



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION

The Scripture above reveals to us how God has equipped and appointed workers for His harvest. The ministers will prepare and equip every believer for the work of the ministry which is primarily spreading the gospel (good news) of Christ in our community. Each believer has a unique role to play in the spreading of the gospel and the nurturing of new believers 2Cor5:18. We all have been given the ministry of reconciliation, to reconnect men back to God.

Church leaders are to train, equip and prepare the whole body of Christ to do the work of Ministry. The model where Pastors or professional Ministers do most of the ministry is not a New Testament Model. Every member in the body of Christ is to be trained and released for ministry in some sphere so that multiplication, edification and growth may occur in the church according to the New Testament pattern. Eph4:16

Just like Apostle Paul, every Christian must have this sense of obligation to share the good news of salvation with others without prejudice or barriers. We must obey the Scriptures and must not be selfish with the benefits of salvation we have been enjoying. Let others experience the power of salvation through you. 2Tim4:2, Dan12:3, Mt 28:19

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Our responsibilities as labourers in the vineyard include:

1. **Faithfulness**: Faithfulness is indeed a crucial aspect of our responsibility as workers in God's vineyard. 1Cor4:2. This verse emphasizes the importance of faithfulness in carrying out the tasks entrusted to us by God.
2. **Diligence**. Diligence is crucial for workers in God's harvest field. In Col3:23, the Bible says and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. This verse highlights the importance of putting our best effort into the tasks entrusted to us by God.
3. **Consecration**. Consecration is a significant aspect of our role as workers in God's harvest. 2Tim2:21. Consecration involves setting ourselves apart for God's service, purifying our hearts, minds and actions to be vessels that honour Him. Total purifying is demanded, God doesn't manage vessels. Matt9:16-17. Psalm66:18.
4. **Obedience**. Total obedience to the master and commander is indeed a vital aspect of our role as workers in God's harvest. Jn14:15 Jesus emphasizes the importance of obedience.
5. **Tolerance**. Rom15:5-7 Jesus exemplified this in His interactions with various individuals, showing love and compassion without compromising the truth, even those who may hold different beliefs or lifestyles. Eph 5:19-21.

6. **Love**. Love is the very core of our responsibility as workers in God's harvest, ICor13:13. You can't preach to someone you don't love, Irrespective of the degree of their sins, we must love all. LK 7:44-48.
7. **Discipline and Focus**. ICor9:27. As workers in the harvest, discipline helps us focus on the task at hand and resist distractions that hinder our mission. Many have been caught away by the lust for worldliness even while on the mission field. We must stay disciplined and focused. Pro4:23-25. Demas lost focus. 2Tim4:10
8. **Avoid Arguments**. Avoiding arguments with unbelievers while sharing the Gospel is crucial for maintaining the focus on God's message of love and salvation. 2Tim2:24-25
9. **Holiness**. Holiness is essential in preparing for the harvest because it reflects the nature of Christ to those we are sharing the gospel with. IPeterI:15-16, the Bible says, "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written, 'Be holy, because I am holy'". Our lives should mirror God's holiness, drawing others to Him through our actions and words. You can't preach a Holy God if you are living in iniquity. Your message will be powerless and will lack the convicting power.
10. **Prayerfulness**. Col4:2. Prayer plays a vital role in preparing for the harvest, as it aligns our hearts with God's will and empowers us for the task ahead. In Ephesian6:18, the Scripture emphasises the importance of prayer on all occasions. When we pray for guidance, wisdom, boldness and opportunities to share the gospel, we surrender our efforts to God's leading. When we pray, we overcome the powers of the devil that blindfolds and hardens the hearts of men from receiving the gospel. "2 Cor4:3-4. To go to the harvesting field without many prayers is to get exposed to attacks. Prayer equips us with the power of the Holy Ghost and boldness to preach the word with much utterance. Acts4:29

CONCLUSION

Our Pastors and Ministers are not supposed to do all the work of Ministry without adequate and effective assistance from other members of the church. They are not, and should not assume the role of superwomen or women. Their duty is to train, equip and prepare the whole body of Christ. We are all co-labourers with Christ and should gladly assume our responsibilities. The ministry gifts mentioned in Eph4:11 has been given to all members of the body of Christ. They are given for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph4:11-14.