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Am I Called to Mission?

Traditional View

- **Full-time, cross-cultural missionaries:**
This refers to individuals who dedicate their lives to serving in a specific location, often overseas, where the gospel is not widely known.
- **Requires a specific calling:**
Not all Christians are called to this specific role.
A missionary is a Christian sent on a mission into an area where their faith is not yet prevalent.

Biblical View

- **Missional Living**
Every Christian is called to live a life that reflects the love and teachings of Jesus in their daily interactions and activities.
- **Sharing Faith**
Christians are encouraged to share their faith in various ways: (conversations, acts of service, and by living a life that is attractive to others).
- **Participating in missions**
Contributing to the spread of the gospel and the building of God's kingdom in their local communities and beyond.

Not everyone is a missionary, but everyone is called to be a missionary in participating in God's mission.

10 Reasons Why God Appointed You a Missionary

1. You are commanded to go

- The Great Commission is **for all of Christians** which is a direct command for all Christians to participate in spreading the gospel.
- Therefore 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 (Matthew 28:19-20).

All believers are His witnesses all over the world.

- By participating in missions, Christians demonstrate their love and loyalty to God.
- Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, **I am sending you** (John 20:21).
- You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).
- You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

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2. The church exists for the world

- The church exists for God's glory and for the salvation of the world.
- The church is called to be a light to the world, demonstrating God's love and truth through its actions and words.
- The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned (Isaiah 9:2).

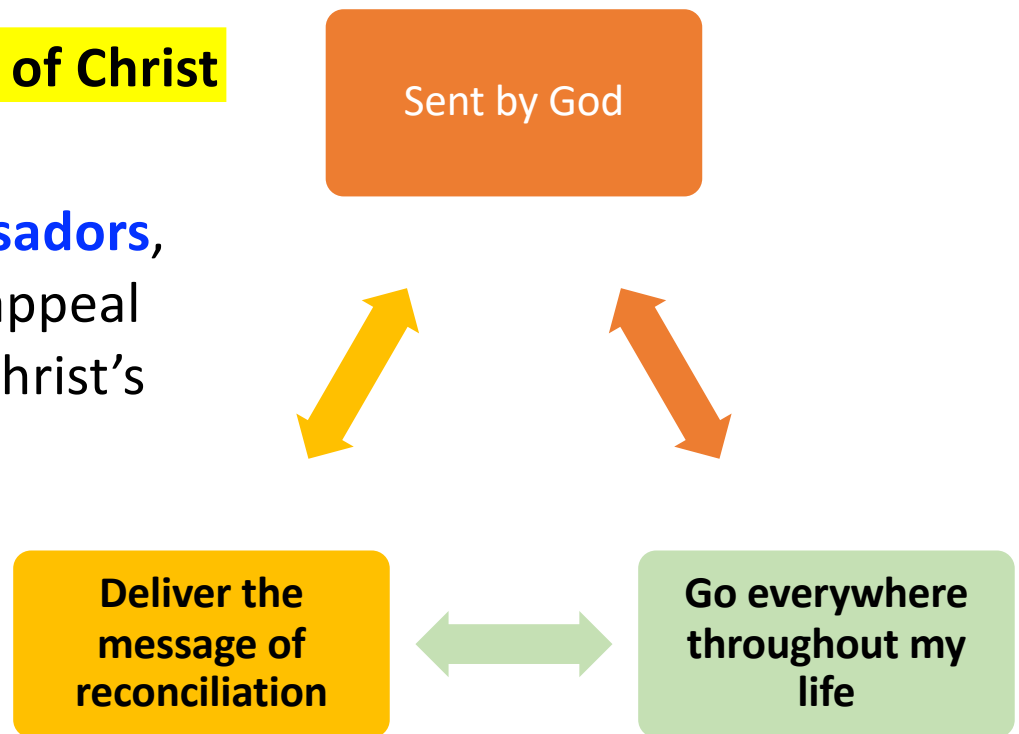
We are the church

- The church is about unchurched (lost) people. The church is God's essential instrument to carry out His purpose and plan for this world and people.
- We need to find people, because they don't normally look for us, to share the good news with those who have not yet heard it.
- Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me! (Isaiah 6:8).

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3. You are called an ambassador of Christ

We are therefore **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).



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4. You evangelize because Hell is real

- There is a real place called Hell where people will go if they die outside of Christ. Because Hell is real, we should work hard so that God would use us to save as many people as possible from that terrible reality.
- **Heaven is a real place**
 - But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death (Revelation 21:8).
 - Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).
 - He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

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5. God has a unique calling for each Christian

- God equips each Christian with unique gifts and places them in specific contexts, allowing them to serve and share their faith in diverse ways. These gifts are given by God for the edification of the church and for carrying out His mission in the world.
- There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for the common good** (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

What SHAPE are you?

- Are you being faithful to your calling?



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6. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few

- There is a great need for people to share the message of faith, but not enough individuals are actively doing so.
- The harvest is great, but the workers are few, so pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2).
- **Call to action**
 - You need to pray for more laborers and to actively participate in spreading the message of faith.
 - You are called to be active participants in spreading the message, using your serving heart to preach the gospel.



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7. You glorify God through missions

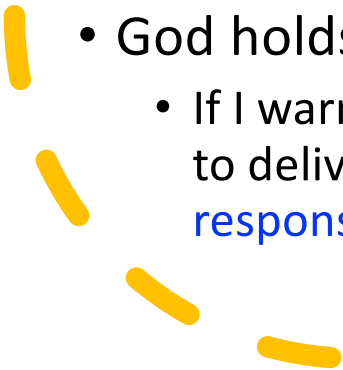
- A primary motivation for missions is the desire to see God glorified and praised among all people, as sharing the Gospel is the way to bring Him glory.
- When you share the good news of Jesus Christ, you proclaim His greatness and show others what He is and what he has done.
- You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased (Revelation 4:11).
- Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples (Psalm 96:3).
- **Mission is for God's glory. Are you ready?**
 - Glorifying God is linked to His mission in the world, which is to reconcile all things to God. You participate in this missions by sharing the Gospel, demonstrating His love through worship, mission, and service.



Reasons Why God Appointed You a Missionary

8. Your mission has eternal significance

- Your mission has eternal significance. It will impact the eternal destiny of other people, so it's more important than any job, achievement or goal you will reach during your life on earth.
- The consequences of your mission will last forever; the consequences of your job or status will not.
- God holds you responsible for the unbelievers who live around you
 - If I warn the wicked, saying, 'You are under the penalty of death,' but you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And I will **hold you responsible** for their deaths (Ezekiel 3:18).



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9. Jesus says to love your neighbor as yourself

- Loving one's neighbor is a central mission demonstrated through acts of compassion, service, and building relationships.
- Christians demonstrate love through tangible acts like providing food, water, and healthcare, as well as building relationships and sharing the hope of Christ. Missionary work is a way to demonstrate this love by sharing the good news of salvation.
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).

Questions

- Who is your neighbor? How do you love your neighbor?

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10. Your mission will lead eternal rewards

- God will reward those who serve Him faithfully. You will stand before Christ, and your faithful service will be evaluated and rewarded. This includes your efforts in evangelism and discipleship.
- Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Colossians 3:23-24).
- Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness (Matthew 25:21, 23).



You Are a Missionary

- **God expects you to take Gospel to people**
 - You don't have to move to other country to preach the Gospel. But God expects you to invade every sphere where you have influence and to use your influence to declare the Gospel to people who live, work, and function in some places.
- **Your mission plan**
 - **Where is your closest mission field?** Your mission field is right down your street or on the other side of your city in a neighborhood where the culture and customs are different than your own.
 - **Whom are you called to reach?** You have a mission field right where you work, where you attend school, where you purchase your groceries every day, where you have some level of personal influence.

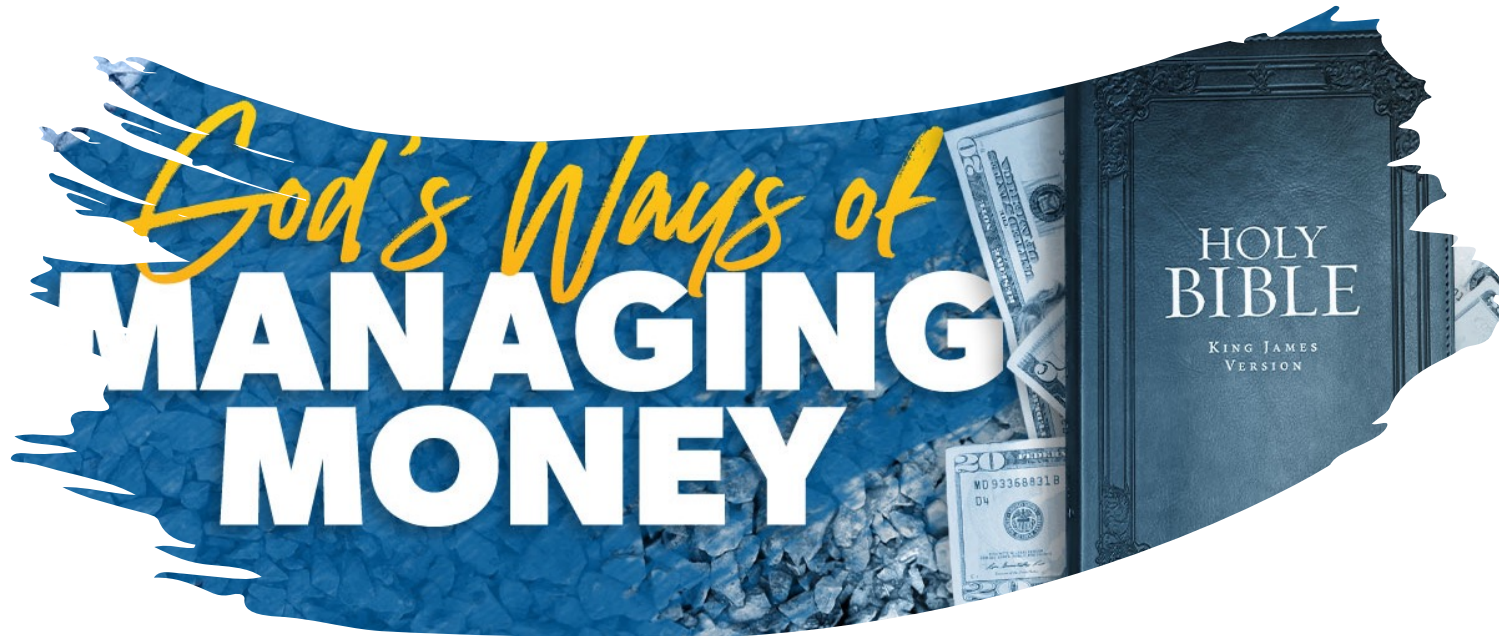
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