

“9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? 11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. 12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.” (Luke 3:9-14 KJV) John the Baptist endeavor to declare to the people the Word of God and to tell them honestly who Jesus is. He was facing them with their sins and admonished them face to face. He explained to them their sins, and answered their questions of how they will repent of them. *Evangelism is to speak to the people the good news about Jesus, as well as to tell them about their sins that they need to repent from as John the Baptist did.*

“And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.” (Luke 3:9 KJV) John preached valiantly the Word of God and he faced all the levels of the society that were at his time, but not recorded that he did any miracle. *Evangelism is to preach valiantly, without fear the Word of God to all the categories of people that God is bringing to us.* John explained to the people what sin is, and expounds to them in details these sins, and how to quit from them. *In evangelism we need to stress not only on boldness to speak, but to have mercy on the people as we expound to them the sins that they are doing in their lives and they are not aware off.*

We need to be aware that many are not aware from the style of their lives what they are doing is sin. Therefore we need to be patient and merciful and continue to persevere even in opposition to save those who are prepared for salvation.

Also we need to accept that in many times even if we are bold, but if we don't discern what is the people's sin then we still cannot minister or evangelize effectively.

We need to ask God to give us discernment and to teach us what the sins that the people are suffering from so we can help them to come out from them. John discerned the sin of each and everyone that he met with and he ministered to them accordingly. There are certain sins is not link with any category of people as we can read here: ***“11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.” (Luke 3:11 KJV)*** Here the sin is about non willingness to give and the lack of giving to the poor and needy who are around the people who have plenty.

But there are other sins that are linked with the categories of certain people as we can read here about the sins of the publicans and the soldiers: ***“12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.” (Luke 3:9-14 KJV)*** The sin of the publicans was extorting money from the people using injustice. The sin of the soldiers was that they were using violence to extort money from the people. *In the same way we need to discern to what people*

and what category we are speaking, and what are their sins so that our effort in evangelism will be more effective.

About John the Baptist, finally he was put in jail, and later on as we are aware he was put to death. It might seem all what he did was finished and without any fruit, but let us read what the Word of God wrote about his ministry. ***“38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, 40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. 41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. 42 And many believed on him there.” (John 10:38-42 KJV)*** In this passage we can read how Jesus and His ministry was rejected by the Pharisees. The Pharisees did not believe on Jesus even with many miracles He was doing, and they started to persecute Him, therefore He escaped out of their hand. *Sometime when we give all what we can do and the people are still stubborn we might need to move to another place and preach to another people.* When Jesus was persecuted by the Jews and they sought to take Him, He escaped from them and went and stayed in the place that John was before preaching and baptizing. While Jesus was there, they came to him the people that John the Baptist was reaching out for Christ. Many of them they believed on Christ based on what they heard of what John said to them about Jesus, for what John said to them they saw clearly in Christ. The people here came to faith based on what they heard of truth from the mouth of John the Baptist. John although He did not do any miracle, but He spoke the truth to the people; the people who heard John the Baptist they testified about him that ***“all things that John spake of this man were true.” (John 10:41 KJV)*** *From such an incident we can conclude the great value of preaching the Word of God and telling the truth to the people. One day they will believe in Jesus and will start to follow Him. The seed that we saw in their heart, Christ shall water and will bear the fruit that God's desire.*

Therefore we should not be discouraged if people are not responding to what we preach as long as we are telling them the Word of God, being assured that God one day, it might even after our departure from earth, the Lord shall bring out the fruit that He desires. Therefore we should not give up of telling the truth, knowing that we will be fully rewarded.

“28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.” (John 4:28-29 KJV) The Samaritan woman that Jesus was ministered to in *John 4*, after she believed in Christ, she went and testified about Him into her city, and she invited the people to come and see Him telling them: ***“Is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29 KJV)*** She told them her testimony and she told them her experience with Him. Then the men of the city came out to meet Him to verify of what they heard from the testimony of the woman. Notice here from the testimony of the woman, she did tell to the people that Jesus had told her all what she did. What she meant here, her illicit relationships with the five men that she had in her life as we can read that while Jesus was discussing that with her: ***“16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.” (John 4:16-18 KJV)*** The testimony of the woman showed to the people that Jesus saved her from the sin of adultery, that was ruining her life. She did not mention to the people how much she received of physical benefits from the Lord, but how

much He cleansed her life from sins, and enriched her spiritually. For evangelism to be effective, sins needs to be dealt with. When the church leaders and systems is far from digging about the personal life of people and dealing with the roots of their sins, deliverance and salvation is not there. When the church leaders and system is good in employing talents and gifts but not dealing with sins of the members and workers of the church, then sin will be kept inside ruining the body of Christ.

Sin is not exposed either due to lack of discernment, or due to non willingness to face troubles and clashes between the church and people. In such a situation repentance will not be there, and forgiveness of sins is not there and evangelism is not effective and the testimonies are not truthful.

Therefore, telling our testimonies to others it has an effect only when sin is dealt with. But that is still not enough, the people they need to be directed further to Christ and to His Word. The Samaritan woman invited the men of her city to come and meet Jesus when she told them: **“Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29 KJV)** People who rely only on the testimonies of others and without being directed to Christ or to His Word they will not grow in the way that God wants them to grow and our evangelism will not be effective as we think to make disciples.

“39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.” (John 4: 39-42 KJV)

“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.” (John 4:39 KJV) They believed on Christ based on what they heard from the woman. But their believe were strengthened, checked and backed up when they came themselves to Christ, they met Him and heard His Word. They heard Him themselves; they heard His own Word. Jesus is the living Word of God, and people will be established in the truth when what we testified will be match and approved with God's Word, with what Jesus, and what the Holy Spirit speaks of God's Word. That is why we need to teach God's Word and we need to pray for those whom we are reaching out, that they will read God's Word, that they will meet Jesus themselves and that the Holy Ghost will bring to them the Word of God that confirms to them what we had spoken to them. Such disciples will be having more impact on the whole world, knowing that Christ did not come only to them but to the whole world, **“42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.” (John 4:42 KJV)** Such disciples will be more burdened to carry the message of the Gospel and bring it to the end of the earth and to the next generation.

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My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord. Lord I renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to go and serve you and do the work that you had prepared in advance for me to do. Lord I am willing to go to whatever place or people you are going to send me. Lord I abide with your will and plan to deliver the message that you want me to deliver. Lord put more mercy and compassion in my heart toward the people. Lord I am willing to face the people with their sins and to expound to them their sins and explain it to them from the Scriptures.

Lord give me patience and perseverance to tell them my testimony and to teach them Your Word, and to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the rest of the world and to the next generation.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you to evangelize and to proclaim your Word and your will. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry. Lord hides me from wicked people. Lord I trust you to protect me and provide for me as I go forward to spread your Word to the lost world.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord gives them boldness to stand firm and to abide in your Word and to do your will in full. Lord give them discernment to do your will with discretion. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide all their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel, impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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