in Him,
Then the day ahead will not look so grim
 All this comes to fulfilment in
 "The Lord is her light & salvation.
 She had no fear.
Your face Lord I seek and with confidence say
 I saw the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living." (Psalm 27:1, 8 & 13)
This I attribute to the help and love shown by
 Sis. Lynette & Bro. Manuel.

– Benedict Vivian Fernandez

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