



DEVELOPMENTAL AND HUMANITARIAN WORKS

THEODORE ANDOSEH

•

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
THE LEADER'S OFFICE

Come and thank God for somebody whose unconditional love impacted your life.

DEVELOPMENTAL AND HUMANITARIAN WORK

Titus 1:8-9

8 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

NIV

Spiritual leaders must love what is good and love good people. Among the old puritans, they defined the love of God as being divided into two categories: There is what they call the benevolent love of God and they said, that is the kind of love that God has for all human being, God wants to do good, God does good to all men, regardless of their condition.

Then they say there was a second category, they call it the complaisant love of God, the kind of God because you find pleasure in what you are loving. The complaisant love of God, and they said: God does not love the obedient equal to the way he loves the disobedient. Towards the disobedient, he has benevolent love, he will do them good so that they may repent, but toward the obedient, he will have complaisant love. For those who are righteous, God has complaisant love, towards those who are holy, God has complaisant love, towards those who are consecrated, God has complaisant love. In the complaisant love of God, he does not love all of us the same, even all of us inside this hall, even you and your neighbour, God does not love all of you the same.

In the complaisant love of God, there is merit. God respond to those who have obeyed him.

In the book of Titus, in Greek or in Latin, benevolent love is called 'Bonifacio' do good. In the book of Titus, 9 times the apostle Paul says: that Titus must insist that the churches that are planted do good, do good works.

When you meet a believer, find out whether he is doing any good, if not, his life is sterile. The man who prays a lot, who is faithful in all our meetings, who does not great his neighbour, who does not know when he is sick has renounced Christianity, he has a religion. Christians do good. If you don't know the names of your neighbours, how will you obey the greatest commandment of the Old testament that says 'love your neighbour like yourself'. When you say: 'I love the Lord', 'I feel wonderful, Oh Lord, you are wonderful, Father you are simply sweet', when you finish all those things, if

you don't know your neighbour's name, you don't know when their child is sick, you have never visited them, you have never shared your social advantages with those living around you, you are a hypocrite, you have not believed in Christ, you have a sterile religion. We don't do good, Christians do good. We do good to our neighbours, we do good to our brethren, we do good to our enemies. Christians are characterised by the doing of good. We do good to our neighbours, we do good to all men, we do good to our brethren, we do good to our families, we do good even to our enemies. We do good. And spiritual leaders in the church, they are to select leaders because they are zealous to do good. Christians do good, believers do good.

- Three people to come and pray that it will hit us

Because more and more, we are giving value to very big things and abandoning basic things

Pure religion that is accepted by God is that we visit the orphans and poor and that we care for the poor. What is in your budget for those who are poor. That is why many believers have not plucked into God's blessing.

The Lord Jesus says, that even in your family, if you tell them: what I would have given to you, I have consecrated it to God, and Jesus is not that kind of hypocrite religion, using consecration as an excuse from doing good. "What I would have given to you is corban, I have laid it on the altar".

- Pray that God will shake us out of our lives that are emptied of good works.

What I am saying is a serious thing. When I was 24, I was taking a fast for my character, and that year, I wanted to put on compassion, I was in Mbalmayo at the time. So, I went out at around 5 a.m. in a morning, in order to take one drunker who had slept in a gutter; In mercy, you are expected to help someone who will never say to you "thank you". So, I took that young man and took him to our small apartment, we warmed water, removed all his clothes, washed him like a pig. We brushed him, he was not conscious during all that time we were washing him, he was out with alcohol and had fever more than 40, after bathing him, we dressed him, we made him eat and he slept for about 18 hours, then he woke up without knowing where he was. We treated him, gave him drugs, gave him about 25000 F to go back to his village and to his family. Every year, we selected one aspect of Christian character to develop. We must come back to it.

When brother Zach taught us on the setting of goal we were to set goal not only on what we will do, but also in terms of what we will be. Christians are good, they do good to their neighbours, to the brethren, and even to their enemies. They give food to those who are hungry, they give something to drink to those who are in prison, they visit those who are in hospitals and they visit those who are incarcerated in prison.

Titus 1:16

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

NIV

Pour connaître des faux prophètes, enseignants, dirigeants, il ne faut pas écouter toutes leurs relations, c'est dans les actions qu'on connaît les vrais croyants.

According to the bible, everyone is called to live out his creed. You are to live out your creed. If you are a spiritual leader, a leader, the ultimate test about your ministry is not what you say or what you know, but what you do. What do you do? What good do you do? One characteristic of those who are absorbed with doctrine, controversies, polemic is that they are unable to do good. Carried away with philosophies and unable to do good, exhibiting pseudo knowledge, memorising dictionaries but unable to do what is good. So, Christian leaders are zealous for good. True leaders are zealous for good, false prophets don't do good. Leaders are good people. Spiritual leaders are good people, they don't close their eyes to what they can see, they don't do it.

Titus 2:3-4

3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

NIV

They are to teach what is good. Christian women, Christian wives, they practice good and they teach younger girls how to do good. When you have older girls and they are counselling younger girls to get marry and they ask you: how much money does the man has? They are sinning, and that younger woman will one day separate from you. You want to make as if you love her, but you want her to manifest your worldliness, they will hate you one day. You are teaching them to despise their husbands, because of what they have. It is you that will end up being despised; Christian wives, older women, teach younger

women to do good, to love their husbands, to train their children, and do what is good. Wives, Christian women are teachers of what is good.

Titus 2:7-8

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness
NIV

If you are going to be an apostolic helper, like Timothy and itinerant helper, you must be an example of good deeds. The ministers of the Word must be those who do good.

Titus 2:14

who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
NIV

Holiness = good works, that is the goal of belonging to Jesus. When Jesus was entering your heart, he wanted to transform you into an industry of good works.

Proclaim: "Jesus saved me and I am a factory, zealous for good works". - "

Titus 3:1

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good
NIV

C'est l'implication des croyants dans la communauté. Les croyants ne sont pas des gens qui sont indifférents aux bonnes œuvres de leur communauté. Les chrétiens s'impliquent dans la communauté dans le fait de faire du bien. Donc la plupart de nos églises sont entrain de pratiquer l'hésie. L'église est séparé de toute politique, mais elle n'est pas indifférente aux biens communautaires. Christians are model citizens, submissive to leaders, law abiding and cooperating in doing whatever is good in the community. Christians are community-minded.

- Pray that God will slap all our ideas.

Titus 3:8

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.
NIV

That those who have believed do good, that is what we must insist in the church, the Bible ask us to insist it in the church, that those who have believed should be zealous to do good, that those who have believed should have lives that are benefited to others, not useless lives always begging, complaining. Our churches must be full of those who are useful.

Titus 3:14

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives
NIV

Every member of the church must be working. Nobody is called to live as a parasite, on the charity of others. We must hate idleness and misery in the church, every member of the church must seek self-sufficiency for his goods. There is too much dependency in the mind of people, and some even believe that the call of God is permission to be weights on others. Don't let your life be a weight on you and on others. Stop taking advantage of others, don't budget on the love of others, don't plan on the commitment of others or on the commitment of someone against you, if you do it, you are a sinner, you are greed. Nobody owns you anything on this earth. Our people should have back bones. We must not tolerate lack to dignity, lack of nobility, lack of holy material independence. If somebody loves you, don't take advantage of his love, you are a sinner. Even to get what you wanted, you are not a man, you are a shame. Be a man by working, not by wearing arrogance. Be a man, by being something with your hands. We are to do good, so that we may be useful, so that we may be productive and so that, we may not be a weight on any man.

We must reconstitute our dignity by hard work, by financial honesty, by living according to our means, not by looking at what others who love us have and wishing to raise the standards of our lives at their expenses, that is uselessness, it is not Christian fellowship, it is covetousness and greed and with useless men. Live with what you can have. Live your life so that anybody who is near you will not feel guilty for who you are.

- Pray that our people will develop dignity.

There must be kindness, but when you are expecting somebody to be kind towards you, it is no longer kindness. Ce n'est plus la gentillesse quand tu attends cela. Believers are to like that, we are a royal people, we are descendants of a king. We can be poor but we should not put on shame.

- Pray that God will bring back our people to dignity, nobility, royalty, so that generosity will be something that was to be expected, that it will render the ministry that it was supposed to render. If you expect it, how will it render you ministry again?

We need to have dignity, not pride.

Don't make your weight over anybody, you should not receive a service that anyone does not want to give you. Don't enslave yourself to service people would not want to offer to you. You need somebody to tell you to stop your covetousness. You see somebody's lap top and you want to have it, you are just useless. If you cannot afford it, why do you desire it. You are committing sin, you don't have a need. You are not permitted to have a need for which you don't have the means, that is what it means to be covetous, an honest man plans his needs according to his means. To have desires that you cannot afford, you are a spineless vegetable man.

Dignity means that you are contented with what you have.

I want to testify, from the time when I was nine, years, our mother called me apart and she told me: son, you are not like the others boys, your father is dead, live with it and be satisfied". I have never from that day wanted to be like another person, I have never desired anybody shirt, or trousers or shoes from the age of nine, I don't even see it. My mother shut out covetousness from my mind for ever. "You are not like the other boys, your father is dead, live with it". To spend your whole life wishing that your father has what the other have, wishing that your family was different, you have a form of mental disease called 'discontentment'. Your name is called "dry season", you will never be satisfied. Leave people's things alone, and also leave people's daughters' alone, and when you become a leader, you leave other churches and disciples alone. You were young, you wanted other's people things, now you are a leader, you want others' people churches, disciples, stop it. Why can't you live with the fact that other people can be given and you are not? You are sick. God does not give everyone the same gifts. To teach someone that when you give a yoghurt to one, you must give it to the other as well, you are not a parent, you are baptising the children into covetousness. It is a sin, and even for my co-workers. Many people are sick, sick and sick, full of lust, full of covetousness, full of greed and they believe that it is love. "if you love me also, then also do for me what you have done to the others". Who told you that I must also love you, are you equal?

We must come back to dignity,

We must come back to nobility

We must come back to a love that does not put others in trial, we are Christians, we are kings. Maybe your mother did not tell you are mine told me, but my own told me: "Theodore, you are not like the others, your father is dad, I with it". Nobody owns you anything. Not even my wife owns me anything. No man on this earth owns me anything. No man can receive anything, expect that which is given to him from above. I want nothing that God has not given me.

In humanitarian and developmental works, we are putting into practice at the community level the doing of good. God has commanded us to do good. Tomorrow, we shall thank God for the good works we have started, humanitarian, developmental, for the common good, the good that even the unbeliever can receive. Doing good.

It has been proven in studies in church growth, that every local church that is not committed to reach out to the community does not grow, to reach out to the underprivileged does not grow.

We have a gospel in words and we have a gospel of works. A spiritual man who can make good disciples will not have a big team, if he is not committed to the practical needs of people. That is why many people don't have teams they have taken one part of Jesus's mission and they have left the other one, their gospel is incomplete, they have edited the Lord Jesus, they have made him irrelevant to social and human needs.

In our proclamation of the gospel, we must proclaim the works of Jesus, the good works of Jesus, they are not to convert people, it is to manifest the benevolent love of God, it is to reveal the Name of God, what God looks like, what God is, it is our way of sanctifying God's needs, we are responsible of what God understand God to be like. We don't give somebody food so that he can follow us. Food does not convert the soul, financial help does not give faith. When we practice good works, we are doing it unto God, we are manifesting the kingdom of God, what God's kingdom looks like. For the conversion of men, we preach the gospel, how shall they believe? Unless somebody preaches them. There is no conversion of people through rice. We did not start Hope Clinic to convert people, but to manifest the love of God. Nothing shall save us for preaching the gospel. Faith comes from what you hear, not from what you eat. We shall preach so that men can believe, and we shall do good, so that

men may know God. Works of development, humanitarian works, to manifest the kingdom of God, according to Matthew 25. and the condemnation are on the same base and those of justification, on which base: works. on the basis of works "I was hungry, and you did not feed me, I was hungry and you feed me. I was naked and you did not feed me, I was naked and you gave me food": works.

- Remerciez le Seigneur pour cet aspect de notre Ministère.