

A Time for Renewed Commitment to Evangelism

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It is time to pray diligently about how we can touch our world—our neighborhoods, our community, our city, and the distant places to which God leads us—for Christ. We must consider afresh how to share the Good News in our communities and our world. We must call one another to prayer and renewed salvation fervor. We must seek to touch others for their sake and for the sake of the gospel, not for personal gain. This is not about a bigger church or greater prestige—this is about eternity. We invite you to join us in this commitment to prayer, thoughtful words, and eternal touches.

“I am part of the "fellowship of the unashamed." I have the Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals!

“I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer and labor by power. My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, back up, let up or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, stored up and stayed up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know and work until he comes. And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear.”

Read and reread the above declaration. Does it describe you? Will you find renewal and strength in Him? We invite you to adopt the pledge below. Nothing to sign, no one holding you accountable, just you a disciple, and the Master you claim to love.

I am a Christian, a disciple of Jesus Christ trying to be more and more like him. I commit my whole being to his purposes. Recognizing that he came to seek and save, I pledge myself to pray, talk, encourage and touch at least one soul for Christ.