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Are We All Evangelist?

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Please read Ephesians 4:4-16

The letter to the Ephesians written by the Apostle Paul looks at salvation from God's point of view. Paul was a pragmatist, he started churches, and of course, he was a missionary, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this letter he gives us practical suggestions on how we are to walk, and it is based on the doctrine we find in the first two chapters on who we are in Christ.

Paul points out that we were made alive in Christ by accepting God's free gift of salvation. We became the followers, disciples of Jesus Christ and as such we are expected to grow in our relationship with God by reading God's Word, engaging in prayer daily, by fellowship and giving.

As disciples we are also called to point people to God – through our daily living, through our deeds as well as our words. For this purpose, we have been given certain gifts to use them for God's service and purposes. We all have been enabled to share the gospel of Christ through our own uniqueness and personality.

As disciples we are called to be persistent and consistent in building our relationship with God and thus grow and mature spiritually. Persistence and consistence are also necessary to build relationships with others who need to encounter and hear the gospel.

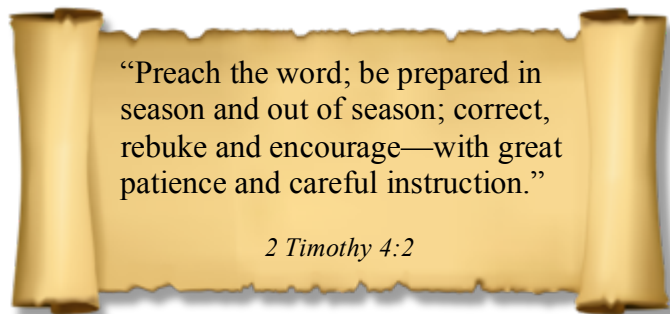
As a therapist I studied thousands of hours to obtain my license as a counselor to provide mental health care. In my professional capacity I am more of a disciple who nurtures than an evangelist. However, one can discern and evangelize. Although the client and counselor are not friends, there is a therapeutic alliance and relationship which facilitates the therapeutic session for optimum results and resolutions. The counselor provides the guidance and help, which includes offering

emotional support to the client. Because of this power dynamic, the counselor is limited in her/his capacity to be an evangelist because the client is too vulnerable and the focus of the therapist is on fostering growth and resolution.

From the very beginning Christian faith spread by personal witnessing as well as evangelism. Evangelism is the public proclamation of the Gospel.

The function of the evangelist and the function of the disciple are necessary and each is vital. There are times when we are to evangelize and other times to nurture (disciple). But we can also be engaged in both.

Not everyone has the gift of evangelism like Billy Graham or other famous evangelists. Yet, in our own way we are called to share the Gospel and also to support those who have evangelism as a spiritual gift.



Message for Men's Fellowship Sunday

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans
Moderator*

My dear brothers, fathers and sons,

Please accept my warm greetings on this Men's Fellowship Sunday 2020. The year 2020 will no doubt go down in the annals of history as a year of unprecedented challenge across the globe. Human beings everywhere are confronted with unexpected trials, shaking the very foundations of life.

Nowhere are men exempt from these challenges. In fact, in many circumstances, men face monumental obstacles to personal health and safety, job security and the capacity to

support themselves and their families. Already some men buckle under the strain of these unprecedented circumstances.

As the United Church's Men's Fellowship you occupy the main position in our Church's ministry with and to men. While severely affected by the shared challenges of our time, the Men's Fellowship movement has in the midst of this crisis a great opportunity to respond to the needs of its constituents. Given your commitment to weather the storm and play your part in the building up of men's resolve, we affirm your unique role in these troubling times, as you respond with renewed vigor.

Be assured of the solidarity with which you are embraced and you are encouraged not to hesitate in accessing the support which is being unleashed across the Church in enabling us all to re-imagine being God's people in times of global crisis. Perhaps young men will have a particularly unique role in this struggle to aid all the Church's auxiliaries and structures to bridge the digital divides and access the many emerging technologically driven opportunities for new ways of engaging ministry. We must help them (the young men I mean) to know that this is their time as we engage together to emerge stronger.

May God of Grace and Power sustain you into a bright future which He ordains, saying "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29 vs.11)

Cayman Prep & High School Priority Registration

If you have a child that is either hoping to join us in KG in 2021/22 or attends another pre-school, primary school, high school or is home-schooled and you would like them to potentially join Cayman Prep and High School in the 2021/22 academic year please note our **priority application deadline is October 31 2020.**

Only children who do not currently attend Cayman Prep should complete an online application form (available on our website www.cayprep.edu.ky)

If you have already applied you do not need to do this again, if you are not sure if you have applied please call the Primary School on 949-5932 or the High School on 949-9115. Alternatively email hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky or psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky

Priority status on our wait list is available to:

1. Children who are Members, or who are children or grandchildren of Members of the United Church, in good standing (requires Church letter)
2. Children of active adherents of the United Church (requires Church letter)
3. Children of current permanent staff of the School

4. Children who have a sibling in the School
5. Children who have previously had sibling/s in the School
6. Past students and children of past students of the School
7. Others in order of receipt of completed application form and application fee.

If you have any questions, please call the High School on 949-9115 or Primary School on 949-5932 or email hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky or psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10. (Saturday)
Women's Fellowship Council meeting – 10:00am – Council office

October 11. (Sunday) 19th Sunday after Pentecost



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Lay Training Institute presents

Built to Bend

'A series of Webinars designed to help build a resilient church to meet the challenges of COVID -19.'



Saturdays 10 am - 12 noon in October and November

- Navigating the Digital Space (e.g. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Zoom) – October 17
- Developing Content for Social Media – October 24
- Livestreaming Worship Services – October 31
- Producing a Worship Service for Livestreaming – November 7

Presenters

- Mrs Heneka Watkis Porter
- Rev. Craig DeLeon Diederick
- Ms Marlene Thomas

WEBINARS ARE FREE TO PARTICIPANTS. JOIN BY ZOOM.
Register through the UCJCI regional office closest to you.
Zoom link will be provided on registration.
GET CONNECTED AND STAY CONNECTED!

Worship the Lord

-on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am-
October 11. Ms. April Ann Lewis

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