

CLASS 4: EVANGELISM AND LIFE GROUP

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this class, participants should:

1. Know about the importance of Soul winning.
2. Be able to identify their chariots
3. Be inspired to cultivate a lifestyle of winning souls
4. Know the importance of joining a Life Group (as a place to learn and grow in the Word by asking questions a member cannot ask during church services).
5. Understand the LG structure as a support system for Christian living and for winning souls.

EVANGELISM AND SOUL WINNING

The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 18-20

- God has given every Christian the responsibility of soul winning- The Ministry of Reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. The reason God does not take us to heaven after we are born again is that He expects us to win others to Christ. He has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
- It is God's Number 1 Business.
- We are God's ambassadors here on earth. It is a divine assignment given to us Christians. It is such an important task for which God counts on us very much as even angels cannot preach the Gospel. It is indeed a privilege and honor for us as Christians.

2. Soul Winning is a command, not a suggestion: Mark 16:15-20

- This is a mandate given to every believer.
- He said go ye therefore, and teach all nations. (A nation is any group of individuals that share a common interest, like a vocation, or a geographical)
- He also said to baptize those that believe.

3. Importance of Soul winning: Romans 10:13-15, Mark 16:15-16.

- The Holy Spirit was given to us majorly for the purpose of witnessing- Acts1:8
- The Gospel is the saving power of God.
- It is the way by which men are reconciled to God.

Illustration

We are His legs and His hands. We are God's extension here on earth. If you are presently not engaged in a job, do not say you don't have a job because you indeed have a job. When give quality time to soul winning your other job will come sooner than you think. If you are an accountant, you are first of all a soul winner before you are an accountant. If you are a medical Doctor, the same thing applies.

B. Join this Chariot:Acts8:26-35

1. What is your chariot?
 - Your chariot is your vehicle or platform through which you reach your world with the Gospel.
 - Where you live, work, school, or do business is your chariot.
 - Chariots are different areas of life where we have contact with peoples of the world and influence them with the Gospel of Christ.
2. Who is qualified to win souls? Acts 1:8, Acts 4:18-20
 - The primary reason why the Holy Ghost was sent to us was for soul winning.
 - Everyone who has received Christ has the ability to win souls.
 - Immediately you get born again, you are enrolled into the league of soul winners.
3. Rewards of soul winning: Daniel 12:3, 1 Corinthians 9:16-18, 25

- He that wins souls is wise. He walks in high level wisdom
- He shines as stars
- He is God's partner.
- God is unable to abandon a soul winner.

Illustration

If Jesus can leave the glory and splendor of heaven to come and die for mankind, we whom He paid this price for should be ready to go about His work. That is the least we can do for Him.

C. What does it mean to teach all Nations? Mark 16:15

Teaching all nations means preaching the gospel to every creature and making them observe all that we have been taught by Jesus Christ.

Making disciples of all nations (group of people)

- Disciples are disciplined followers of Christ i.e. people who have come to know Christ and follow Him in nature, character and lifestyle.
- Nations refers to different groupings i.e. group of Bankers, Nurses, Lawyers, Engineers, etc. Our Lord Jesus asked us to carry the gospel to the various groups we are part of or that we interact with in the course of our everyday life. Christianity delivers a better life. We are called to offer to people that higher and more excellent life. As believers, we have superior intelligence and higher knowledge and information which we must make others to benefit from.

Praying for souls: Psalm 2:8, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 , Ephesians 6:10-12, James 5:16

Prayer is a very important aspect of soul winning.

Soul winning is spiritual and as such for it to be effective, prayer is the winning tool. Prayer helps to loosen men from the hold of the devil so they can receive Jesus Christ.

The need for Training: Ephesians 4:11-16

To be an effective soul winner, training is important.

God trains His children. An example is David who was trained through tending his father's flock. He was later to become the greatest king of Israel. Moses also underwent training for 40 years to be able to lead God's people.

The basic tool of training is the Word of God- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

LIFE GROUP SYSTEM

4. The LG System

The LG is the smallest unit of the church.

Reasons a member must belong to a LG (A member belongs to a support group and is not alone. He has someone looking out for his well-being, nurturing and praying with him when necessary) Acts 4: 32-35.

Illustration:

If a member of a LG is getting married or having a birthday, the member can rely on members of his/her LG to be there for him/her. There have been occasions when members have made material contributions towards such events. LG members are often present, making such occasions grand. Best of all is that members pray for their brethren.

The LG is a member's address in church. Members of the LG can become a member's social support group.

It is easy for a person to be lost in the crowd. A person who joins a LG and is active in his group, locates himself and can easily be located.

a. The structure of the LG (Leadership, meeting) e.g. LG Leader, Assistant LG, Secretary/ Bible Study, etc.

5. The LG is a Missionary Unit:

Missionary Christian: Psalm 67:2 (TLB). Ephesians 4:12

A missionary Christian is available and eager to preach the gospel to his world. He is also ready to invest his resources in the gospel. Ephesians 4:15-16

It is often said that you put your money and other resources where your heart is. The Missionary Christian sets his eyes on soul winning and does not allow any distractions. He invests in soul winning. He also does not lack because the Lord takes over his cares.

6. Importance of Corporate Evangelism

- Corporate evangelism in the LG (LG outreach)
- Corporate evangelism in the church (campus church outreaches)
- Corporate evangelism in the ministry

7. Pastoral Care in the LG: Acts 2:44-47, Hebrews 13:7

The LG member has access to the pastoral counsel and care through the leadership hierarchy of the LG.

CLASS 5: CHRISTIAN CHARACTER LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this class, participants should:

- Have learnt how to study God's Word.
- Know the importance of the Christian growth.
- Understand the purpose of prosperity.
The new creation man has a new lifestyle (new way of living) that needs to be developed. This class addresses this new faith lifestyle.

1. The Importance of growth for a Christian (Galatians 4:1-2)

“[1] Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; [2] But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father”

Growth will enable the Christian (heir) to walk in his inheritance and demonstrate the difference between the Christian and the non-Christian (servant).

• God designed us for growth (Ephesians 4:15-16)

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

- The illustration of the growth of a baby that depicts that of the new born Christian; The incorruptible, majestic, durable, lofty, expansive growth of a cedar of Lebanon is the way the Christian should grow

2. Studying the Word

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

- The Christian is a student for life. And life is spiritual therefore there is need for serious spiritual education.
- The Berean Christians were more noble because of their checking up the scriptures.
- The Christian is a worker and must be rightly educated for the work. Rightly dividing the Word of truth will help us pray the right way and confess the right things.

A. Reason for study

- *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)*
- Study is essential for our growth and development as Christians. The Word is our necessary food.

▪ *“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:14)*

○ Study will help us to be stable Christians and protect us from the deception of wrong teachings. When we understand the Word we will no more be like children who pick up one thing today and drop it tomorrow; we will be stable in the faith.

Necessity of Daily Study

• *“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”(Acts 17:11).*

• Man is a spirit and must feed his spirit man daily just like a man who feeds his body daily. Imagine a soldier who has not eaten for days going to war. Similarly, the Christian is continually fighting the fight of faith and must be spiritually fit. A plant needs constant water to flourish and do well, so is the life of a Christian.

• *“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart” (Acts 2:46).*

• The daily (day by day) walk of faith of the early Christians is of note. Even as a tree grows 24 hours a day 7 days a week and is constantly connected to its source; the Christian is typified as a tree in Psalm 1 that grows by the river. You must stay connected to the source of your life. **(Deut. 32:46-47)**

Grace Daily Devotional: An effective study guide

We have a daily devotional developed to help our study of God’s Word.

We should not speed read our Grace Daily Devotional like a newspaper but study and underline striking words in it. Follow the Bible reading plan.

There are people who read the newspaper daily but we as Christian people should develop the habit of investing our time in things that edify us and nourish us spiritually.

3. Fellowship (Church Services, LG meetings)

- The Bible talks about the togetherness and participation of each of us with one another in the body of Christ. In Christianity, no man is an Island just like the eye needs the ear, etc.
 - *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” . (Acts 2:42-47)*

- The early Christians are examples of believers walking together in fellowship. Their testimony caused increase in the body of Christ as the Lord added more to the church daily as should be saved.
- The LG is a fellowship group where Christians gather together in more intimate groups and are involved in each other's lives.
 - *“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” . (Ephes. 4:16)*
- We all need each other to grow and develop fully.

• **Illustration:** How the human body works that all the members are dependent on each other.

Consistency in Service.

○ *“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Hebrews 10:24).*

- - We must develop the habit of going to church whether we feel like it or not. The Bible teaches that some have a manner of neglecting Christian gatherings. We must have the right attitude in attending church services not just to fulfill all righteousness but to learn. It is like going to a spiritual school. If you can go to work daily why can't you attend church services which is just once or twice a week, remember that the money you seek wisdom can give.
 - God expects you to be in service and will minister to you if you are present. Some people have missed their ministration by being absent at church services/meetings.

4. LOVE *Greek word- AGAPE*

- Agape is the God kind of love and is different from the world's kind of love.
- Agape is love that is unconditional, it gives in spite of the recipient.
- Love is the emblem of the Christian. The Lord said that is how people will know we are His disciples when we love one another. 1Cor.14:1 says we should hotly pursue Love (make it our great quest).
- If you are going to live the faith life you will have to work in love for faith works by love.
- Love is the key to spiritual gifts 1Cor.14:1 says follow after love and desire spiritual gifts.

Note:

1. 1 Cor. 13 is the chapter that explains love (for a good rendering check the amplified version).
2. Note that in Gal. 5:22. We read that the Fruit (*singular*) of the spirit (the recreated human spirit not the Holy Ghost) is (*singular*) Love. This connotes that all the other listed fruits are in the first one -Love fruits. A Christian does not need to ask God for the ability to love, he has love like he has faith. The Bible says the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:5). We are born of Love. We are born with it so we can only grow in the manifestation of the fruits.
“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one to another”.
(John 13:34-35)

3. The 10 commandments have been abolished and do not apply to the new creation. The new commandment for the new creation is to love as Christ loved us.

“And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God should love his brother also”. (1 John 4:21)

The proof of your love for God is your love for your brothers and sisters.

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor”. (Ephes. 5:1-2)

Illustration

Just like children copy their father we should imitate God by walking in love. Imagine a child who wears his father's shoes and tie acting like his father.

5. OUR CONFESSION/MANNER OF LIFE

- CHRISTIANITY is called the great confession. There is a connection between our confession and the way we live.
“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- Christianity is a life of confession. Confession comes from the Greek word '*Homologia*' which means, speaking the same things with God in consent. The Bible says that what we speak is not what we see, think or feel. We speak what we believe.
- In the book of Hebrews, the Bible says,
“Let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have: for he has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may BOLDLY SAY, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Hebrews 13:5-6).
- God has spoken so that we may boldly say what He has said concerning us in agreement with Him. This is the Christian life.

- It is our confessions that put our faith to work. Salvation is sealed by confession. Merely believing in the mind does not do anything until we declare who we are, what we have become, etc. Confession puts the power of God to work. The Bible says, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus....”* and also, *“...With the mouth confession is made unto salvation”*.
- Our confession sets our lives on course.
- Our life goes in the direction of our confession. Bible says, “For by faith we understand that the world was formed by the word of God...” (Hebrews 11:3).
“Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philip. 1:4-6)

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself” . (Philip. 3:20-21)

- Our citizenship is in heaven. We come from a higher kingdom and live by a different set of rules. The bible is our constitution and that is how we know our rights and privileges. We are like ambassadors in a foreign land who have divine diplomatic immunity.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” . (Romans 10:9-13)

- We start out the Christian life with confessing the lordship of Jesus Christ and continue the Christian life by this same process of confessing the things we believe.

“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any” . (1 Cor. 6:12)

- You must learn to leave the good for the best.

A. Life and Death is in The Power of the Tongue

This is an extension of the last point we made concerning confession. The last point deals with saying the same things with God. In other words agreeing with what God has said with our words, but this one deals with the power of our tongue. The tongue has the power to kill or make alive. The reason why we have to agree with God and say what He says is because His words are spirit and they are life (John 6:63). Therefore, His words will produce life for us. Any other word will produce negative things because there is power in the tongue.

The Bible says, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof”* (Proverbs 18: 21). This is very strong. The power to control life lies in the tongue even though the tongue is one of the smallest members of the body.

The Bible declares: “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell” (James 3:2- 6).

The Bible shows that the tongue controls everything about life. Jesus said in Mark 11:22, that we shall have whatsoever we say. We must keep speaking the Word of God. The Bible says we should hold fast our confession.

Questions

- 1) Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Discuss this exhaustively with scriptures.
- 2) You shall have whatsoever you say. Explain.

B. FaithWalk

The Christian walk is a walk of faith. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God because he that “...cometh unto God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

We do not walk by what we see but by what the Word says. Our sight should be focused on nothing else but on the Word. The Bible says, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Everything the senses can perceive is temporal. They are subject to change but the Word of God abides forever. So the Bible says we walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7). Our walk of faith is based on the law of faith. The Bible declares in 2 Corinthians 4:13, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak". This is why God said, 'let the weak say, I am strong'.

Questions

- (1) Explain, "For we walk by faith and not by sight". (2) Explain the law of faith.

C. Christianity is a Life of Submission

The Christian life is a life of submission - submission to the Word of God. When we submit ourselves to one another or to authority (both spiritually and earthly) we are submitting to the Word, because it is the Word that admonishes us to live in submission. There are three levels of authority that the Bible asks the Christian to recognize and submit to. They are:

(i) Authority in the home:

This basically makes reference to the relationship between the husband and the wife and between the children and the parents. For the husband and the wife, the Bible says, "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and He is the savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:22-23).

Notice that it did not say "Wives submit yourselves to all husbands". It says "to your own husbands". While the wife is submitted to her own husband, her husband is asked to love her: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself to it" (Ephesians 5:25).

Authority has given the husband to be the head over his wife and so God commands the wife to submit herself to the husband's authority. The authority that the husband exercises over his wife is likened to the one Christ exercises over the church, and the wife is to submit herself to her husband the way the church submits to Christ. On the other hand, children are asked to obey their parents while the fathers were asked to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-3).

(ii) Civil Authority:

In relating with the state, the Bible instructs also that we should submit to the authority of the state or sovereign as long as he/she does not by his authority violate the authority of the Word of God. Bible says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Romans 13:1-2).

The reason why we should submit to the leaders is because, God is the one who establishes them and so any rebellion against the sovereign is directed towards God. The Bible says, "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shall have praise of the same. For he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid..." (Romans 13:4). Paul admonishes us further to pray for those in authority so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

(iii) Authority in the Church:

God has set up government in His church. He lets us know how to relate with those in positions of authority in the body of Christ. Bible says, "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief, for this is unprofitable for you". (Hebrews 13:17)

Every Christian is admonished to submit to the authority in his/her local assembly because those in authority are not ruling with their own abilities. It is the power of God that established them where they are. Whoever resists them is resisting the anointing and this is very dangerous. The Bible says it will not be profitable to do this.

6. SETTLING DISAGREEMENTS

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. [16] But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. [17] And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican” (Matthew 18:15-17)

There is a way Christians should settle disputes amongst themselves that is different from the way of the people of the world. You'll call the party involved and talk with him. If he doesn't listen to you invite another Christian, yet still if there is no change tell it to the Pastor of the church. If this still does not work you can treat the person the way you would treat a stranger.

7. SANCTIFYING YOUR THOUGHTS

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death”. (James 1:13-15)

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phillip. 4:8)

- As Christians we have to take charge of our thoughts
- Thoughts can come to you from God, from your mind based on the information you receive and from the devil.
- As a Christian you should not allow your mind to dwell on just anything
- The Bible gives us a list of things we should dwell on in Phillip. 4:8
- Be careful on what you dwell on because your mind is the doorway to your spirit.
- Be careful about the things you watch, read and hear like movies, books, magazines, news, etc. because they could influence your thoughts positively or negatively.

PRINCIPLES OF PROSPERITY

1. WHAT IS PROSPERITY?

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago” (2 Cor. 8:9-10)

“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Joshua 1:7-8)

2. PURPOSE OF PROSPERITY

“And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day” (Deut. 8:17-18)

The Purpose of Prosperity for a Christian is to be a blessing to the kingdom of God (i.e. furtherance of the Gospel) and other people especially fellow Christians.

There are several blessings associated with giving offerings to God, some of these offerings are explained below with various supporting scriptures:

• TITHES

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10)

“And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all” (Genesis 14:20)

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Matthew 23:23)

“But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Luke 11:42)

“In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims” (Genesis 15:18-20)

• FIRST FRUITS

“Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy

sons shalt thou give unto me” . (Exodus 22:29)

“For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches” . (Romans 11:16)

“The first fruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him” . (Deut. 18:4)

- **FREEWILL OFFERING**

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” . (Luke 6:38)

- **SEED OFFERING**

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness ;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God” . (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

- **PARTNERSHIP**

“And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life” . (Philip. 4:3)

“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity” . (Philip. 4:10)

“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” . (Philip. 4:15-19)

End of Class