

Evangelism Part 16

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born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.” (John 9:1-41 KJV)

Evangelism is to spread the Word of God and make His grace know to those who are in need of Him. Evangelism is the desire and the will of God to reach the lost world. It is started from God who sent His Son Jesus Christ to search and look for the lost. He came to save His own but His own did not receive Him. Evangelism is to reach to people, to help them in their troubles, but most of the time the people react and misunderstand your good will toward them as they misunderstood Jesus and rejected His help to them. But still few they received Him and were glad to follow Him and claim His Word and will to the whole world. Therefore we should not be discouraged or faltered when we face resistance and when the religious and traditional system and setup oppose us and consider us an enemy to them.

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. God had a good plan, for each and everyone, to meet him and to have life eternal and life to the full. Jesus took the initiate to reach out the blind man who is not able to see him. Those who did not call for Him, He will reach out. *“I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.” (Isaiah 65:1 KJV)*

Evangelism is to reach blind people who are not able to see what is life and the way to heaven. That man was blind from his birth. He did not recognize Jesus when he reached him, but Jesus recognized him and as the Scripture shows he had mercy on him. We are given birth with sin, the original sin that we inherit from Adam our father in the flesh, *“12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12 KJV)* Therefore we are born with spiritual blindness, we are separated from God and we cannot see Him, therefore God sent His Son to the world to let us know God by declaring Him to us, *“No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18 KJV)* We need to meet Christ, get born again and delivered from the spiritual darkness and start to see Jesus the light of the world, *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12 KJV)*

The healing of this man with blindness is a demonstration of what evangelism all about. This case is a microcosm to what God is doing to the whole world. It is reaching the whole world that is in darkness, with the light of Jesus. The whole world lives in darkness and he needs the light of God through Jesus to be able to see. Jesus came to the world to open the eyes of the world that is in spiritually blind. *“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,*

and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.” (Isaiah 35:5 KJV) Apostle Paul was stricken with blindness when Jesus appeared to him, ***“8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.” (Acts 9:8 KJV)*** and after that Paul was praying, ***“12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.” (Acts 9:12 KJV)*** Then he was visited by Ananias who laid his hand on him and scales failed from his eyes and was able to see, ***“17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.” (Acts 9:17-18 KJV)*** Paul was told by Ananias that he would see the Holy one, ***“14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.” (Acts 22:14 KJV)*** Paul was taken with God’s work through repentance, salvation, justification, sanctification and he was sent by God to evangelize and do all what God had done in his life, ***“18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” (Acts 26:18 KJV)*** Evangelism is to go and open the eyes of the blind people, turn them from darkness into the light, turning them from the power and lies of Satan toward the truth of God so they will receive forgiveness of sins, salvation, and sanctification and secure their inheritance in heaven.

John 9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus was with his disciples, they could be his apostles or the disciples, and when he saw the blind man, the attention of the disciples was attracted to the miserable situation of the man and they started to ask about him. We in the same way today as we move with the direction that the Holy Spirit lead us, we will start to see things as Jesus would like us to see and to have concern toward the people affliction. They called Him, Master, and it means teacher, for he was teaching them. He was teaching by the example, teaching them with the Word of God and teaching them in a practical manner letting them pass through experiences that they need to pass through. Jesus was teaching them by radiating to them the fruit of the spirit in his attitude and behavior of showing them concern, compassion, and affection to those who are afflicted and stretching the hand of goodness to rescue them and make their life better.

John 9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? The question of the disciples would reflect their concept, if there is sickness, it means there is sin. Yes, true that sin can cause sickness, but that is not always true. Sometimes there is sickness but there is no sin.

When the disciples asked Jesus, ***who did sin, this man, that he was born blind?*** This man was born blind from his mother womb, so he has no chance to commit sin before his birth. The disciples might had in their minds the wrong concept of the incarnation of souls (a doctrine of Hinduism), who repeatedly incarnate after the death of person to another person. The concept of incarnation also teaches if that soul was evil then his

next incarnation will be given infirmity or even given the body of animal as a punishment to him to be humbled and change to a better person. Sure that is a wrong concept, and that thought in the disciples needed to be corrected.

Also the disciples asked Jesus, ***saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*** Biblically that is a correct possibility, for God may visit the sin of the parents in the life of the children. So here we need to be aware that our disobedience to God today, may bring curses and punishment to our children.

John 9:3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned: That person was blind from birth, so there is no sin that he would do except of the fact he is conceived with sin. So here when Jesus answered them, that this person did not sin, so he nullified the thought of the incarnation from their minds. That wrong thought was also in the mind of the Pharisees because they said to the blind man after he was healed that he was born in sin, ***“They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.” (John 9:34 KJV)***

Jesus in His endeavour to evangelize other people and reaching them with the grace of God, He needed to correct the wrong teaching that was in the mind of His disciples. Therefore in our endeavour to evangelize we need to correct our coworkers and help them to realize the truth by using the very Word of God to correct them.

Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: Jesus also vindicates the parents and declared that they did not do any sin contributes to the sickness and the suffering of their son.

but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Jesus assured His disciples that this man was born blind so that the works of God should manifest in him. So in evangelism the purpose of it is that the works of God shall be manifested in the life of the people. So when we move to evangelize we are carrying the message that will bring the works of God in the people’s lives. We are moving to evangelize to bring the will of God to come true in their lives. We need to realize that as when God reached us His works was manifested clearly in our lives, then when we move to evangelize our aim should be that God’s works shall be manifested in the people that we are reaching out.

But that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Not only one work, but works, so there are series of works that God will do in the person life when He introduce Himself to that person. The work of repentance: the work of regeneration: the work of justification: the works of sanctification: the works of healing: the work of miracles, and so on. The Psalmist speaks about the works of God: ***“2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. 3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. 6 He hath shewed his power the power of his works, that***

he may give them the heritage of the heathen. 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.” (Psalm 111:2-7 KJV) Elihu spoke to Job about the works of God: *“Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.” (Job 37:14 KJV)* Solomon wrote and mentions the works of God, *“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. (Ecclesiastes 11:5 KJV)* The apostles in the day of Pentecost declared the works of God, *“Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” (Acts 2:11 KJV)* Therefore we are called to do the works of God, and to let the works of God to manifest in the life of the people that we are reaching out.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. Jesus when He saw that man, he was in urgent need to do the works of God in the life of that man and to set him free from his blindness.

I must work the works of him that sent me: Again Jesus here mentioned the works of God. Jesus was sent by God in order to do certain works that God had assigned to him to do. Therefore he need to be on time and accomplish every work that God wanted Him to finish. Jesus would do this healing on the Sabbath day and he knew that this action of kindness toward this blind man will be faced with non acceptance from the Pharisees, but he cannot postpone it to the next day. He needs to do it on that day even others get upset and disturb. They will get upset and disturb because they have wrong thoughts. Therefore Jesus would do it again on the Sabbath to correct their thoughts. Evangelism is to stir the whole hell. When we evangelize and people are not going to be disturbed we are not doing the works of God. If we plan to evangelize in a way that we expect no one to be disturbed then we are non effective in our evangelism. Jesus would prefer to set this man free on the Sabbath so he will give a clear message to the religious and traditional setup to repent and give up their own wrong thoughts that crippling the people. The Sabbath was made for man to rest. To heal a sick people is an urgent and cannot be postponed. Therefore, Jesus will do the works of God on the Sabbath so the people would receive peace and rest.

While it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. Day's hours are working hours, and in the night the man sleep for rest, but to wake up morning for a new day and for another task to do. *“20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. 22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. 23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.” (Psalm 104:20-23 KJV)* As long as we have opportunity to work we need to do all what is assigned to us, because there will be time that we will not have opportunity to work, or there will be nothing to do for man. Therefore we need to be diligent to accomplish what we are asked and sent by God to do. Jesus was sent by God to heal not only that blind man but the whole world from blindness and the bondages of the culture and religiosity.

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. It is a clear principle that Jesus adopted. As long as He was in the world, He was the light to bring people from darkness into the light. We are also the same and good for us to adopt this same principle: As long we are in the world, we are the light of the world. Jesus told His disciples, ***“Ye are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:14 KJV)*** ***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16 KJV)*** That is for us too, to go forward in this world carrying the message of God bring the light into this dying and blind world. Ignorance is the main sin that perpetuate the people in darkness. Therefore we go to them and bring to them the Word of truth to them that will gives light into their lives.

John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

When he had thus spoken: As Jesus prepared His mind for action, He moved forward to do the measure that would bring healing to that blind man.

he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay: Jesus used a strange method to bring the healing for that man. He could heal him with a Word, but He chose another method that it might look strange. Why He choose that method of using his saliva to make a clay? No one knows, only He. But we may put some thoughts and reasons that we may realize what the Holy Spirit speaks to us today.

1. God is sovereign and we can not dictate on Him the method that He would use to heal. God would do what He wants to do, therefore we cannot dictate on Him how He will provide for us, how to lead us, or how to answer our prayers.
2. He would do certain work (making a clay) to bring the healing so He will combat the Pharisees with their rigid and irrational teaching and stand about the Sabbath. The healing that Jesus was doing on the Sabbath was more opposed when Jesus would do it with certain work and measures, that the Pharisees would be mad at it since he is doing a physical work to bring the healing of God in the lives of the people.
3. Jesus used a very primitive and unacceptable method to the people in general to bring that healing. Jesus used the saliva from his mouth to heal that blind man. He spitted on the ground, and he used his hand to make clay from the dirt on the ground and later on He anointed the eyes of the blind man. Possibly the blind man because he did not see what Jesus was doing he did not disobey to be applied on himself. Who will be glad that clay wet by a saliva from a mouth of a man be used as medicine for his eyes. All eyes drops and ointment are to be used under a strict hygiene. But Jesus here treated the matter lightly. Was He testing the humility of that man and would see he will accept it or not. It might be an unclean method but that was done and approved by God. The saliva of Jesus is more powerful than the palm of Gilead, and it is more powerful than all the medicine of the world. It is a foolishness to the world but it is the power and the wisdom of God to bring such a healing. Similar to that the cross of Jesus which is foolishness to those who perish, but it is the power and the wisdom of God to those who believe. God with such method would struck our pride and bring us down and humble us. Sometime we are

so sophisticated and over clean and so sensitive from dirt, that is why God allow such way for treatment in front of our ways to break us from relying on our own righteousness and self trust.

4. If that is the method that Jesus used to evangelize to that particular man, we need also to accept whatever method and design God would lead us to us to be used to bring souls into His Kingdom. Therefore we need to comply with the available method that God will bring into our hands.
5. God created the first man from the ground, ***“7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7 KJV)*** As God made the first man from the dust of the earth, Jesus healed that man by the clay that He anointed his eyes with. In this way God is declaring His sovereignty as God over our lives.
6. The saliva that Jesus used is biblical and mentioned in the bible. ***“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (Revelation 3:18 KJV)*** Here Jesus invited the church at Laodicea to buy saliva from Him and apply it on their eyes so they can see.

John 9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

And said unto him, we can see very clearly that when Jesus wanted to heal him he spoke to him directly on a personal level to instruct him of what he needs to do. After He anointed his eyes with the clay Jesus instructed that man to do the followings:

To, ***Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.*** Jesus would make it easier for this man to wash his eyes with any available water. But Jesus would put on him another responsibility that he needed him to do. Why he asked him to go to the pool of Siloam, that is located in the south east Jerusalem, while Jesus or his disciple can provide a water there so he can wash and does not need to go to other places? This man was blind and possibly he would need other people to drag with him till he reach the pool of Siloam, or he even would go by himself. Although what was in Jesus mind and reason we cannot fathom, but we may put the following possible points:-

1. To test his obedience.
2. To test him, if he is willing to stand for his faith and face the critics of the Pharisees about the Sabbath. That man as he is moving from one part of the city to the other, he might be accused as Jesus accused that he is a Sabbath breaker.
3. To make us realize that we still need to do our part so God would do his part.

the pool of Siloam is located in Jerusalem, the meaning of it is sent as John mentioned it. Jesus sent that new person to a certain place to a certain purpose and mission. When we evangelize, God is calling people through our lives, as well as when we evangelize God is directing people to do His will in full. Those who would listen to the instructions

they will be healed, got blessed and their life will be directed toward doing the works of God. The pool of Siloam is also mentioned in the book of Isaiah, ***“Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son.” (Isaiah 8:6 KJV)*** The Hebrews word for ‘Shiloah’ is ‘Shiloach’ a fountain just southeast of Jerusalem, and the meaning of it is ‘sent’. Here the water of that fountain is soft, that it could be not deep, small current and easy to manage, but the people still does not like it. The water of Shiloah, may represent the easy government of Judah that the people of Israel rejected and wasn’t willing to follow but rejoice to be under the armies of Syria and Israel, under the leadership of Rezin and Remaliah’s son. The people did not take heed and repent and turn from their wrong doing and moved in the direction that God wanted them to go. The waters of Shiloah it can be similar to the simple instruction of God’s commands that the Lord want us to obey so our lives will be changed and have better life. The prophet Isaiah took notice of that attitude of the people’s and their rejection to the water of Shiloach which is easy to handle, therefore, with that attitude and disobedience they stir the displeasure of God, who promised them due to what they did the followings: ***“7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.” (Isaiah 8:7-8 KJV)*** God when he saw His people are indifferent to the easy trial and easy government that He gave them, He prepared to them the King of Assyria to come and sweep them. This it can be similar to the rejection of the government of Jesus Christ, the son of David,. Christ in sending this blind person to be washed at Siloam and healed, he is given reminder to them that they should take heed and not refuse His easy yoke and His government. In Evangelism, we instruct the people to do certain commands of God so that their lives will be easier and they will get relieved. When they refuse then we need to warn them of the coming wrath of God. Evangelism is to instruct the people to repent and to send the people into the direction that God wants them to move.

The prophet Elisha instructed Naaman to go and dip himself in the river of Jordan seven times, ***“10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.” (2 Kings 5:10 KJV)*** That was a simple instruction but he was angry with it, ***“11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Parpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.” (2 Kings 5:11-12 KJV)*** Thanks be to God for his servants who convince him to obey and followed the instructions of the prophet. ***“13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.” (2 Kings 5:13-14 KJV)***

Repent, have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, get baptized and receive forgiveness of your sins is the way to receive eternal life and to live with God forever. Every Christian should receive water baptism upon repentance and confession of Jesus as Lord over His life, ***“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16 KJV)***

John 9:8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? With such astonishing miracle, and the person was completely changed, his neighbors were doubting if he is the same person that was healed. Christ when enters into a person life, he completely change the person’s life, that the people would wonder if this is the same person or he is someone else. They reached even to ask themselves the question ***Is not this he that sat and begged?*** That man was working as a bigger, and was getting his living through daily begging the people for some help, food and money. Therefore when Jesus healed him, he is now a new person.

John 9:9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. There were people who knew that it was he, but there were others who did not recognize him, and they said, ***He is like him:*** It means he is another person who is similar in shape to the person that they know. But himself declared proudly and confidently to the people: ***I am he.*** He was not ashamed neither of what he was before nor what he was doing as a bigger. He confessed to them that he is the same person who was blind, and the same person who was begging, but now the Lord Jesus healed him and his eyes were opened. Those who truly repent they will not be ashamed of their past and what they were doing from sins. But they are open to say and confess all what they were doing, and that is a good testimony toward Jesus that he changed their lives. Those who did not repent, they will still have the pride and they will still hide all their sins because they still want to continue in them.

John 9:10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? Now when the people came to know that he is the same bigger after his eyes were opened, they should be glad and joyous with this news. But it seems not. They were more curious to know how that had happened to him, more than to express their joy to see him seeing. Is it not a strange thing that Jesus did such a miracles and the people are indifferent to it?

John 9:11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. The man narrated to them all what was took place, with all the details, he also included the name of the man, Jesus, who healed him. So most likely he heard the name of Jesus while Jesus was making the clay or during applying in on his eyes. Or he was told from his disciples of His name, before he departed to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man told them clearly his testimony with all the details. People who are truly converted will narrate the events of their conversions as a testimony for all the world to hear and know about Jesus, what He can do in the peoples’ lives.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They started to inquire where is He? As if they were willing to follow Him and to obey the commands of His

voice. But rather they were resenting to see such marvelous miracles. But that should not take place. There is a thing that made them unhappy to see the blind man see. The prove of their unhappiness was evident from their inquiry about how he was healed. They should at once praise God for the healing that took place, but their heart failed them to do that. Why? It could be jealousy, or selfishness, it could be lack of believe, or it could be fear from the persecution that was prevalent at that time. In every miracle or interaction that Jesus would do in the people’s life, he would leave for a while from being with the people whom he did to them miracle, and would watch how they will respond and how they will interact with the people around them of what had taken place in their lives. The man answered them, ***“I know not.”*** True he did not know where is Jesus, because his eyes opened after he left the Lord.

John 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. This is now is the proof that they were not in a good spirit toward that miracle of Jesus, because they took the man that was blind to be questioned by the Pharisees. So here it is very clear, that the crowd was not ready to receive Jesus and accept what He did as a marvelous miracle and accept Him as God. Because if they had accepted him, then, they don’t need to go and bring the man that was blind and present him to the Pharisees.

In evangelism whether using the Word of God, or through miracles that God is doing, or through physical aid, there will be a message that will be sent beyond the person concerned reaching up to the crowd around the scene and ultimately the religious and the traditional foundation that the person is belong to. Finally as we can see, what Jesus did of the good works of God with that blind man hit the foundations of the Pharisees.

Certain time the people themselves, as had happened here, would not accept Christ and His teaching, even if He offered healing, miracles, provisions and the rest of the good work. Why the people were not willing to receive Christ’s grace and miracles? It possibly they were affected in one way or another. They were possibly jealous toward the man who received his sight or there was other reason made Christ not palatable to their taste.

John 9:14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Here using the reason of the Sabbath being the day that no work should be done is just an excuse for their rejection of Christ, and not the reason for the cause of their action. The people who brought the man to the Pharisees and they used the Sabbath as a reason of accusation, if they would be the direct person who would take benefits of Christ, would they go and report that to the Pharisees? Absolutely not. Rejection to Christ was the reason for them to bring the man to the Pharisees. When the message is said in a way God indented to be glorified, then rejection is of high possibility, unless the persons who hear are in desperate need for repentance and in desperate need for their sins to be forgiven.

What more we can say, and why the people were indifference to such a miracles? Christ’s speech and actions had reached Jerusalem and it found rejection in the hearts and minds of the Pharisees and the chief priests. The people of Jerusalem had also come to know that their leaders are not for it. Now for them to pursue Christ, they need to do certain changes that will causes them much disturbances. Many people when they will hear the teachings of Christ and like it, they will not be able to pursue in it, because they ought to face certain setups and struggle much to change it. Many they just want to live their lives in peace, even

if it is a false peace, and they will not be willing that such peace will be disturbed in order for sin to be dealt with and for God's will to be prevailed. Also the people want to take something ready, and they don't want to take part in the changes and suffer in that process. If someone will do the changes as Jesus was doing, they are just watching, and they will see the outcome, and they will move with the winner. Also the people will not be willing to get involve in sufferings. Christ in what was doing in the midst of them, although He was performing much miracles and wondrous things, He was also calling the people and challenging them to get involved in the process of changing that entailed on them much suffering. Therefore you found them quitting from attending Christ and from walking in the truth of His word. Their agreement and walk with Christ means to wage war against the religious system that was existing at that time. If Christ would heal the person not in the Sabbath, then they would surely entertain it and like it because in that they will not be struggling with the Pharisees and the chief priests. Many when it comes to tradition and culture that the Bible does not approve, they will start to compromise in order not to touch that particular area that needed to be changed. But that contradict the Word of God that says the following: ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*** (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV) A person in Christ is a new person, for the old things, the flesh and its sinful nature, should pass away, and the person becomes a new person, who is completely different from the old one; his life is completely changed and transformed. Christ intentionally healed the man on the Sabbath to challenge the people, that to receive the good things of God they need to do their part and come out from the wrong religious system that they were under.

John 9:15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Again the man was requested to utter his testimony and he testified to them with the same that he previously uttered. We need to be ready to tell about our testimony with Christ in whatever situation we called to.

That healing and work done by Christ on the Sabbath, even though marvelous the miracle was, but it did not reach the heart of those who were against Christ, because they were not willing that He will visit them and enter their lives. They were not willing to fight against the religious system that was enslaving them. They love their tradition more than God, ***"6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."*** (Mark 7:6-7 KJV) In evangelism in whatever method we use, whether preaching God's word, or doing miracles, or doing kindness to the people, we need to understand that the people who are not willing to come out from their cultural and traditional customs then whatever you give them that will not change their stand because they love their culture and tradition more than God.

John 9:16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. Now the council of the Pharisees got divided, the main opinion is that Jesus is not from God because He is a Sabbath breaker,

but other questioned, if he is a sinner then how He can do such miracles. Possibly Nicodemus who went to visit Jesus previously, voiced out this opinion that contradict their wrong doings, as he did previously in ***John 7:50-51 " 50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) 51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?"*** (John 7:50-51 KJV) Here we found that there was division among them. Notice that Christ did not come to bring unity but division between those who believe and willing to be changed and those who are not willing to pass through the process of changes. ***"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division."*** (Luke 12:51 KJV)

And there was a division among them, due to the following: Whether he is sinner or not, or whether he is from God or not. In the gospel of John three divisions are mentioned due to Christ. When we spread God's Word, we cause people to be divided in accordance to what they hear from God's Word.

The first time while he was at the feast of the tabernacle: ***"40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? 43 So there was a division among the people because of him."*** (John 7:40-43 KJV) They were divided between them because they were not able to prove that He is Christ based on his origin from Galilee. They thought that the Scripture is not fulfilled. But they were not aware that he is born in Bethlehem. Therefore ignorance is not only blindness but a sin if people will not work out to deal with it. When we evangelize we need to explain the truth to the people, because there will be people having wrong thoughts due to wrong information. Those people will believe when the truth is explained to them.

The second time here is John 9 when they could not take the miracle of what Jesus did based on their assumption that He is a sinner (because He performed the miracle on the Sabbath) ***"16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them."*** (John 9:16 KJV) Here they thought the Scripture was broken, but if they thought of it, they will found it not, since He performed healing that could take place in the Sabbath. God's Scripture speaks about healing and God can heal people on the Sabbath. Jesus had explained this truth to them repeatedly in different ways, ***"11 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?"*** (Matthew 12:10-11 KJV) and he also added to them that the Sabbath for man and not man for the Sabbath, ***"And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."*** (Mark 2:27 KJV) Jesus also told them, ***"For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day."*** (Matthew 12:8 KJV) Now when we evangelize, we also teach people. There will be certain time people will be reacting when they think the Scriptures are broken; therefore we need to explain to them how it is not broken but how it is fulfilled. Those who are humble will follow, but those who are proud and who have wrong motive they will keep the same even if you explain to them, as here the Pharisees insist on their own ways even after repeated

explanation from Jesus. Now that means that they have another wrong motive that is why they refused to comply and humble down before Jesus' explanation. They did not comply because in healing the sick the glory went to God. But if the healing was done on their hands they will not prohibit that because the glory will go to them.

The third division is mentioned in John 10 while he was in Jerusalem at the feast of the dedication: ***“11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. 19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. 20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? 22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.”*** (John 10:11-22 KJV) This took place when he said that He is the good shepherd that He laid his life for the sake of the sheep, and He has other sheep that He need to bring in. Some they took Him as being possessed. But others reminded them that devil cannot open the eyes of a blind. Here they did not accept from the Scripture that God is a good shepherd, who lay down His life for the sheep, and has other sheep in other places that He need to bring in. They did not accept Jesus a good shepherd because they were not willing to put their lives under him. They did not accept that their lives will be under the control of Jesus and that they will be directed by Him to where they need to go and how they will live. In evangelism we declare to the people the Lordship of Christ over their lives and the new plan of God for them. Many they are not willing to be shepherd by the Lord, and they are not willing to incorporate themselves with the plan of God that he has for the whole world. Many they are not willing to be bound and control by Christ, and here the struggle that the church is facing today. With the modern world and the departure of people from the will of God, we have long to go to bring the people from far places and bring them back to the point from where they departed from God.

The Greeks word used for shepherd in **John 10:11** is ‘Poimen’, and it means the followings:

1. A herdsman, a shepherd: he to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow
2. The presiding officer, manager, director, of any assembly: so of Christ the Head of the church and the overseers of the Christian assemblies.

The tasks of a Near Eastern shepherd were: - to watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep - to defend the sheep from attackers - to heal the wounded and sick sheep - to find

and save the lost or trapped sheep - to love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust. For all these privileges they need to be under his control. Many will not be willing to be controlled by Christ and are not willing to surrender their lives and will to Him.

In evangelism as we declare to the people the good plans that God has for them, we need to bring them back to the point that they departed from God, and from thence they will be moving forward in the plan of God. That is why you find people are not willing to go back from their own way and from their own plan and with arrogance they will resist the Lordship of Christ over their lives.

The Word of ‘Poimen’ is also mentioned in other places: ***“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”*** (Ephesians 5:11 KJV). ***“20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”*** (Hebrews 13:20 KJV)

Apostle Peter followed the way of Jesus in evangelism and used the Word of Jesus. He wrote the same what Jesus said about Himself, that He is the shepherd of our souls and we need to return to Him and give him our lives and surrender to Him fully: ***“For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”*** (1 Peter 2:25 KJV) Truly Peter after he repented from denying Christ, He became keen to follow all the steps of Jesus and apply all His teaching in His ministry.

John 9:17 *They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.* The Pharisees asked the blind man his opinion about Jesus and he answered them that he is a prophet. Here the Lord Jesus in reaching this man, after he healed him, he was impressed that Jesus is a prophet, but later on Jesus met that man and declared to him that he is the Messiah. ***“35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.”*** (John 9:35-38 KJV) So here in evangelism there is a gradual revelation and progressing forward step by step. Stagnation and regress is a sign of non believe.

It is the same when Jesus revealed himself to the Samaritan woman, she first saw him as a prophet, ***“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.”*** (John 4:19 KJV) But later on He revealed Himself to her as the Messiah, the anointed King, ***“20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.”*** (John 9:20-25 KJV)

In the gospel of John and other gospels repeatedly people acknowledged Jesus that he is a prophet, ***“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.” (John 4:19 KJV) “Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.” (John 6:14 KJV) “Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.” (John 7:40 KJV) “They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.” (John 9:17 KJV)*** Moses has declared to the Jewish that God would raise up for them a prophet among them like him, that they need to listen to Him, ***“15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:15-19 KJV)*** The reason that God would send them a prophet to speak to them because the Israelites upon their request, asked God, out of their fear, that he will not speak to them directly. God agreed upon their requests. Therefore at that time Moses was the one to hear from God and to tell to them. God also promised Moses that He will raise up a prophet from among them: ***“18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.” (Deuteronomy 18:18 KJV)*** So the Jews were expecting that God would speak to them through a prophet. So the Pharisees were irritated when they hear the people recognizing Jesus as that prophet, knowing that Moses had told them that God will raise up among them a prophet that they need to listen to Him. Those who would not listen to God’s Word from His mouth it will be required by God from them. The same is for the people now a day, they are not willing to hearken or obey the Word of Jesus that he sent with the Holy Spirit. They are not willing to listen to the instructions and teaching of God’s Word and evangelism is to deal with such issue in a firm matter. Sin it means death, and people doing their own will it mean they are moving in the direction of their death.

Peter upon the healing of the impotent man in Acts 3 He declared to the Jewish in the temple the same Scripture, ***“22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.” (Acts 3:22-23 KJV)*** Peter confirmed that those who would not listen to the Word of Jesus they shall be destroyed from among the people. Peter said it in more hard Word in the New Testament, harder in comparison of how Moses declared that in the Old Testament. Moses said it in this way ***“that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:19 KJV)*** Peter said it in more painful way, ***“23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.” (Acts 3:23***

KJV) Therefore today when the people are irritated when we speak to them the Word of God we should not be intimidated because they are going to be destroyed if they will not repent and that should motivate us to speak more. Peter also declared to the people who witnessed the healing of the impotent man, that they and their leaders crucified Jesus out of ignorance, ***“15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.” (Acts 3:15-17 KJ)*** In evangelism whatever method we use, the leaders who mislead the people, we should be hit with the message. Jeremiah mentioned to the Israelites that their prophets did not expose to them their sins, ***“Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.” (Lamentations 2:14 KJV)*** Peter was tactful in what he accused the rulers with. Sure the high priest was intentionally handing over Jesus to death. But Peter accused them with ignorance and that was made them not less accountable to what they did, but made it easier for them to repent if they were willing. So Peter here is giving them chance to repent. We can say out of ignorance that church leaders lead the people toward sin. But if they will deny ignorance, then they are judging themselves; so out of wickedness and wrong motives they mislead the people and cause them to sin.

We need to understand that Jesus dictates on the people what they need to do and He dictates that step by step. God said about Jesus in the mount at the disfiguration the following: ***“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” (Matthew 17:5 KJV)*** Christ’s word is a command and in evangelism, Jesus is dictating His Word to the nations that we are reaching. Jesus is the head of the church, the Holy Spirit that Jesus sending to us is proceeding from God the Father and come to us. As we hear, then we tell the people that we are preaching the commands and the instructions of Jesus to them. The Word that the Holy Spirit bring to us and to the people we can read it in the Scriptures that we should use to evangelize and tell the people what God is wanting from them. So when we evangelize we dictate on people the Rhema Word that we hear from the Holy Spirit and that we can read in the Bible.

We can then say it clearly to the people whom we are reaching out, ‘that out of ignorance your church leaders/your rulers/your parents did not teach you to give up the following:

1. Drinking Alcohol.
2. Eating blood.
3. Wasting money.
4. Borrowing money.
5. Lack of saving,
6. Having boyfriend and girlfriend.
7. Divorce and remarriage.
8. You leave your spouse and go to have another partner.
9. Birthday parties, Halloween parties, Mother day and Father day.
10. Christmas tree and Santa Claus.
11. Valentine Day.

12. Etc.

Stephen in his sermon to the Sanhedrin while he was at the accusation bar, told them the same about Jesus, that God would raise up a prophet, that they need to listen to Him: **“37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt.” (Acts 7:37-39 KJV)** Stephan told them that Jesus was with the church in the wilderness and our fathers did not obey Him, but they were willing to go back to Egypt. The same with the people today, are not willing to obey Christ, but they are willing to go to the world and to idol worship as were the Israelites: **“40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. 42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? 43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.” (Acts 7:40-43 KJV)** The same now a day people had left the Word of God and the promises of God and went trusting vanities and worldly events and idol celebrations. It is said about Moloch, the sun god, which is the same sun god that the pagans celebrate his birth in December, and that event later on Christianized under the patron of Christ birth and is called today Christmas. Devil is just changing the name so he can hide his idols and demons. Therefore we need to use the Word of God to expose the work of Satan.

John 9:18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. Now the Pharisees they want to undermine the healing of the man by not believing that He was blind and now he is healed. All this was in order to nullify the testimony of the restored man that Jesus is a prophet. So now they will start to do their best to undermine the testimony of this man and how Jesus healed him. Now when they found out that he is bold and standing firm with what he received from Jesus, they resort to call their parents and try to pressure them so they may silence him.

John 8:19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? Now the parent came and met the Jewish leaders and started to ask them, not to only to find out if their son is truly born blind, but how then he now see. They want to hear from the parents what is their stand toward Jesus, especially now their son is healed. They want to see if they are cherishing and acknowledging what Jesus done to their son. See here, it is the Lord who was testing now the parents and wanted to see from them faithfulness toward Him and toward what He did to their son. So here the message of evangelism is directed toward the parents, and they are called here to show their commitments and they are to choose whether it will be toward God or

it will be toward the local religious and to the socio-cultural institution. So when we evangelize or when we do any mindful action in the name of Christ we are challenging those who benefited to commit themselves to Christ and come out from all their sins and traditional practices.

The questions that had been directed toward these parents were an alert for them. **Is this your son, who ye say was born blind?** It means you are the one whose commitment is being questioned and no one else. In every occasion God is doing something good for our children, we are called to express our commitment and our gratefulness toward God. Notice, parents will express their true commitment toward God, not before, but after they receive the good things for their children from God. Even the Jewish who questioned them they knew that this man was healed by a miracle from God, therefore based on that God should be glorified. The Jews refused to give the glory to God, the parents did shamefully the same. What was expected from the parents that they should give glory to God; then now came the second question **“How then doth he now see?”** The answer should be clear, that God had healed him and now he can see. God had healed him through Jesus and what He did to him. But let us read how they answered these questions.

John 9:20 “His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.” The parents they were afraid from the Jews, but they confirmed that he is their son. They were not able to deny him, because first everyone knew that he was their son, and second the ties with the flesh, between them and their son, are stronger than their fear. They were aware that they had received the blessings from God, and He had called them to commit themselves to Him. But they were not ashamed to make their own ways to excuse themselves and to escape from bounding themselves with any commitment toward God. This is how unfaithful many parents toward God and toward the blessings they received from Him.

John 9:21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. They did not acknowledge that he was healed by Jesus. They said they did not know how he was now able to see and who opened his eyes. Although everyone knew that they know. So they totally denied God and Christ at the first confrontation with persecution. They were not willing to take any commitment or stand to suffer for Christ. And they cannot speak on the behalf of their son, because they were aware that their son had already answered the Jewish contrary to them. So they were left to say the following to confirm that they did not know, **“he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.”** So here God made a way that their son will express publicly what is in his heart toward God, without the influence of the parents, who healed him through Jesus. The parents were so unfaithful and they were even not ashamed of their unfaithfulness. What they said was a lie and they were not ashamed of it. But now the turn is for the son whether he will stand or not.

The Word of God gives instruction to the parents to lead their children and teach them to obey the Word of God and to be faithful to the Lord. The Word of God also instructs children not to go along their parents and follow their ways and their wrong stand. Evangelism is dealing with people who are challenged to come out from what they had been grown up. They are called to come out from their parents' beliefs, stands, culture and

tradition. Evangelism is when God is calling people to come out from the shameful stand of their parents, their culture and tradition and declare their stand faithfully to the whole world. **“18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them.” (Ezekiel 20:18-19 KJV)**

John 9:22 *“These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.”* The parents were afraid to be put out from the synagogue, because the Jews had already agreed that if any man confesses Christ will be put out from the synagogue. Why the parents were afraid to be put out from the synagogue? Jesus warned His disciples that they will be put out of the synagogue **“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.” (John 16:2 KJV)** Putting out from the synagogue implied excommunication and separation, loneliness and isolation, and that will entail they will be denied to hire or to be hired for service. So their work opportunities and their business will be greatly affected. **They shall put you out of the synagogues** it means they will be banned from entering all the synagogues. So those who confess Christ is obviously they will be isolated from the society and even their opportunity for having a suitable income for living will be affected. Beside that if they were receiving certain support and allowances ordained for the poor, this will be also stopped. So their living with such measures will be highly affected. Possibly these parents they were not ready to acknowledge Christ at that time and forfeit all the privileges of being part of the synagogue. Many they are not willing to come out from the traditional faith and the traditional churches that they are part with because the fear of the isolation and the bereavement of the privileges like schooling for the children, free burial places, free hall for wedding reception, etc. But those who think in such a way will find themselves isolating themselves from God, His blessings and His presence. Those parents of the blind born man resorted to such stand for the following possible reasons:

- Unfaithfulness. What God can do more for such parents? Such a profound miracle but still they preferred to be blind and refused to acknowledge.
- Non willingness to suffer. Not that they did not understand, or they did not know. But willingly they denied it to avoid having troubles.
- Materialistic in their thinking. They preferred material things and not the true presence of God in their lives. Many parents are the same, they are looking for more money, wealth and treasures, nice colleges, good marriages, good jobs for their children, and the rest, but not the true presence of God in their lives and in the lives of their children. They want to live easy and smooth life without getting the cost of any stand toward God. They want to enjoy the material things of this world and not to be cumbered by the straightness of life that God’s Word ordained for us to live.
- Having no faith and lack of trust in God. They were not convinced and have the faith in God that He will provide for them when they will obey Him and have faith in His Son, Jesus, and follow His ways.

John 9:23 *“Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.”* The parents surrender to the will of Jews and not to the will of God, and were keen to keep their tradition and not the new plan that God had for them. Publicly they proclaimed their choice and their stand with the Jewish even after they had tasted the goodness of God and His good promises. They said, **‘He is of age; ask him’**, because they were aware that their son is willing to take the stand. Otherwise, if their son is like them, they might not been asked to appear before the Jewish leaders.

We are aware that their son stood the test and acknowledged Christ publicly and was willing even to be persecuted for Christ’s name sake. Some people they think that children cannot or it is difficult for them to resist their parents or to stand against the stand of their parents. But that is not correct. If they are willing to stand against the culture and tradition of their parents then God will help them to do it. But if they were not willing to stand, that is because they are sinful like their parents and not that they are not able.

Going back to **John 9:22** *“These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.”* Persecution is the reason that hindered these parents from acknowledging Christ matched with their non willingness to suffer. For the same such reason when Christ healed this blind born man and enabled him to see, we could not see that other people from the city had brought their sick people and sought healing from the Lord. Because they were restrained by possible persecution, which is matched with their non willingness to suffer. Now here in evangelism we should be aware of the kind of the people whom we are reaching out. Either they will be willing to suffer and got persecuted or non willing to suffer; preferring material things over spiritual blessings and the eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord, as what we had seen in the life of those parents of the man who was born blind.

Now part of the evangelism, is that we need to support those who are willing to stand and suffer for Christ and completely come out from all cultural and traditional things and to replace them the lost that they had suffer to maintain their lives. The writer of Hebrews said to the persecuted church, **“And took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.” (Hebrews 10:34 KJV)** Persecution contributes to suffering and the confiscation of goods. Therefore the church today needs to be ready to support those who were willing to completely come out from the traditional and cultural sins of the parents.

Our Lord Jesus Christ called the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and to preach God’s Word in that highly resistant city. When they did that and got high number of people converted, we can read the following: **“44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.” (Acts 2:44-45 KJV)** **“34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.” (Acts 4:34-35 KJV)** That contribution from the people was meant to meet the need of those who were to stand the good stand of faith for Christ. The apostles remained in Jerusalem to preach Christ in the highly resistant

place. Therefore, we can read in different places that Paul was consistent in sending support to the saints, to maintain their lives in such a difficult region because he was conscious that they were in need because they were persecuted.

A. “24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. 25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. 27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. 28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.” (Romans 15:24-28 KJV)

B. “1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. 4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-4 KJV)

C. “1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4 KJV)

D. “1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. 3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: 4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.” (2 Corinthians 9:1-4 KJV)

In the same way today, we as church need to be discerning and continue to support those who are willing to be persecuted for Christ.

Now with such, we need to be careful in evangelism and have discernment, to differentiate between those who are willing to come out from sin and sinful practices and got persecuted, and those who are half hearted and they are after material things and privileges from God’s church and not after God. Many now a day they have very convincing stories but not the true the genuine stories. Many also are liars and will try to deceive God’s church, therefore we need to have discernment so we can find them out as the parents of that blind born man were find out.

John 9:24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. You can see here very clearly the Pharisees they were not verifying if the man is truthful or not, but they were diligent to nullify his testimony. Even after the parents confirmed to them that he is born blind they were interested that he will change his testimony about Jesus. They were not searching or looking for the truth, but they were looking for a way to nullify the truth. Devil will always do its best to intimidate us to make us change our stand, so the truth will come out distorted. When we evangelize genuine people who are willing to repent they are so interested that you are honest with them. But those who are not willing to repent, the more you are honest, the more they will be angry with you because holiness and righteousness is against their ways and the styles of their living. And that is the way how to discover wicked people.

John 9:24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. They told the blind “Give God the praise.” That was similar to what Joshua told Achan when he was found out by the lord that he was the person who had stolen the devoted things, “**And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.**” (Joshua 7:19 KJV) The Pharisees considered that the man was a sinner because he was not siding with them against Jesus. They also considered Jesus a sinner because he was not complying with their sinful ways. People now a day they will even consider the Word of God that you teach and preach to them is sinful because they are not willing to comply with it. People they will malign the ways of God because it does not agree with their sinful ways.

Notice here that this man who is healed by Jesus, he is already taking over the ministry of evangelism and accepting to go and face even hard people with God’s Word. Evangelism is not that you go to people whom you want to go, but evangelism is to go to the people that God had sent you to. We cannot chose to whom we want to go, but we need to go to the people that God wants us to go.

In the beginning of this chapter Jesus was evangelizing but here we can see the man whom Jesus healed had taken over the ministry of evangelism and is facing the Jewish leader with non compromising message.

John 9:25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. The man recognized them very well that they are against the truth and he totally denied standing with them. When he said, “**I know not**”, what he meant that he is not going with their knowledge, and the way they were seeing Jesus. He explained to them his stand toward Jesus that he is not a sinner, based on the fact that before he was blind but now after he met Jesus, he is able to see.

That blind man that Jesus healed was showing them what a sinful heart they have and how they were against the grace of God. The Lord had a good and better plan for them but they rejected that plan and they were insisting to refuse the offer of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. When people consider the Word of God is not the right thing to do because it did not go along their own wishes and plan, they are yielding to their sinful ways and consider the ways of God are sinful. At this stage when evangelism reaches such situation, then we may

be sure that the people are not willing to surrender their will to God. Such kind of discussion it show what is real inside in the heart of the people from worldliness and self will when they are seeing the ways of God are so contradicting to their ways of living. This is the stage that we can discern the people are resisting the Spirit of God and are resisting to be changed.

John 9:26 *Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?* At first they pick up on Jesus the day that he healed the man on the Sabbath. Now they are trying to find something wrong in the method that he use. People of the world, they will accept the sinful ways of the world, but they will question the truth and the ways and the methods that God uses. Here they admitted that Jesus opened the eyes of the man, but now they want o investigate the method and what Jesus did to do this marvelous work. They might asked him the question for the second time hoping that he will change his testimony, or they might found out discrepancy so they will found a base to disqualify him. Notice, in evangelism, you may find people who continue to ask you the same question, all over again, not because they want to understand, but that may found out a way that they can disqualify what you declared to them, in order to justify their disobedience to the Word of God. Notice, in evangelism, you may find people who continue to ask you the same question, all over again, not because they want to understand, but because they might hoping that you will say something agreeing with them.

John 9:27 *He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?* The man told them that he had answered them already but they refused to accept or listen. Here we need to discern to what kind of people that we are speaking with. The blind man that Jesus healed he answered them and told them *wherefore would ye hear it again?* He was asking them for what you then want to hear again? What is your purpose and motive behind such a question again? Then he proceeded to face them with what the real purpose of evangelism, which is making disciples, as he confronted them with this question: *will ye also be his disciples?* What he meant with that, there is no more time needed to be wasted; either you admit to be his disciples or not. The stage that comes immediately after evangelism is discipleship. To be a disciple it means to be a follower, a student, a learner and a disciplined follower of Christ. Either they will follow Christ or they will be left out. When we evangelize, the process of discipleship should not take longer time to start. Discipleship it entail that they will accept the teaching of Jesus, accept Him to be the Christ, and they will need to get baptized.

John 9:28 *Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.* Upon facing them with such truth they reviled him and might told him other revile word to put an insult or curse on him, and spoke to him in a bad way. They reviled his decision to be a disciple of Jesus and a follower of Christ. Here it was clearly their stand revealed. They insisted they are the followers of Moses and they were not willing to amend their lives and be conforming to the teaching of Jesus. But the truth, they were neither followers of Jesus nor follower of Moses. When we evangelize we should be proclaiming ourselves disciples for Jesus.

Moses was humble and had told them about the Messiah, therefore they needed to be followers of Christ, for Moses welcome and chose to be a follower of Christ, **“24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”** (Hebrews 11:24-26 KJV) Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ. Those people they were the one who reproached Christ, therefore with what they did they were never followers of Moses. You can see here that Scripture should be used along the way to refute the wrong opinions of those who refuse to believe. People they will say that they are followers of certain ways just to avoid to commit themselves to what you are preaching to them.

John 9:29 *We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.* God spoke to Moses in the presence of the whole Israelites, **“17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.”** (Exodus 19:17-19 KJV) We can also read that God was speaking to Moses in another Scripture, **“22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.”** (Deuteronomy 5:22-27 KJV) It was clear to the whole Israelites that God was speaking to Moses in the hearing of the whole Israelites. That is why the Pharisees believed that God was speaking to Moses, but they did not accept what God had spoken to Moses about Christ. When we evangelize, some people would believe if God would speak to us, but if they had decided not to believe they will not believe even if they will know that God is speaking to us; the same as had happened now to the Jews. Truly God spoke to Jesus in the presence of the people, and they heard the voice but yet did not believe, **“28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.”** (John 12:28-30 KJV) So here God spoke to Christ and the people heard him. Christ also stress to them that the voice of God came for their sake to believe. But inspite of that all they were indifference to it. In evangelism if the heart of the people is not opened to the message, then

still whatever you do still it will not be possible to convince them if they are not will to be convinced.

John 9: 30 *The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.* The man, who was healed by Jesus, had taken the place of Christ in convincing the people and persuading them to believe in the truth. That man was willing to suffer for Christ and bear the burden with Jesus in forwarding the message of salvation to the people. He told them that Jesus did marvelous thing in opening his eyes to see, but still they have difficulty to know from where he came. We need to share when we evangelize the good things that the Lord had done to us. They were not able to see and admit that He came from heaven. They were so adamant in their refusal to believe and accept that Christ was sent from heaven. They failed to recognize that Christ came to do them wonderful things and do them good and benefited them. They were not aware to correlate of what Isaiah prophesied about Christ, **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”** (Isaiah 9:6 KJV) Many people whom we present the message they are totally unaware that Christ had come to them in order to bless them and to make their lives better. Therefore we need to pray for such people that their eyes shall be opened to see and recognized the truth. We need to be more patience and persevering like this man, by doing all we can to convince the people about the authenticity of Christ and His Word. We need to go through Scriptures, reading to them, explaining points and views about Christ supported with Scriptures that they might believe that God had something for them far better than their own plans and will.

John 9:31 *Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.* That man who had been healed by Jesus became a mighty preacher, bring Scriptural evidences to convince his hearer. He started with them from a common base when he stated, **“Now we know that God heareth not sinners.”** He knew that they are agreeing with him about that. Certain times we need to start with people from where they are agreeing with. Further he stated to them what conditions that God is seeking, before he hear and answer prayers. He wanted to convince them that what Jesus did is acceptable before God, and that is why the man was healed from his blindness. He stated to them two important truth for God to hear, *first*, the man should be a worshipper of God, who serve God, *second*, the man should be doing his will. Concluding with this statement that what Jesus did to heal him on the Sabbath was God’s will. Evangelism is to state to the people what is the will of God.

John 9:32 *Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.* He gave them another evidence that what Jesus did was nothing done similar to it from the beginning of the world. What he was telling them, ‘Since the world began was not heard what Jesus did, and you instead of being happy and joyous with it, you are persecuting him.’ Evangelism is to speak to the people about positive things that they are not able to see. The Lord only who would open the eyes of the blind, **“The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.”** (Psalm 146:8 KJV) **“Then the eyes of**

the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.” (Isaiah 35:5 KJV) Evangelism is to let someone be able to see, and you might be persecuted for this good work. But take heart, the Lord shall reward you for every good thing that you will do for Him and for the sake of His people.

John 9:33 *If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.* With all the evidences that we read in the previous verses, the man that was healed by Jesus concluded that if this Jesus is not from God he can do nothing. True, that no one can do anything if God will not do it. If Jesus was not sent from God, then He will not be able to do the good things that he was doing. In Evangelism, doing the good things of God is a good testimony and affirmation that we are sent by God to do the good work that he prepared in advance for us to do.

John 9:34 *They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.* Now it reached the end of the discussion between the blind man and the Jewish. Closed end was reached and what is remained is to part company. The blind man who was healed by Jesus was expelled out from the synagogue. There will be a time that when we should accept that we will be put out of certain people lives because what we are proposing for them from God’s Word they are not accepting and our stand will be abhorred by them. They might even tell us face to face, no need more teaching, enough with what we heard. They will cast us out from their lives because we will be a source of threat to them. The Jewish cast this man out from the synagogue because he was speaking to them the truth that they hated, as well as he was a threat to them because he will be evangelizing to others to follow Christ and walk in His ways. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, step by step will go from level to a higher one till it will reach the climax, that ultimately masks will be ripped off and wolves and those with wrong motive and false agenda will be clearly recognized. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, and we need to prepare for it emotionally to face rejection, persecution and isolation.

John 9:35 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?* Jesus heard the story of what had happened to the man. Sure Jesus was following that man and observing the outcome of his life after he had healed him. Notice what is said, **“and when he had found him”**, so Jesus was searching and looking for that man. Even today Jesus is interested in our lives and especially our response to the message that we are receiving from Him. And he is searching for us to reach us and to aid us in our endeavor to serve Him and reach the lost. Evangelism entails follow up to those whom we have reached out and study the outcome of their lives and what was the impact of the message of Jesus and God’s Word that they had received from God. The Lord reached out that man and healed him, and the outcome of that healing was that he stood firm to the message of God and tried to impact to the people that he belonged to, and finally the man expelled from his community, as a person who is unwanted and cannot be coop with. The Lord here met this man for the second time in order to continue with him what He had started with him.

“And when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” Jesus now is beginning to introduce to him Himself as the son of God. He asked first if he believe on the son of God? Jesus was finding out where his level of faith and where he

reached out. At the junction of trials, we use the opportunity to impact more of faith and help people that we disciples to reach the higher level of faith.

John 9:36 He answered and said, *Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?* The man was so open to accept and believe that God has His Son. There are people whom they are hard to believe but there are people who are easily to believe. The man had faith that there is a Messiah but he was not aware that he was speaking with Him. Notice how he was eager to ask, *“Who is he.”* He was so eager to meet him to believe on Him. That man through the miracle that Jesus did in his life, he developed the trust on God, that the Lord is beside him and he will not be misleading him, but will further accomplish better things for his life. The man was asking *“Who is he”*, not like Thomas who was doubting, but he was eager to meet the Son of God so he will honor him and worship him and give him what is due to Him. Those who truly believe they would see also that God is there in their lives to lead them and to help them in their trials.

John 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, *Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.* Jesus declared to him immediately what was in his heart from desire. Jesus is near to those who delight in Him and He is near and quick to fulfill their heart desires. Jesus had given that man further two privileges as he delighted in him; *first*, he seen him, *second* he talked with Him. Notice that those who believe in Christ they will progress rapidly with the process of discipleship.

John 9:38 And he said, *Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.* The man promptly responded and announced his faith, that he believed and he worshipped Him. The Greek’s word that is used for ‘worshipped him’, is ‘Proskuneo’, and it has the following meanings:

To kiss the hand in token of reverence, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence. By kneeling or prostration is to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication to God and to Christ. True disciples are willing to kneel down and express homage to Christ and to His will in their lives. Kneeling down at the Lord’s feet express loyalty to Him and loyalty to what plans He has for us in our lives.

John 9:39 And Jesus said, *For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.* In Evangelism we are bringing the judgment of God on the people that we are reaching out. The judgment of Jesus in His coming to this world, that those who has eyes but they don’t believe on the Son of God and on His word they are blind and cannot see the truth, and those who does believe on Him and on His Word their eyes are open to the truth. What Jesus said was a message of rebuke to those whom He had revealed Himself to them, but they still chose to refuse believing on Him and surrender to His plan and will. Hard rebuke needed to be directed to those who are not willing to follow the revealed truth.

John 9:40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, *Are we blind also?* The Pharisees were hit with what Jesus said, and got offended being spoken of as blinds by Jesus. In evangelism, the message to those who

does not believe and who are opposing the truth, the message would bring a real rebuke to them. Also we can see that the Pharisees who were opposing the Lord they were just around, and Jesus did not fail to tell them the message and to expound it to them.

John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, *If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.*” The answer of Jesus explained to them *first*, that they are not blind, but they have eyes and had met the Lord; they saw Him and heard from Him but they did not believe, and that was their sins, and their blood is on their own head. *Second*, His answer to them explained to them that sin in their lives is more dangerous than sicknesses. *Third*, since they are insisting that they are not blind and they are not willing to believe it means that their sin of unbelief will remain in them.

My Dear and Beloved: Let us learn how to evangelize from the Word of God and how Jesus moved around and did the good work of God. Let us be firm and go back to the principles of God’s Word that would teach us to bring back God’s church to the heart of the Lord in proclaiming the message in the way it should be proclaimed to the lost souls. Let us use the Scriptures always in our message of evangelism, and let us combat sin, and face the people with the sins that are destroying their lives. Let us also face the ringleaders who are taking people and misleading them in a direction away from God. Let us have the courage and the strength from the Lord to do His work. Let us follow and care for the true disciples who got converted and let us build them further in the Holy faith, as we agree to pray

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. 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 wherever 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 I am willing to face the people with their sins and I am willing to face the ringleaders who are taking the people in a direction away from God. Lord I trust you to protect me and provide for me as I go forward to spread your Word to the lost world. Lord trusting you my future and my life, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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