

Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.

_Ask yourself this question!

How effective am I in advancing God's kingdom? Should you be paid for advancing God's kingdom what would your paycheck look like?

Read 2 Cor. 5 + 6

We heard a lot on Kingdom, the gospel of the Kingdom and on being ambassadors lately. What does ambassador mean?

Not a physical kingdom that we are talking of... need to be converted from "meat heads"- carnally minded to spiritually minded...

This transition into Gods Kingdom...

not taught, bought, voted for or passed on by parents... By BIRTH only

You have to be born again... by the Spirit of God only!

Gal 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel :12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation **of** Jesus Christ. (NIV = from ASV and KJV = OF)

Only through Jesus ... only way to the father... "contrary to popular belief!"

Once you believe this, Training can start....

An ambassador is also an apostle = someone who is trained and then sent out! Someone giving up all to be trained and sent off to advance the Kingdom of God.

This training process = discipleship process and the goals are 5 F's ?

***Foundations; Freedom; Faith; Family; Fruitfulness
And it happens in the family groups mainly***

To be a successful student you have to have the right F. A.C.T.S

Act 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Act 2:45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Act 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Act 2:47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

5 characteristics of successful ambassadors.

1. Faithful.

They devoted... continued steadfastly... spend their time...
To the call, the cause and the process the family and the leaders.
Can only do this if you had a revelation of Jesus... faithful to death on the cross!
Otherwise when pressure come you pop out..

2. Available.

With my time, resources, self.
Anywhere anytime... just call me..
Acts 2 they say daily

3. Committed.

Commit to the end... stick it out...
Can you walk with a person and do One2One week after week
Disciplined to not pull out... when the going gets tough the tough get going!

4. Teachable.

Marriage in trouble but I am right! Talk to my wife she needs help....
Finance: I will not change my view on tithing... but help me, my finance is in a mess!
Devoted to the teaching of the apostles?!

5. Servant.

Serving with gladness and joy as Jesus set the example.
He was the King of kings and Lord of all and washed the disciples feet!

These come with hard work and discipline and pressure and pain but we can do it...

2Cor. 6: 4-10

It is HARD! BUT what do we do in tough times?

(ESV) Jas 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
And let steadfastness have its full effect, **that you may be perfect and complete,
lacking in nothing.**

Perfect! That is what Ambassadors look like!

Can we do it? Jesus did..

Humanistic selfish attitudes prevents us from going through God's process for our lives

1Pe 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you.

So God is perfecting us through trials, tribulations and tough times.

Building character in us...

Ex. Noah Gen 6:9 Noah^{H5146} was^{H1961} a just^{H6662} man^{H376} and **perfect**^{H8549} in his generations,^{H1755} and Noah^{H5146} walked^{H1980} with^{H854} God.^{H430}

Gen 17:1 And when Abram^{H87} was^{H1961} ninety^{H8673} years^{H8141} old^{H1121} and nine,^{H8672} the LORD^{H3068} appeared^{H7200} to^{H413} Abram,^{H87} and said^{H559} unto^{H413} him, I^{H589} am the Almighty^{H7706} God;^{H410} walk^{H1980} before^{H6440} me, and be^{H1961} thou **perfect**.^{H8549}

They were great men of faith and great Ambassadors of God... worthy to be imitated.

Why do we need perfect heart before God?
Willingness to lay all down for HIM and him alone... no other gods....
Jesus and the Rich young man?
Are you willing to be led on the road to perfection?

What about my needs?

The King knows exactly what the ambassador needs for his task!

Mat 6:31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

Mat 6:32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Mat 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Humanistic mindset combined with “capitalistic privileges” is GREED and PRIDE and is never satisfied.

Buy stuff we don't need, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't know!

Does God know the price of petrol? Yes. Does God know the interest rate? Yes
Did God tell you to buy the big guzzling 4x4? Or did I fall for the world system add that said; go on you deserve it get it!

Consecrated to God hear His voice... die to self and He will provide.
God loves you and he wants to provide for you.... Have faith and trust in HIM!
We are just the ambassadors... He is the KING!

What we have to focus on..... our job...

Co 5:19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us

We are to Reconcile to God and to each other...

How ?

Training and equipping in family/ leadership groups..... Get connected and start living Acts 2 devoted, meeting daily , signs and wonders, share everything etc.

Lastly... FRUITFULNESS.

It is the Kingdom term for success all ambassadors should be... we will be rewarded...

2Co 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Jesus said... This is to my Father's glory... that you bear much fruit!

Our success as ambass. Lie in advancing Gods Kingdom through discipling those whom we have reconciled with God! And God provide us all we need to do the job.
Get the Pic? Lets go Do it!