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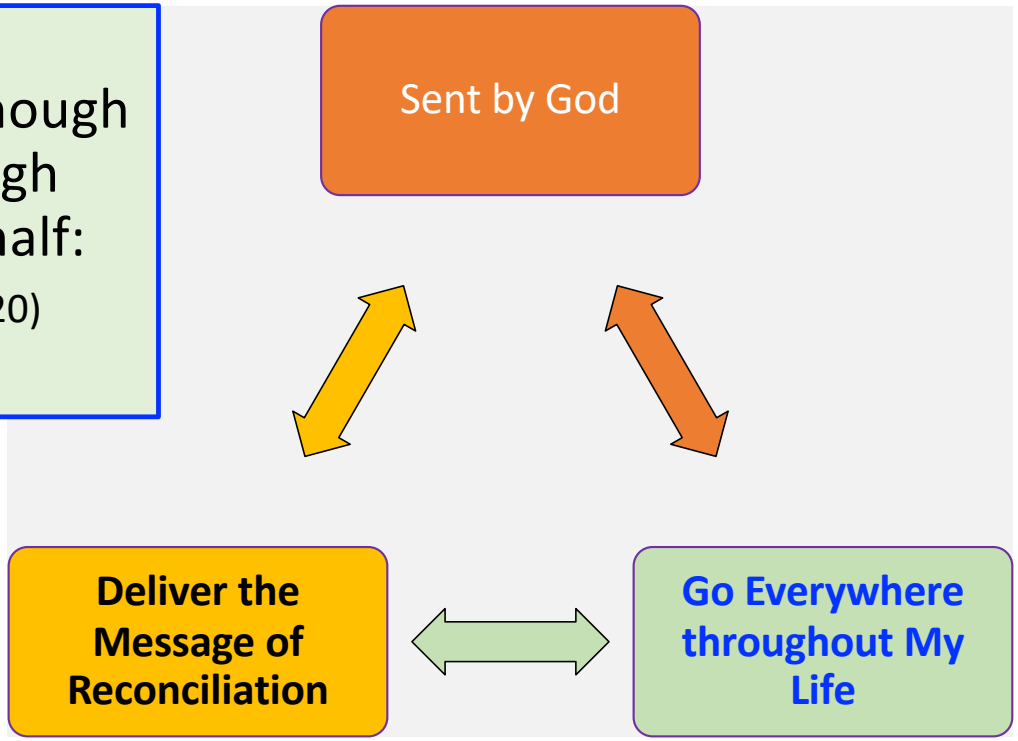
Ambassador Songs



Ambassador Song

Christ's Ambassador Model

We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20)



My Ambassador Plan This Week/Month

- My covenant
  - I am an ambassador for Christ. My mission field is ( ). I will bring the message of reconciliation to them based on the daily, weekly and monthly plan below;
- My strategies;
  - Pray daily; meet weekly to have a Bible study; invite to have dinner monthly;
- My target people
  - Name/Contact info/Address;



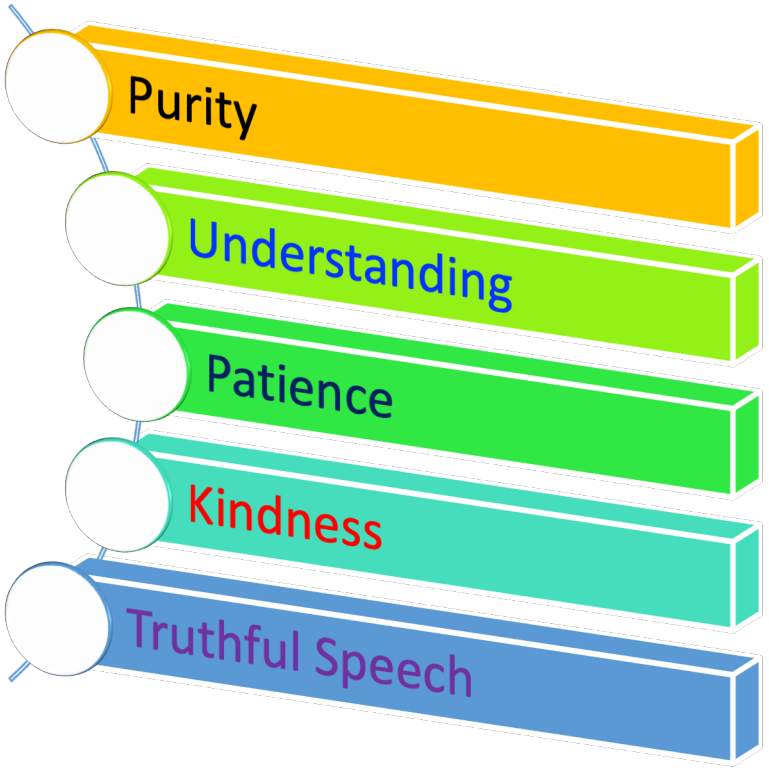
Qualities of an Effective Ambassador for Christ



- Good Character (five dispositional traits)
  - Purity, understanding, patience, kindness, and truthful speech.
- Be intelligent & knowledgeable in the Bible
  - Read/Meditate the Bible regularly.
  - Gift of knowledge & wisdom.
- Skills and wisdom
  - Encourage others wisely and enthusiastically to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Disposition (Good Character)

- Ambassadors must be Christlike in character
  - Knowledge puffs up while love builds up (1 Corinthains 8:1).
  - Be mature with abundant display of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
  - Not a novice (He must not be a recent convert, 1 Timothy 3:6).
  - We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. We faithfully preach the truth (2 Corinthians 6:6-7, NLT).



Five Dispositional Traits



- Purity
  - Sexual purity, morally clean, demonstrating integrity, love, empathy and good heart.
- Understanding (gnosis)
  - A a deep, practical insight into God's truth, character, and sovereign purpose.
  - Knowing how to apply gospel truth wisely in real-life situations
  - Ambassadors demonstrate the biblical disposition and lifestyle daily.
- Patience
  - Being long-tempered, listen patiently, showing empathy by listening carefully.
- Kindness
  - Treating others with respect; seeing others in God's image.
  - Do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance (Romans 2:4).
- Truthful speech
  - False speech (by false teachers motivated by personal gain, manipulation, human charisma) vs. Truthful speech (motivated by sincerity, proclamation of truth via the power of the Holy Spirit).
  - Boldly proclaim the gospel with kindness, even in difficult situations.

Be Intelligent and Knowledgeable in the Bible

- Ambassadors must have the knowledge of the Word of God
  - He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine (Titus 1:9).
  - Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15).
- Knowing the themes and core values of the Bible
  - The biblical themes: God, His revealed works (creation, provision, judgment, deliverance), His covenant, and His promises
  - The most common theme: 1) We are lost without God; 2) God loves us and wants to save us and give us eternal life.
  - The Grand Story of Scripture.



- Why is it important to read the Bible? 7 Reasons.
  - The Bible nourishes you (1 Peter 2:2, Matthew 4:4).
  - The Bible gives you light (Psalm 119:105, 2 Peter 1:19).
  - The Bible waters you (Colossians 2:7, Deuteronomy 32:1-2).
  - The Bible is God's way of speaking to you (Matthew 6:12).
  - The Bible is the source of your faith (Romans 10:17).
  - The Bible sanctifies you (1 John 2:15, John 17:17).
  - The Bible equips you to defeat the devil (2 Timothy 2:22).



Great commission + Great commandment = Great Ambassador

Great Commandment

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind…Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40).

Great Commission

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matt 28:19-20)

Purposes of Ambassador's Life

Worship (Magnify)

- Love the Lord with all your heart.

Ministry (Service)

- Love your neighbor as yourself.

Mission (Evangelism)

- Go and make disciples.

Fellowship (Belong)

- Baptizing them.

Discipleship (Maturity)

- Teaching them to obey.

Wisdom and Persuasiveness



- Why wisdom and persuasiveness matter?
  - All ambassadors' character and biblical knowledge should be deployed effectively so that others may accept Jesus.
  - We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited (2 Corinthians 6:3).
- Four spiritual laws
  1. God loves you and created you to know Him personally;
  2. Man is sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love;
  3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love;
  4. You must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, then you can know God personally and experience His love.

- How to encourage others to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior?
  - Understand that getting people saved is a spiritual battle;
  - Know that it takes the power of the Holy Spirit to get people saved;
  - Pray a lot and earnestly for the people you are encouraging to make a decision for Jesus;
  - Live an exemplary life;
  - Share your testimonies;
  - Invite them to meetings;
  - Be patient with them.



Competency Self-Assessment

- **Disposition (The Heart of the Ambassador)**
  - Do I reflect the character, gentleness, and the spirit of Jesus? Is my presence a Safe Harbor for others?
  - Score: [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10]
  - Growth Action: Practice "Active Listening" this week. Seek to understand before being understood.
- **Bible Knowledge (The Blueprint of the Ambassador)**
  - Do I understand the Internal Infrastructure of God's Word? Can I explain the "Deep Context" of my faith to others?
  - Score: [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10]
  - Growth Action: Commit to a 15-minute daily Bible study to build my foundation.
- **Persuasion & Skill (The Delivery of the Ambassador)**
  - Can I effectively communicate the Gospel? Do I have the skill to bridge the gap between someone's problem environment and God's divine intervention?
  - Score: [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10]
  - Growth Action: Practice the 4 spiritual laws. Be ready to explain why Christ is your hope.