

Kingdom's Principles

(Part II)

The Lord Jesus Christ through His Word had applied principles that we ought to understand and follow in our lives as we walk with Him. In Matthew chapter 18 Jesus has applied principles to His Church to follow, for His church is precious to Him because He purchased with His own blood. The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross and His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. He was buried but He rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him. Those who respond to His call and leave the world they will be part of His Church that He planted on earth. Therefore the word of Jesus that we read in the Bible is for His Church to follow. The word of God and the Holy Spirit that God gave us would bring the Church to the required level of purity and holiness and to be ready for the second coming of Jesus; that when He will come He would found us prepared, radiant without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, to take us to spend eternity with Him.

We will continue in this issue the principles that the Lord Jesus had put for His Church to follow in order to continue His mission on earth.

Reaching the lost souls: *“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one sheep wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”* (Matthew 18:12-14) The Lord Jesus Christ is a soul seeker, He came from heaven to seek and to save the Lost. When God look to the earth He will not be impressed with the beautiful buildings and gardens, the landscapes, and He will not be impressed by man's outer beauty and external appearance. But He looks to the soul of those who does not know Him. They are the perishing souls, but He will not let them perish easily. He will do His best to bring them back to Him. The Lord God had sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ for such a reason and purpose. This is what the word of God it tells us about Jesus: *“And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, with out blemish and free from accusation.”* (Colossians 1: 20-22) God is not willing that any of His sheep would be lost. And He wants from us the same; to carry the same mission of the Lord Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost through the followings: -

A) Prayer: We need to continue pray and intercede in behalf of the lost souls. We should pray that God would reveal Himself to them and also we pray that God would meet their needs. We should have a real compassion for the lost souls and

ought to pray with tears and pain in our hearts knowing that if they would not repent and follow Christ they will be end up in Hell and eternal fire.

B) Preach the good news: The Lord Jesus Christ commanded us the following: *“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* (Mark 16:15-16) Diligently we should seek every opportunity to speak to others about Jesus and His love and work on the cross to save mankind from sin and death. Those who believe and willingly giving their lives to Jesus we need to baptize them in the name of Jesus and teach them the word of God to obey and observe His commands as He instructed us: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* (Matthew 28: 19-20)

C) Conserving those who are saved: Those who receive Jesus and accept Him as Saviour and Lord over their lives they will pass through trials, difficulties and temptations and might give up and would not continue to walk with God. They will be called backsliders and what we need to do is to pray for their revival, to visit them and encourage them to come back to the Lord and serve Him. Those who pass through difficult times among us we need to help them support them and encourage them in order for them to pass through these trials victoriously. Continuing in teaching the word of God would help the disciples to grow and be deeply rooted in the Lord so when trials would come or when Satan attack them they would not be shaken. God is not willing that everyone would perish so we should have the same mind of Christ to conserve every soul God would bring in the mid of us.

D) Invest all what God gave us in His Kingdom: God had given us time, different talents, spiritual gifts and different kinds of material possessions and money. We ought to put all these under God's service and disposal to bring new souls in His kingdom and to make new disciples who serve the Lord and walk in His ways.

My dear and beloved: *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”* (Proverbs 11:30) Let us be inspired and encouraged with His word and let us be diligent to evangelize and reach new souls and disciple them to serve God. This is what is in the mind of Christ and that what He wants us to do 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 and raised from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord guide me with Your Word and Your Holy Spirit to reach new people and bring them into the knowledge of Christ. Help me to be fruitful, effective and productive in making new disciples. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*