

Modern systems of education tend to prioritize the efficient transfer of information and insights. Yeshua used a very different, interactive group process to train “unschooled, ordinary men” to obey all He commanded. As they adapted His model to train others in Spirit-led obedience, they produced skilled, confident and reproductive “fishers of men” who “turned the world upside down.” Today, small group training is again proving fruitful for producing generations of “fishers of men.”

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From the little I have learned from others and through experience, I wonder if the current Church-Planting Movements have not taught international Christianity the viability of non-clergy movements, that everything Christ commanded can be accomplished without money, clergy, chapels and power structures. Put positively, the biblical patterns remain both viable and perhaps more effective over time, than privileged, ecclesial power structures.

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The NT church is a “Household of God with a mission to prepare the earth for the home coming of our Lord.” It meets in the simplicity and intimacy of homes with no race, caste, class, age or gender bias. It is inductive, relational and productive. They go 2x2, find a Person of Peace, break bread together, gossip the gospel and birth another household of God. (Eph. 2:19,20; Luke 10:1-9)

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TEACH THEM TO OBEY

FOR

CHURCH PLANTERS



Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane

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This manual is designed to help you to transit from a barren hearer to a diligent and fruitful doer of the word. James 1:22

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THE CORE AGENDA

YESHUA OFFERS TOTAL PACKAGE

All the way from repentance to inheritance

Paul was sent to “*Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and release from sin's slavery, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified and purified by faith in me.*” Acts 26: 17-18.

The NT church is a “Household of God with a mission to equip the saints for the ministry among the lost; or more simply put, a church is, wherever disciples are being made.” It is small, simple and organic with no ‘specials’: no special person, no special place, no special day and no special budget. The only thing that is special about it is that it has DNA of rapid growth and multiplication. (Eph. 2:19; 4:12; Acts 6:7; 16:5)

THE CHURCH EXISTS to prepare the earth for the return of the King of kings. No one is going up to heaven but heaven is coming down to earth and the tabernacle of God will be with men. This will happen as soon as the church has finished the task of making disciples of all nations. (Matt. 6:10; 28:18-20; John 14:2,3; Rev. 7:9,10; 21:1,2)

The objective of writing this Training Manual is to convert a hearer of the Word into a productive doer of the Word because a nominal Christian who is not advancing the kingdom of God serves no other purpose but the Adversary’s!

This Teaching Manual comes from the insights gained from training literally tens of thousands of grassroots level disciple makers. It has been extensively used in training seminars the world over. This edition has been completely rebooted with new topics. It does not have to be used sequentially but is menu based for capacity building of trainees on whatever topics they need to be upgraded. They are not comprehensive but presented as bullet points to encourage discussion.

Like the Berean church in Acts 17:11, you need to diligently search the Scriptures and discover biblical truths and insights mentioned in this book for proper comprehension of the New Testament shaped churches. It can catapult underachievers into champion disciple makers. They are not designed to be given as lectures but for inductive study with emphasis on the three **Is**: 1. What **Insights** have you gained?; 2. How are you going to **Implement**? and; 3. Who all are you going to **Impart**?. The topics are designed both for background knowledge as well as for practical skills needed for catalyzing Disciple Making Movements (DMMs).

By the same author:

English Book’s :

1. Greet the Ekklesia: The Church In Your House
2. The Apostolic Gardens
3. Prayer Warrior: Church Planters Daily Prayer Guide
4. From Mega to Meta Church

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE CHURCH

1. For its first 300 years, the church met in the spontaneity, flexibility and intimacy of believers' homes. There were no church buildings, pastors, Sunday worship, crusades, seminaries or tithing. During this period the church grew in faith and in numbers daily. (Acts 16:5)
2. Paul shared the whole wisdom of God from house to house. All training was church based. House churches were banned by law in 380 AD. The church lost its soul and entered into its dark age for a millennium. (Acts 20:20; 27-29)
3. The Nicolaitans believed in 'conquering the laity', by claiming a higher status, dividing the church into speakers and listeners. Yeshua hated this division equating it with loss of first love, idolatry and immorality. Yet the modern church continues to practice this unscriptural dichotomy. (Acts 6:5; Rev. 2:4,6,14,15; Matt 12:25)
4. House churches suffered severely under the Romans. Constantine saw a vision of the solar cross, invaded and became the Roman emperor. He appointed himself the *de facto* Pope, built the first cathedral, appointed paid clergy, and started the Catholic Church. (312-325 AD)
5. The Roman Empire saw a phenomenal growth of nominal Christianity where heathen priests were ordained with their rituals that remain prevalent in the church, such as cloaks, pulpits, sermons, sacraments, altars and music. Traditional churches have Gothic, pagan architecture; and its government of clergy and officers is based on Roman administration; whilst its worship is based on Babylonian cult. That is why the institutional church is imploding from within instead of exploding outside in the world.
6. In 321 AD, Constantine decreed under the penalty of death, to venerate Sun-Day for Sol Invictus-the unconquerable Sun. Steeples atop the cathedrals caught the first light of the sun and celebrated with ringing of bells. The Bishop of Rome became Pontifex Maximus (Pope=Papa), the bridge between God and man.
7. The NT church was led by the Holy Spirit, who inspired psalms, revelations, teachings and prophecy which resulted in new believers being added daily. Pope Gregory (500 AD) permanently perverted worship by programming sequential "Order of Worship" with hymns, scriptures, sermon and sacrament, prevalent in modern church; killing the Spirit of participatory Church. (1Cor. 14:26)
8. Pope Leo (440 AD) introduced clerical celibacy, ending biblical eldership of men with one wife. Infant baptism became obligatory in 416 AD. Crusaders (1096 AD) committed genocide of Jews and Muslims. 600 years of Inquisition resulted in millions of believers being declared heretics and tortured, often to death. Meanwhile, the monks methodically monkeyed the Scriptures.
9. In 1517 Martin Luther ignited a Reformation by writing his "95 Theses" against the Catholic Church. After affirming the house churches in 1526, he capitulated and declared death penalty for house church leaders in 1530.
10. The true church survived through the ages, not in the structured church, but in the homes of martyrs. Luther's Reformation was only a theological one, "*salvation through grace by faith*". God is now restructuring His church for a global harvest, in new wineskins called house churches, simple churches and organic churches.

TEN LEVELS OF MINISTRY

At what level of ministry are you stuck?

“They went...they preached the gospel and taught many disciples, ...that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom. They ordained elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord...and gathered the church, they reported all that God had done with them...Paul said to Barnabas let us go back and visit...” Acts 14:20-23;27; 15:36

Level 1. Go: Paul and Barnabas went. Going does not mean far away but going with the gospel wherever God has placed you. Ripples from your neighborhood/workplace can reach the ends of the earth. Matt. 28:19; Rom. 10:14-17

Level 2. Preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, not just with words but with healing and deliverance. Mark 16:15-18; Acts 26:18; Rom. 15:19,20; 1Cor. 9:16

Level 3. Make disciples: Being a believer is not enough, they must be trained into next levels of disciplers, baptizers, equippers and senders. Being a follower of Christ is not enough, make them fishers of men and birth generational multipliers. Matt. 4:19; 28:18-20; 2Tim. 2:2

Level 4. “Teach them to Obey all that I have commanded you.” Teaching obedience is an explicit command. The onus is on the teachers to oversee that all that they teach must be immediately implemented. Any delay will render all teaching useless. Matt. 28:19,20; Heb. 5:12

Level 5. Persecution Proofing: Do not promise new believers that Christianity is a cake walk but *“remind them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom.”* Yeshua said, *“If they have hated me, they will hate you also...”* John 15:18; Mark 13:13

Level 6. Appoint Elders (Plural): Appoint *elders* (not on how much they know but on their fruitfulness); not in every congregation but in every city church. Their role is to set right everything that is wrong and be accountable for every soul in the city. Titus 1:5-9; Heb. 13:17

Level 7. Prayer/fasting: Do not organize prayer events and build prayer towers and stay there but go weeping (liquid prayer) and come back rejoicing with sheaves of harvest. Your prayers to the Lord of the harvest must send laborers into the harvest field. (Ps126:5,6; Luke 10:1,2)

Level 8. Leave: Do not hang on and become a pastor but pass on the baton to the local elders and *“Turn them over to the care of the Lord.”* Acts 14:23; 20:32

Level 9. Reporting is Biblical: Paul and Barnabas *“Gathered the church (that sent them) and they rehearsed all that God had done with them...”* (Vs 27)

Level 10. Revisit: Later, Paul said to Barnabas, *“Let's go back and visit the brethren in every town where we preached the word of God and see how they're doing.”* Your ministry is incomplete until you are reproducing effective and productive fishers of men. Acts 15:36

Sadly most Christians are stuck at ground zero.

LEADERSHIP

“God took David out from following mother-ewes; He brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he fed them from the integrity of his heart and guided them with skillful hands.” Ps 78:70-72

- 1. Leaders are chosen by God:** Not by their academic tags but for His purpose. *“You have not chosen me but I have chosen you and appointed (ordained) you to bring forth abundant, lasting fruit.”* John 15:5, 8, 16
- 2. Strategic:** David had many servants to whom he delegated the care of the other sheep whilst he personally took care of the ewes with lambs, the reproductive segment of his flock. Do not waste your time and resources on non-performers but invest on Movement catalyzers. If Moses had not nurtured Joshua, Israel would still be in wilderness.
- 3. Multiply God’s Inheritance:** Saved people are God’s inheritance. God remains intensely interested in leaders who are committed to birthing, protecting, nurturing and multiplying his inheritance. Malachi 3:16-18; Ps 33:12
- 4. Pursue Integrity:** Qualification for biblical leadership requires, *“Look out (select), from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint for this business.”* Doing so results in exponential growth. Acts 6:3,7
- 5. Skillfulness:** Igniting a DMM (Disciple Making Movement) requires not only knowledge but entrepreneurial skill for birthing effective and productive leaders with whatever resources you have. David only had a sling.

THE EIGHT BASIC COMMANDS OF YESHUA

- 1. Repent and Believe:** Discuss what Yeshua commands in Mark 1:15, John 3: 16-18, 10:11; Romans 10:9-10
- 2. Be baptized and confirm repentance and new life in Christ:** Discuss what Yeshua commands in Matthew 3:13-17; 28:18-20; Acts 2:38
- 3. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered in Him:** Discuss John 20:22, Acts 1:8; 2:14,39
- 4. Love God, fellow disciples, neighbors, the needy and your enemies:** Discuss Luke 10: 25-37, John 13:34, Matthew 6:14-15, 5:44; John 8:3-11
- 5. Break bread through Communion and worship the Lord:** Discuss Luke 22:19-20; 4:8.
- 6. Pray at all times (family, private and corporate devotions):** Discuss Matthew 6:5-13.
- 7. Give as a steward of your time, treasure, talents and be generous:** Discuss Luke 6:38; Mark 12:41-44
- 8. Go 2x2 and make disciples by being a witness, teaching God’s Word, shepherding new believers and training leaders:** Discuss what Yeshua commands in Luke 10:1-10; Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:18-20 and John 21:15-17.

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THE GREAT COMMISSION (TGC)

1. Lord Yeshua's last command, "As you go, make disciples of all *panta ta ethne* (16,750 People Groups; 6,909 spoken languages today), baptize and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28: 18-19)
2. **The Sender:** Yeshua is our sender, who has all authority in heaven and on the earth. He has sent us with the same authority to make disciples all the nations. TGC is a covenant between believers, sealed with his own blood, the sign of the new covenant. (Heb. 13:20, 21)
3. **Go:** TGC is a 'Go Commission'. Yeshua said, '*I must go today, tomorrow and the next day, cure diseases, cast out demons and preach the kingdom.*' His church is a "Go church" and the TGC is her marching order, '*Woe is to me if I preach not the gospel, in season and out of season*' from next door to ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8; 1Cor. 9:16; Luke 4:43; 13: 31-33, 2Tim. 4:2; Isa. 6: 8)
4. **Disciple:** TGC is the core agenda of the church. The rest are details. TGC is about *reproducing multiple generations of disciplers, baptizers, equippers and senders*. The best way to glorify God is to make abundant disciples makers. (Acts 28:28; 2Tim. 2:2; John 15:8)
5. **Baptize:** In baptism, we die as sinners and are resurrected as saints. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved. Only believers' baptism is valid. These signs shall follow believers: they will expel demons...will pray for the sick and they will be healed. All believers are royal priests, made so by the blood of the Lamb, hence all can baptize and fulfill TGC. (Mark 16:15-18; 1Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5: 9,10)
6. **Obey all that I have commanded:** TGC is not about going to church every Sunday (not one verse in the Bible) but loving each other, even our enemies and making disciples, wherever God has placed us, at home, office, worksite or the market place and baptizing them right there (or wherever it is convenient) and teaching them to obey, must be our 24x7x365 lifestyle. "*If you love me you will obey my commandments*". (John 13:34,35; 14:15; Matt. 5:43-48; Acts 1:8; Jam. 4:17)
7. **Equip Workers & Send them:** Yeshua equipped twelve ordinary men and blessed them, '*As the Father has sent me so I send you.*' 70% of the world population belongs to oral culture who need to be equipped through story telling in their heart language and trained differently for Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist context and then sent. (John 20:21; Acts. 2:8,11; Mark 4:34; Rom. 10:11-17)
8. **TGC is commanded in all the first five books of the NT: People Group Commission** (Mat. 28:18-20); **Preaching Commission:** (Math. 24:14; Mark 16:15); **Repentance Commission** (Luke 24:47); **Sending Commission** (John 20:21); **Geographical commission** (Acts 1:8). TGC is not an optional 'Great Suggestion' but an explicit assignment to put our faith into action.
9. Innumerable Bible schools worldwide equip tens of thousands of 'aquarium keepers' while many of 41,000 denominations and 4,700 missions have lost focus for catching fish in the wild. They are happy taking care of gold fish in the bowl rather than fishing where the church is NOT; and completing the task of reaching 16,750 nations to worship before His throne. (Rev. 7:9,10)

TEACH THEM TO OBEY

1. Lord Yeshua gave many commands but one of his explicit command is, “**Teach them to obey** all that I have commanded you.” Matt. 28:19
2. Your love for Him is conditional, “*If you love me, you will **obey** my commandments*” John 14:15,21,23
3. Father Adam lost the Garden of Eden and Prophet Jonah ended up in the fish’s belly, for **disobedience**.
4. Saul lost his kingship because he failed to **obey**. “*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.*” 1Samuel 15:22-24
5. Abraham was blessed because he **obeyed** God’s voice, “*I will bless you and multiply your seed.... and they shall possess the gates of the enemy, because you have **obeyed** my voice.*” Genesis 22:17,18; Deut. 7:12-15
6. God promised Israel, “*If you will **obey** my laws and the statutes, then you will be a special people, a chosen generation and a kingdom of priests.*” Exodus 19:5,6
7. Teaching is to pass on information and insight. Coaching is to pass on skills. It is **a**. Tell them *why*; **b**. Show them *how*; **c**. Get them *started*; **d**. Keep them *going*; **e**. Follow up and **f**. Get them to *pass it on*. Acts 14:21-23; Phil. 4:9
8. Leaders are multi-taskers but coaches focus on imparting skills. No team can win a match without good coaches. Making them hearers only is wasteful but coaching them into diligent doers of the Word, requires a lot of practice.
9. Poor parenting, non-contextual sermons, histrionics on TV and Sunday schools teaching only songs and stories but no discipling skills, 98% Christians are religious cripples who cannot witness even to their best friends.
10. Maturity in faith is not how much you know but the ability to convince, convict and convert those who contradict; “*He must be able to teach sound doctrine and also to rebuke (refute) those who contradict.*” Titus 1:9
11. Apostolic **content**, interactive **methodology** and strategic **selection** will equip saints “*to make the Gentiles **obedient** by word and deed.*” Rom.15:18
12. **Three I’s**: Teaching should be followed immediately by inductive questions; **What** are the *Insights*? **How** are you going to obey (*Implement*)? With **whom** you will share (*Impart*)? Keep track to see that they are being done.
13. Teach, train, coach, tell stories and hold mock-up debates for **as many** as you can then select doers and upgrade them **as often** as you can, until they can confidently and competently train others. There are four different kinds of soils. Only the good soil (25%) will be fruitful.
14. There are ‘A’ level **National Coaches** who train Christian leaders. There are ‘B’ level **Regional Saints** who train grassroots ‘C’ level **Witnesses**, not to be despised, as they advance the kingdom and suffer persecution for it. Finally Holy Spirit is the ultimate teacher, “*who will guide you into all truth.*” John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 1:8
15. Today training in Spirit-led obedience, in small groups, is producing skilled, confident and reproductive “fishers of men” who are “turning the world upside down.”

VISION FOR THE LOST

1. God's heart beats for the lost so much, that He sent His only Son as a missionary to *seek and save the lost*. To fulfill that vision He trained his twelve disciples as diligent seekers and savers of the lost who went and equipped many more of the same. Luke 19:10; Matt. 18:11
2. *"The well do not need a physician, but the sick. I have not come to call righteous but the lost to repentance."* Yeshua is now continuously interceding for them. (Luke 5:31,32; Matt. 9:12,13; Mark 2:17; Heb. 7:25)
3. Yeshua's parables are primarily about the "lost and found"
 - a. The woman who lost the coin and diligently searched for it until she found it. Luke 15:8-10
 - b. A shepherd who left behind 99 sheep while he went into the night to find the one lost sheep. Luke 15:4
 - c. A father patiently waited for his lost son until he was restored. Luke 15:11-32
4. We all love finding our lost items. There is nothing that God loves more than a lost soul being found and saved. As soon as the lost are found and restored, there is great rejoicing in heaven, *"I tell you ... there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons (making a joyful noise on Sunday.)"* Luke 15:3-7; Matt. 18:12-14
5. Yeshua came preaching the Kingdom. His first words to the lost were, *"Repent for the kingdom of God is near"* and those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death saw a great light. Matt. 4:16-17
6. Yeshua's last words before he departed for his heavenly abode; *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom... baptize those who repent...make disciples...equip and send them to the ends of the earth"* Mark. 16:15,16; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8
7. Yeshua is not satisfied with the sheep in the fold, *"Other (lost) sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, so there shall be one flock and one shepherd."* John 10:16
8. To spark a Disciple Making Movement (DMM), you need to discover Yeshua's vision and passion for the lost. The ingredients are 1. A heart for the lost; 2. Shift from knowledge based to supernatural and 3. Shift from chaplains and chapels to hospitality in homes. Myriads in Jerusalem, in the first ever DMM, were counseled, convicted and converted on the dining tables. Yeshua was accused by the self-righteous religious leaders of **eating** with the sinners. Acts 2:46,47; 20:7; 21:20; Matt.9:11
9. The secret of spiking a '**discipleship chain**' across the city is to ensure that as soon as a lost person is found, he must be encouraged to immediately start seeking and saving the lost, just as Yeshua did with the Samaritan woman, the Gadarene man, the blind and many others.
10. Your greatness is not in just seeking and saving the lost but in swiftly making them seekers and savers of the lost.
11. The salvation of one soul is the "greatest miracle." All Heaven rejoices when one soul enters His Kingdom. The Good Shepherd personally goes out to find one lost soul. We are commanded and commissioned to win souls daily.

SKILLS DEFICIT

1. Why are Christians only followers of Christ but not fishers of men? Because they do not know how to. Matt. 4:19
2. Why are Christians not seekers and savers of lost souls? Because they do not have the knowhow? Luke 19:10
3. Why are Christians not able to destroy the works of the devil? Because they do not have what it takes? 1John3:8
4. Why are Christians only hearers of the Word and not diligent doers of the Word? Because they do not even know where to begin. James 1:22.
5. Why can't Christians make disciples, baptize and equip others and fulfill the Great Commission? Because they lack skills and do not know their authority. Mathew 28:19
6. Why can't Christians be instant in preaching the gospel to the lost, in season and out of season? Because they do not have the competence or the confidence. 2Tim 4:2
7. Why can't Christians bind the strongman and cast out demons? Because they have never been instructed about the armor of God and how to wage a good warfare. Mark: 16:17; Math.12:28-29; Eph. 6: 12-18; 1Timothy.1:18.
8. Why can't Christians convince, convict, and convert those who contradict? Because they have never been equipped on how to engage and interact with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and other non-believers. Titus 1:9
9. Why Christians cannot function as royal priests? Because those who are supposed to empower them into priesthood of all believers, have themselves usurped their position in Christ. 1Peter.2:9, Rev.5:9-10.
10. Why can't Christians be ambassadors wherever God has placed them? Because they only know the Bible but have little knowledge of historical, religious, cultural or missiological understanding of other communities.
11. Why Christians do not operate their gifts? Because no one has instructed them into how to operate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. 1Cor. 12:3-13; Eph. 4:11-13
12. Why 98 percent Christians cannot witness even to their best friends? Because they have never been instructed at home, the church or the Sunday school on how to be effective witnesses and therefore lack boldness. Acts.4:13
13. Why can't Christians offer lost people with broken and contrite hearts as their spiritual sacrifice? Because they do not know how to wield the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Rom. 15:16; Ps. 51:17; Eph. 6:17
14. Why don't your leaders teach you practical skills, even as measurement of success is your fruitfulness? By now you know that they themselves do not have the right tools in their tool box. They have been feeding you soup with a fork rather than with a spoon. Matt. 7:16-18; John 15:5;16
15. It is the skills and the knowhow of how to make disciples that separates the profitable, performing and fruit-bearing Christians from the non-performing barren ones. Col. 1:10; Matt. 7:20; John 15:16

BOLDNESS FACTOR

1. Of the twelve leaders sent by Moses, ten suffered from unbelief and lack of boldness. Their factual but negative reporting demoralized everyone and they became grasshoppers in their own sight. Consequently their dead bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Num. 13
2. King Saul said to David, ‘you are but a lad’ and his brothers said, ‘Go back and mind the sheep.’ They were focused on Goliath, while David was focused on God and based on his previous experience of fighting lions and bears, finished the giant with a sling shot. Stay away from factual but negative minded complainers. 1Samuel 17:36
3. Vast majority of Christians suffer from witnessing phobia of being embarrassed or humiliated or persecuted. This is because the church has not taught them on how to engage in dialogue with non-believers with serious consequences, for themselves and the lost. Ezekiel 3:18,19
4. Pharisees tried to frighten Yeshua that Herod is planning to kill him. Yeshua said, “Go tell that fox, that I will preach today, tomorrow and the next day.” Luke 13:31-33
5. “*Paul spoke boldly in the synagogue for three months, disputing and persuading about the kingdom.*” Later Paul disputed with the Gentiles in the Hall of Tyrannus. Paul demonstrated his disciples how to interact boldly with hostile Jews and Gentiles as well as healing and deliverance ministry. Soon there were churches in Asian cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. Acts 19:8-12; Rev. 1:11
6. When confronted with threats of imprisonment and persecution, the disciples prayed for **boldness**, “*Lord, behold their threats: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,*” Acts 4:29
7. It does not require to be a great Bible scholar to be bold, “*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.* Acts 4:13
8. Beware of Mephibosheth syndrome. His name means ‘shameful thing’ and he called himself a ‘dead dog’ instead of the son of Jonathan and the grandson of King Saul. Worse still he lived in Loh Davar meaning ‘no thing’. He was a nobody from nowhere. David in his generosity invited him to eat at the king’s table. 2Samuel 9:4-8
9. Caleb and Joshua had also been slaves but they had a “*different spirit.*” “*Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.*” Num. 14:24; Zech. 4:6
10. When hopelessly surrounded by the enemy, Elisha prayed and the young man saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha, ‘*Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.*’ (2 Kings 6:16) “*If God is with us then who can be against us*” (Rom. 8:31; 1John 4:4)
- 11: Paul prayed for utterance to open his mouth boldly. Pray and then boldly but wisely share whatever the Lord has laid in your heart and get invited to eat at the King of kings’s banquet table. (Rev. 19:6-9; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:5,6)

VISION CASTING

1. **Vision is a broad statement of purpose** that resonates with the will of God. Vision starts with awareness, then births a strategy for most effectively solving that problem. (Jer. 1:4,5; Isa. 49:1,5; 46:10; Rom. 8:29)
2. **Strategy is the roadmap** for accomplishing the action plan for fulfilling TGC that requires going and making disciples of all nations, baptizing, equipping and sending them on. (Matt. 28:19;10:1-14; Acts 1:8; 2Tim.2: 2)
3. **Goals must be well defined** as numerically measurable objectives which are to be achieved in a given period of time. SMART goals are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Reproducible and Time bound. To achieve your goals, an information based action plan must be made. Every businessman trains salesman, sets goals and conducts constant performance appraisal and rewards success accordingly. (Luke 14:28-30; Exo. 33:12,17; Rev. 22:12)
4. **God instructed Habakkuk to write down the Vision** statement and then to run with it, so that others could also know them and partner with him; *“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”* A written plan of action is like a compass to a ship captain. (Hab. 2:1-3; 14)
5. **Do not try to live out other people’s vision.** God gives a unique vision to everyone. Noah, Moses, Joshua, Nehemiah, Esther, Peter, Paul and others, each had a very different vision and task assigned to them. One of the main functions of a spiritual father is to impart vision and keep them focused on it. (1Tim. 4:11-14; Mal. 4:6)
6. **The entire vision and roadmap may not be clear** to you immediately. It may unfold step by step like the sowing of seed, which brings forth the stalk, then the head and finally the full corn, before it is ready for harvest. When a tiny mustard seed of faith grows and starts fruiting, birds (lost people) come to nest in it. (Mark. 4:26-34)
7. **Regardless of wealth, education or influence,** a lost person is one who has no vision for the lost. An overly inward looking Gospel does not fully represent God’s concerns because His vision is for the nations. Without vision, nations perish. (Prov. 29:18; Judges 21:25)
8. **God’s gifts are irrevocable.** He speaks through dreams, visions and revelations and also through an audible voice (*‘thus says the Lord’ - 414 times in the scriptures*). The word *“listen”* --352 times; so keep your ears open. *“He, who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”* (Rom. 11:29; Acts 16:9,10; Jer. 31:33; Rev. 2:29)
9. **Vision is not about professional success** or maximizing profits but about optimizing God’s purposes. Vision is about fulfilling what God created you for. Vision without a strategic action plan, persistence and passion is hallucination. Vision does not come free, it has a price tag. (Eph. 1:11; Luke 12:15; 1 John 4:4; 1Cor. 9:24-27)
10. **Stay focused.** Nehemiah’s vision came out of fasting and prayer for rebuilding the city, which he accomplished within fifty two days, in spite of many challenges. William Carey was advised by a senior pastor in England to give up his God given vision for India. Fortunately he persisted and changed the destiny of this nation. He said, *“Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God”*. (Neh. 2:5; Prov. 19:21; Isa. 14:24; Phil. 4:13)

GOD'S END VISION

1. **God's end vision** is that all nations, tribes, and tongues will be gathered before His throne and worship Him. There will be no church buildings, pastors or Sunday service in heaven but the New Jerusalem, the throne and the tabernacle of God will be here on earth, among men. (Rev. 7:9-10; 21:1-3; 22:3-5)
2. **God created us** in His image and likeness with kingdom DNA. Yeshua made us, "*a kingdom of priests to our God and we shall reign on the earth*" (Gen.1:26-28; Rev. 5:9,10)
3. **God's vision** through Abraham (Father of Gentiles) is to be a blessing to all the Gentiles, "*With blessing I will bless you, and multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand on the seashore. And they shall possess the gate of His enemies.* Gen. 22:17,18
4. **God's vision** is that His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth. He said "*I will call Gentiles My people, who were not My people; and her who was not beloved, I will call My beloved, and where it was said to them, You are not My people, there they will be called Sons of the living God*" (Rom. 9:25,26; Hosea 2:23)
5. **God's end vision** is that, in the new creation, the entire earth will be restored as the Garden of Eden, where the wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the kid; the calf and the lion shall dwell together and a little child shall play with the serpent. There will be plenty of food, milk, butter and honey. Once again, God will enjoy intimate fellowship with His children, even with all His creatures. (Isa.11:6-8; 51:3;7:22; Amos 9:13,14; Act. 3:21)
6. **God's vision** is that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Yeshua is Lord. Phil. 2:9-11
7. **God's vision** is that "*From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same His name shall be great among the Gentiles.*" *Incense (prayer) and pure offering (lost souls repented and baptized) shall be offered in heathen homes.*" Malachi 1:11
8. **God's vision** is that every believer functioning as His walking and talking Temple as well as His Royal Priest, offering broken and a contrite hearts as sweet smelling sacrifice well pleasing to God. 2 Cor. 6:16; 1Peter 2:9
9. **God's vision** is that Christians being light and salt of the earth, bringing many sons to glory; who respond to the cries of the creation to be reconciled with her Creator. (Math. 5:13,14; Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:14,19)
10. **God's vision** is to restore the lost years of your life that the cancerworm and the caterpillar and the palmerworm and other locusts have eaten. Joel 2:25
11. **God's vision** is, "*The kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah.*" He will then hand over the kingdom to the saints of the Most High God (those who seek and save lost souls), who shall reign with Him in eternity. Rev. 11:15; Daniel 7:18,27
12. **It is not God's vision** that we should sit in lotus position and practice transcendental meditation for our salvation but that we should do whatever it takes to have all nations, kindreds, peoples and tongues filled with the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea. (1 Tim. 2:4; 1John 5:14,15; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 5:9,10; Hab. 2:14)

FUNCTIONS OF THE CHURCH

BASED ON ACTS 2: 37-47

1. **ANNOUNCING THE KINGDOM:** (V. 37) On the Day of the Pentecost Peter announced the kingdom which pricked the hearts of the people and they asked what shall we do?
2. **REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM:** (V. 38) Peter asked **everyone** to repent and be baptized and 3000 men obeyed. No one can enter into the kingdom without repentance which is to be followed immediately by baptism. No professional priests are required as every believer is a royal priest. According to Jewish custom, women baptized each other with two believers acting as witnesses. Christianity is a Christ oriented peoples' movement and all believers are ordained by the Holy Spirit to disciple, baptize and serve the Lords Supper. (John 15:16; Mark 16:16)
3. **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT :** (V. 38,39) Peter informed that everyone will receive the Holy Spirit, which is not just for Sunday morning service but for transformation of **a.** Oneself, **b.** The household and **c.** The community.
4. **APOSTOLIC TEACHING:** (V.42) Fivefold ministry gifted teachers, equip the saints (who have covenanted with God with a sacrifice) for apostolic "Go Ministry" making them productive disciples. (Eph. 4:12-13; Ps 50:5)
5. **FELLOWSHIP:** (V.42) Unity among believers is the secret of church growth and multiplication. Submit to 'one another', love 'one another', pray for 'each other'; wash each other's feet. 'One-another' comes over 50 times in the NT. (John 13:14; Eph. 4:3-6; 5:21; Jam. 5:16)
6. **EAT TOGETHER:** (V.42,46,47) Yeshua fed His disciples roast lamb, bitter herbs, bread and wine for the Last Supper. His followers brought seekers from the temple to disciple them, broke bread from house to house, shared the whole wisdom of God and the Lord added to their numbers daily. (1 Cor. 11:20; Acts 20:7,11)
7. **INTERCESSION:** (V.42) Pray kingdom prayers with one accord to the Lord of harvest for the laborers. Prayer Walk, tear down the strongholds, set captives free, bless all the families until you find 'House of Peace' and turn it into a discipling hub. (Matt. 12:29; Luke 10:2, 5-6)
8. **SIGNS AND WONDERS:** (V.43) Yeshua has sent you with power and authority to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and then announce and demonstrate the kingdom with infallible signs. (Matt. 10:7-8; Acts 1:3)
9. **SHARE YOUR MATERIAL BLESSINGS:** (V. 44-45) with each other so that no one lacks anything among you, especially the apostles (the sent ones).(Acts 4:32-34)
10. **FISHING:**(V.46): Disciples went fishing at the temple where all the fish gathered **at** the hour of prayer, brought them home and disciplined them on their dining tables, the best place for discipling the nations.(Acts 3:1; 20:20,28)
11. **MULTIPLY:** (V.47) In a multiplying household, there are providers, home makers and others in different stages of growth and maturity. Each contributes according to their gifts, talents and abilities. Non-biblical accretions like denomination, clergy, rituals, liturgy, tithe and passive listening destroy relationships resulting in a disoriented and dysfunctional household of God. (1Cor. 12:12-28)

STEPS TO CHURCH PLANTING BASED ON LUKE 10:1-10

GOOD NEWS: The harvest is ripe and ready.

THE PROBLEM : Laborers are few

JOB DESCRIPTION : Search and destroy the strongman; find the man of peace; plant a church; equip laborers and send.

- 1. GO TWO BY TWO :** Carry no excess baggage. Go as lambs among the wolves. Go quietly, spy out the land, prayer walk, waste no time greeting or in friendship evangelism. Rather find and invest in receptive persons like Lydia, Cornelius, the Ethiopian Eunuch and others like them.
- 2. BIND THE STRONGMAN :** Plunder all the strongholds and all the centers of demonic activity, such as religious places including Christian centers and release them from the bondage of religious spirits. (Matt. 12:28-30)
- 3. FIND THE HOUSE OF PEACE :** Finding the *Shalom Bayit*, the “house of peace”, remains central to the strategy of church planting. This house becomes a discipling hub and the “house of prayer” for all nations. (Mark 11:17)
- 4. EATING NOT MEETING :** Bless every family (Genesis 12:3) until a “person of peace” welcomes you. Eat and stay there. Eating together is the best way for breaking down class, caste, gender and race divides. One day Yeshua will knock on your door and expect to eat supper with you. (Matt. 10:5; Luke. 10:5-8; Acts 20:20; Rev. 3:20)
- 5. SPIRITUAL WARFARE :** Like Cornelius and Lydia, the “persons of peace” will gather their ‘oikos’ (friends and relatives). First, expel demons and pray for the sick and then preach. (Matt 10:8; Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17)

- 6. NOW MAKE DISCIPLES :** Yeshua modeled life-style disciple making by living with his disciples. Yeshua taught his disciples by casting out demons, healing the sick, helping the needy, and laying down his life for sinners.
- 7. BRING THEM TO REPENTANCE :** The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite heart, which He will not despise. All generational curses must be broken. (Psalm 51:17)
- 8. Baptize without delay :** In the NT times, they got baptized anywhere - Ethiopian in a pond, Lydia in a river, and Cornelius at his home. NT does not say that clergy is required for this. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 19:5,6; 22:16)
- 9. TEACH OBEDIENCE :** Hebrew 6:1-2 lists six topics for foundational teaching. These include, repentance from dead works, faith towards God, doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection from the dead and eternal judgment. Teaching must lead to “Apostolic Conversion” that challenges everyone to go make disciples and plant churches. (Luke. 24:47; Psa. 51:17; Acts 1:8)
- 10. SHARE MATERIAL BLESSINGS :** New believers must learn to share their material blessings starting on day one. They must open their homes to be a blessing to others. They should bring offerings to the “feet of the apostles” for distribution to the needy. (Acts 4:32-35; 5: 2)
- 11. START A HOUSE CHURCH** with an open format based on 1Corinthians 14: 26-31. Do not plant a single sustainable church but plant a flexible and reproducible Church Planting Movement (CPM) that multiplies. (Matt. 18:18-20)
- 12. EQUIPPING AND SENDING OUT** the saints should result in strengthening, numerical growth and geographical expansion of the church. (Acts 9:31; 11:19; 16:5; 19:8-10)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. *“For this purpose the son of man was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”* He started His ministry by waging war against Satan himself. He won victory over death, and instructed us, *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* (1John. 3:8; 5:19; Luke 4:1-12; James 4:7)
2. Lucifer has not changed his technique. He continues to deceive as he did in the Garden of Eden. Like your Master you are authorized to disarm principalities and rulers of darkness and make a public spectacle of them. (Col. 2:15)
3. Lucifer sends his angels of light that give false vision, false prophecies and false leadership that give blind eyes, deaf ears and mute lips to manmade churches. We must repent and ask the Lord to restructure her, *“Today I give you authority over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant again.”* (2Cor. 4:4; 11:13-15; Jer. 1:6-10)
4. Yeshua is building his worldwide church and has given her power and authority over all the power of the Enemy, commanding the Church to cast out demons, not only out of individuals but nations. God wants the Church to bind principalities and powers with authority and to rule and dictate the politics of nations. (Matt.16:18-19; 10:1; Luke 10: 19; 9:1; Mk. 16:17; 1Jn 5:18; Gen. 22:17-18)
5. Yeshua then raised us up and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places, far above all principalities, powers, might and dominion, authorizing us to crush the devil under our feet. (Eph. 2:6; 1:21-23; Rom. 16:20)
6. The Church is Yeshua’s army. Our battle is not with sinners but with the Devil’s army. We must put on our whole battledress, including the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God and engage the enemy. We must always be ready to punish all disobedience. (Eph. 6:10-17; 2 Cor. 10:6)
7. Christianity is a call to arms, not armchair. Think war, not peace, *“Think not that I came to send peace but sword.”* A farmer destroys weeds before he sows seed, lest his farm be overrun with weeds. Yeshua commanded us to plunder and destroy Satan’s strongholds; only then can He establish God’s kingdom. (Matt.10:34; 12:28-30)
8. Devil’s weapons include lies and deception. He makes legal entry through idolatry, occult, pornography etc. His strongholds are in people’s minds. Invoking : a. The Name, b. The Word, c. The Blood of the Lamb and d. Our own testimony; with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can demolish all the gates of hell and set them free. (2Cor. 10:3-5; Jn 8:44;10:10; Rev12:9-11; Jer 23:29)
9. Declare the manifold wisdom of God to the “prince of the power of the air” and to the hosts of his evil army. Through praise, worship, prayer walking and rescuing the perishing, remind them that Yeshua is KING of kings and LORD of lords.(Eph. 3:10; 2:2; 1 Tim.2: 8; Rev.19:16)
10. Menorah (light) symbolizes the church, and not the cross, a symbol of death, while Marxists have usurped hammer and sickle. Hammer symbolizes the Word that pulverizes the stone like heart and Yeshua is coming back with sickle, a sign of the harvest. (Jer.23:29; Rev.1:20;14:14,15)

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

- 1. YESHUA IS THE BUILDER :** Lord Yeshua said “*I will build My church*”. He handed over the keys of the Kingdom to His church and set the agenda, “*demolish the gates of Hell, release the captives and establish His kingdom.*” (Gen. 22:17,18; Matt. 16:18-19; Luke 4:18; 1 John 3:8)
- 2. MINI BUT GIFTED CHURCH :** The Lord Yeshua said that when even two or three, assemble in His name, He is there in their midst. In this small gathering all the *charismata* (gifts) are in operation for by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body having diversities of gifts and operations. (Matt. 18:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:4-13)
- 3. THE CHURCH IS THE LIGHT AND SALT OF THE EARTH :** The church is now the symbol of the Holy Place in the temple which contained the candles (light), the salted bread which is to be broken from house to house and incense (prayer), so that every house becomes a house of intercession for the nations.(Rev. 1:20; Lev. 2:13; Mark 9:49;50; 11:17)
- 4. THE CHURCH IS THE OUTPOST OF HEAVEN ON EARTH:** Yet in expression, she maintains Yeshua shaped theological coherence, biblical integrity and missional application of reaching all over her God given domain to gather “other sheep”, who are not yet in the fold. She declares His glory to the lost earth so that there will be one Shepherd and one flock. (Luke 2:30-32; John 10:16; 1John 5:18,19)
- 5. WE ARE THE CHURCH:** Fancy buildings, loud music and attractive programs may make an “**attractional church**” but not necessarily a productive “**missional church**” of God that goes out to fulfill God’s mission by reconciling the lost world. 2 Cor. 5:18; 6:16; Lev. 26:11,12
- 6. THE CHURCH EXISTS** to prepare the earth for the return of the King of kings. No one is going up to heaven but heaven will come down to earth and the tabernacle of God will be with men. Matt. 6:10; John 14:2,3; Rev. 21:1,2
- 7. THE CHURCH IS WHERE THE GENTILES ARE MADE HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM :** Only to the church of Yeshua, has the mystery been revealed: that through the gospel, the Gentiles can become heirs and partakers of the Kingdom. Here unbelievers come fall down prostrate, confessing that God is truly amongst you and become followers of Christ. Here every meeting is a commissioning service. (Eph. 3:4-6; Col. 1:26-28; 1Cor. 14:23-26)
- 8. THE CHURCH IS A GATHERING OF SAINTS :** “*Gather My saints who have covenanted with Me with a sacrifice*” (Psa 50:5). We are not strangers or aliens but fellow citizens with the **saints** and members of the household of God; built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets with Christ himself as the Corner Stone. Saints are the dwelling place of God. (1Tim.3:15; Eph. 2:19-22)
- 9. THE CHURCH IS AN ALTAR FOR OFFERING SACRIFICE :** God called Jerusalem temple “**a place of sacrifice**”. Yeshua said, ‘*My house shall be called a house of prayer for ‘all nations*’. Jews prayed in the temple court only after offering a sacrifice. Paul as a priest offered up sanctified Gentiles as a sacrifice, making them acceptable to God. (2 Chron. 7:12; Mark 11:17; Rom. 15:16; 1Pet. 2:5)
- 10. THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST :** She must not be barren but stretch forth her tent to the north, south, east and west, reproduce prolifically and fill the earth. Yet she must be without spot and wrinkle. (Isa. 54:1-5; Eph.5:27)

11. **The church is a Fellowship of royal priests.** It is small, simple and organic with no ‘specials’: no special person, no special place, no special day and no special budget. The only thing that is special about it is that it has DNA of rapid multiplication. (1Peter 2:9; Acts 6:7; 16:5)
12. **It has plurality of leadership**, led by Holy Spirit gifted fivefold ministry elders (Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers). It is a prophetic church as God will not do anything without first telling His prophets. Everyone has a Psalm, a teaching, a revelation or a prophecy, etc. (Amos3:7; 1Cor. 14:3, 26-31)
13. **The function of gifted elders** is to perfect the saints (consecrated people) for ministry leading to growth and geographical expansion of the kingdom. (Eph.4:11-13)
14. **The church is a seeker friendly ‘altar’** for offering lost souls. Her mandate is to close the yawning gap between the lost and the found. Church growth by transfer is no growth. Inclusive growth must come from the lost being found and added to the church. (1Cor.14:24,25; 21:19)
15. **The NT church is a “Household of God with a mission”** to prepare the earth for the home coming of the Lord. It meets in the intimacy of homes with no race, class, age or gender bias. It is interactive, relational and productive. They go 2x2, find a Person of Peace and birth another household of God. (Eph. 2:19,20; Luke 10:1-9)
16. **The church is focused on the lost** that resonates with His will. They break bread and share wisdom from house to house and give generously to send kingdom expanders. (Acts 4:34; 20:20,27; Rom. 10:13-15)

YESHUA NEEDS LABORERS

1. The Lord issued this explicit command “*Pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers.*” There are millions of Christians but few laborers; fewer than 2% can share their faith with others. Some are willing but do not know ‘how to’ work in His vineyard. (Matt. 9:37-38; 2Tim. 2:15)
2. Sadly most missionaries tend to go where there is already a high density of missionaries, taking resources with them. Even so the output per Christian worker is dismal.
3. When someone says that they have no time or resources to go, what they really mean is that they do not want to go. This is an attitude and obedience issue.
4. God Himself is a laborer and we are His co- laborers. (1Cor. 3:9; John 5:17; Rom. 1:1; James 1:1)
5. There are two kinds of workers, those who work for the filthy lucre and others who need not be ashamed. Unprofitable Servants will suffer loss. (Matt 25:30; Prov. 21:25; 1 Pet 5:2; 2 Cor. 11:13; Ps. 5:5; 2 Tim. 2:15)
6. Profitable servants are those who prove faithful in small things, multiplying their God given spiritual resources. They produce thirtyfold, sixtyfold and even a hundredfold harvest. (Col. 4:12; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:8; Mark 4:8)
7. Yeshua needs reapers of the harvest who know how to wield a sickle. He is coming back with a sharp sickle in his hand to reap the earth. Rev. 14:14-19; Joel 3:13
8. The best way to reap the five billion lost people of the world, is to invest yourself in twelve laborers and send them on 2x2 to do the same. (Luke 10:2; Phil. 4:19)

GOD'S WILL AND PURPOSES

1. God is purpose oriented. There is nothing casual or haphazard about Him. He works according to plan, with eternal consequences. Hence, it is important to know His perfect will and resonate with it. (Isa.14:24; Rom. 12:2)
2. God's will is that all should enjoy eternal fellowship with Him. He does not live in sacred buildings. We are His temple and His priests. He wants incense (prayer) and pure offering (broken and contrite hearts) to be offered in every bamboo hut and shanty town. He is not interested in religion and rituals but in relationships. (Acts 7:48,49; Eph. 2:19-22; Mal. 1:11; Amos 5:21; Rev. 3:20; 8:3,4)
3. God gave Adam authority to subdue the earth and rule over it. The Devil usurped that authority due to disobedience and is now ruling as the '*god of this world*'. He has subjugated the people by '*blinding the eyes of their minds*' by keeping them busy in their worldly affairs, so that they have no time for their Creator and Saviour. (Gen.1:26-28; 2 Cor.4:4; 1John5:18,19)
4. However, God's purposes can never be defeated. "*Many are plans of man's heart but it is the Lord's purposes that stand*" (Prov. 19:21). Yeshua broke the monopoly of the Wicked one to reconcile the whole creation, so as to fulfill God's purposes. (Col. 1:16-20; 1John 5:18,19)
5. Yeshua was totally oriented to the Father's will. He said, '*I have come to fulfill My Father's will*'. He further said, '*My food is to do His will*'. He drank the bitter cup of death, to fulfill the Father's will and is now interceding for us. (John 6:38; 4:34; 5:30; Mat. 26:39; Heb. 7:25)
6. He is building His church, with sons and daughters, kings, apostles, prophets, saints and ambassadors, whether literate or non-literate; but no reverends and no laymen. We are His temple and His priests. Men, women and children, together, we are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, chosen to declare his glory among the nations. (Matt.16:18; Eph.2:19-22; Exo.19:6; Joel 2:28,29)
7. Whether you know it or not, there is a fierce battle raging for the souls of men. Whether you feel like it or not, according to the scriptures, you are the sons and daughters of God with authority to wage war against the invisible demonic powers, break every yoke and lose those in bondage. You have this authority by His Name, His Word, His Blood and Your Testimony. (2Cor.10:3-5; Jn.1:12; Matt. 12:29; Mark 16:17; Eph. 6:17; Rev. 12:11)
8. Heaven is the erroneous eternal destination of most Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists. Life on earth is hell, so let us get the hell out of here and go to heaven. At every funeral the pastor states that the deceased person has gone to heaven to live with God for eternity. In actuality, the Bible never states that Christians are going to heaven! It always indicates that the earth will be restored as Paradise with the Tree of Life in its midst and the Tabernacle of God will be among His people. Rev. 2:7,26; 21:2,3, 17; John 3:13; Matt. 5:5; Luke 17:21;
9. The kingdom is where Yeshua is; in our midst. It is both incarnational as well as geographical. He incarnates within us and we extend it geographically. When the process is complete, He will then return to reward overcomers who have obeyed his commands. (Rev. 22:5; 12,14)

THE TRIPLET CHURCH

- 1. THE MOST POWERFUL TRIPLET :** God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, form the most powerful triplet. They created the heavens and the earth and said “*Let us make man in our image and likeness*” and blessed him to rule on earth. (Matt. 28:18-19; Gen. 12:2-3; 22:17)
- 2. TRIPLET CHURCH IS AUTHENTIC:** Yeshua said that if 2 or 3 gather in His name then whatever this gathering agrees to glorify God, that He will do. It is an authentic church as Yeshua Himself is present with all the power in heaven and earth. They have full authority to bind (prohibit) and loose (permit) on earth with Heaven standing behind them. (Matt. 18:18-20; 16:19; 28: 18; John 14:12-14)
- 3. THE TRIPLETS ARE EFFECTIVE WARRIORS :** The triplet of Moses, Hur and Aaron prayed on the mountain and Joshua won the battle in the field. The triplet church is “neither here nor there” but has the flexibility to dislodge the enemy anytime, anywhere and plant God’s kingdom. (Exo. 17:11-13; John 4:21; 1Tim. 2:1-4,8; 2Cor.10:3-5)
- 4. THE TRIPLETS CAN FACE ANY PERSECUTION :** The triplet of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego defied the command of Emperor Nebuchnezzar to worship his idol and passed the test by fire. The emperor commanded all the kingdoms to honour the God of the triplet Jews. (Daniel 3:12-30)
- 5. THE TRIPLET CHURCH IS STRONG :** Scripturally a threefold cord cannot be easily broken. Similarly the gates of Hell cannot prevail against a church built on the foundation laid by apostles and prophets with Yeshua as the chief corner stone. (Eccl.4:12, Amos3:3; Matt.16:18; Eph.2:20)
- 6. YESHUA’S OWN TRIPLET :** Yeshua nurtured Peter, John and James as His inner circle triplet. They were with Him at the raising of the twelve year old girl, His transfiguration and at Gethsemane. (Mark 14:33-41; Luke 9:27-32)
- 7. THE TRIPLET CHURCH IS A COMPLETE CHURCH :** It is not a prayer cell, a Bible study class or a “come church”. It is a “whole church” that goes with the whole gospel, with all the God given jurisdictional authority to make disciples, baptize, break bread, do miracles and plant churches and multiply. (Luke 10:2-9; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:42; 5:6,10)
- 8. TRIPLETS CAN TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN:** Paul, Barnabas and John Mark were the first missionary triplet recognized as “*people who turn the world upside down*” sent by the church at Antioch. They saturated the entire Mediterranean countries with house churches. Failure to recognize mini churches as authentic is greatly delaying world evangelization. We are not to despise the day of humble beginnings.(Acts 13:1-13; 17:6; Zech.4:10)
- 9. THE TRIPLET CHURCH IS A GIFTED CHURCH :** It is led by the Holy Spirit, hence all the charismata (gifts) are in operation with supernatural signs, transforming households, communities, governments and nations. (1Cor. 12:4-11; Mk.16:15-20; Acts 2:38,39; 26:18)
- 10. THE CHURCH STARTS WITH ‘ONE-ANOTHER’:** Scripture has many ‘one-anothers’, like submit to each-other, confess your sins, pray for one-another, love each-other. All these are legitimate expressions of the Body of Christ, “*if two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it shall be done for them by My Father in the heaven.*” (Matt. 18:19; Eph. 5:2; Rom. 16:16; John 13: 34-35)

“ONE ANOTHER’S” IN THE SCRIPTURES

Don’t lie to each other (Col 3:9).

Be devoted to one another (Rom. 12:10).

Have equal concern for each other (1 Cor. 12: 25).

Serve one another (Gal. 5:13).

Encourage one another (1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11).

Agree with one another (Phil. 4:2).

Build up each other (1 Thess. 5:11).

Carry each others burdens (Gal. 6:2).

Support the weak (1 Thess. 5:14).

Be compassionate with one another (Eph. 4:32).

Forgive one another (Col. 3:13).

Accept one another (Rom. 15:7).

Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16).

Pray for each other (James 5:16).

Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21).

Be kind to each other (1 Thess. 5:15).

Bear with each other and so you will fulfill the law of Christ (Colossians 3: 13).

Don’t slander one another (James 4:11).

Don’t grumble against each other (James 5:9).

Don’t give up meeting with each other (Heb. 10:25).

Encourage one another daily...” (Hebrews 3:13)

“Wash one another’s feet.” (Jn. 13:14)

Greet one another with a holy kiss...(Rom. 16:16)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.... (Eph. 5:19)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, (Col. 3:16)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Pet. 4:9)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” (I Peter 4:10)

“Love one another” (I John 3:11, 23, 4:7,11,12)

REMEMBER WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER TOGETHER IN MY NAME WITH ONE ACCORD I AM IN THEIR MIDST.

MATH. 18:18-20

TRAINING WISE MASTERBUILDERS

1. Yeshua said *'I will build My church'*. He is the Rock of ages on which the church is being built. There can be no other foundation than that, which is already laid, and that is Yeshua Messiah. (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11; 1Pet. 2:4)
2. Paul called himself a wise master builder. Any believer can build on that foundation with gold, silver, precious stones or just wood and hay, but be ready to have your work tested with fire. (1Cor.3:10-14; Luke 6:46-49)
3. A master builder (architect) does not build according to his will but must know the will of the owner (God) and make a blueprint (plan) accordingly. Master builders (apostle/prophets) have a complete picture of the finished edifice (Kingdom of God), even before it is built. Others like the evangelists, teachers and shepherds, have limited understanding. (Eph. 2:20-22; 3:5,6)
4. When there are no prophets and apostles, then the church builds brick and mortar buildings and sets up Roman administrative structure of CEO's, presidents, secretaries and others. Yeshua is not looking for hired speakers and MCs but for wise master builders who have the big picture, the knowledge, the skills and the passion to finish the task of building His church. (1Pet. 2:5; Jer. 1:5,9,10)
5. Paul trained his disciples in the context of his ministry, while debating with hostile Jews in the synagogues or Gentiles in the Hall of Tyrannous. He did so while making tents with his hands, wearing a work apron. He also gave live demonstration of healing and deliverance to his trainee masterbuilders who then evangelized Asia. Acts 19:8-12
6. Modern systems of education tend to prioritize the efficient transfer of information and insights. Yeshua used a very different, interactive group process to train "unschooled, ordinary men" to obey all He commanded. As they adapted His model to train others in Spirit-led obedience, they produced skilled, confident and reproductive "fishers of men" who "turned the world upside down." Today, small group training is again proving fruitful for producing generations of "fishers of men."
7. Medical schools produce doctors to take care of the sick. Seminaries produce pastors, not for the sinners, but for the saved. Pastors from 'two thirds world', educated in Westernized colleges, are as irrelevant as Indians trained, out of Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Dalit and Tribal context.
8. In a seminary, success indicators are time bound, knowledge based curriculum, and academic accreditation, while the benchmark of a master builder is a lifelong, hands on learning experience of making disciples and catalyzing Soul Saving Movements (SSM) with focus on changing religious landscapes.
9. The church lost its soul, when it replaced master builders with qualified clergy. We need to choose as trainers those who are proven "movement catalysts" and have come up through the ranks by their fruitful work.
10. In the NT, the 'fivefold ministry gifted men' equip 'faithful men' who equip 'others', while they continue to be actively involved in discipling. The megashift requires a paradigm shift in the selection of both the teacher and the taught, the venue and the content, thus shifting from training "aquarium keepers" to fishers of men. (2Tim.2:2)

MULTIPLICATION

1. God blessed the human race, 'Be fruitful and **multiply** and fill the earth and rule over it'. This blessing has never been abrogated by God. (Gen. 1:28)
2. Similarly God blessed Abraham, 'In blessing I will bless thee and I will **multiply** thy seed ...And they shall possess the gates of the enemy. And in thy seed shall all the Gentiles of the earth will be blessed. (Gen. 22:17,18)
3. The Bride of Christ (the church) that does not reproduce herself and **multiply** is barren because she is not in true union with Christ. (2 Pet.1:3-9; Isa. 54:1-5)
4. A female elephant breeds only when twenty years old and then only once in a while, but the little rabbits breed every few weeks. Similarly big elephantine churches are not reproducible while the little New Testament model churches **multiply** like the rabbits. (Acts 13:1-3)
5. **Prayer Multiplication:** All major revivals in the church have been preceded by major prayer movements. 120 people praying with 'one accord' precipitated the Pentecost with 3000 baptisms and a worldwide CPM (Church Planting Movement.) (Acts 1:14,15; 2:5)
6. **Gospel Multiplication:** Abundant sowing will **multiply** the seed of the gospel and increase the fruits of righteousness and the gospel will sound forth in every place. (2 Cor. 9:6,10; 1Thes. 1:8; Matt. 14:6)
7. **Multiplication of Miracles:** Where Christ was not named, resulted in all Asia hearing the gospel as well as from Jerusalem to Illyricum. Acts 19:8-12, Rom 15:19,20
8. **Believers' Multiplication:** Breaking bread from house to house with gladness, results in favor with all the people. Bread is a product of God and man working together. God provides the resources like the soil, the seed, the sunshine and the water, while the man provides labour. When the 'Bread of life' is shared from house to house then the Lord adds daily to the church resulting in **multitude** of new believers. (Act 2:46,47; 4:32; 21:20; Isa. 55:10; 58:7)
9. **Multiplication of Disciples:** Focus on the Word and Prayer results in rapid **multiplication and exponential growth** of the disciples. (Act 6:1-7; John 15:8,16)
10. **Multiplication of Elders:** Spiritual fathers labour and suffer tribulations to birth 'generational growth.' (Act 14:22,23; Titus 1:5-9; 1Cor. 4:15; 2Tim 2:2; Heb. 13:17)
12. **Multiplication of Gifts:** The Holy Spirit imparts **multiple charismata** resulting in multiplication of the supernatural. (1Cor.12:28; Rom. 12:6-8; Acts 2:17,18)
13. **Multiplication of ekklesias:** Yeshua modeled the first ekklesia when he took two disciples of John to his house, which multiplied into millions. Trimming of religion and rebooting with focus on contextualized equipping of the saints for Gentile ministry leads to **rapid multiplication** of churches. (John 1:35-42; Acts 16:3-5; 21:20-26)
14. **Multiplication of the Kingdom:** The ekklesia does not live in church buildings. "*The kingdom of God is within you... It comes not with observation*" but when Kingdom people go to heathen homes and offer incense (worship) and sacrifice, resulting in thirty, sixty and a hundredfold multiplication. (Luke 17:20,21; Mal. 1:11; Matt.13:8)

CPMs IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. Jewish CPM:** On the Pentecost 3000 and soon another 5,000 believers were added. The disciples went fishing to the religious supermarket (temple) where all the fish went shopping for blessings. They brought them home, broke bread from house to house and converted them to go and do the same. The first ever CPM in Jerusalem took place on the dining tables, the best place, where myriads were convicted and converted. Acts 2:46,47; 3:1; 21:20
- 2. Greek CPM:** The Hebrews and Greeks separated. They chose seven leaders of integrity, character and wisdom with priests joining the church, resulting in exponential growth of disciples. Acts 6:1-7
- 3. Samaritan CPM:** Philip a dining table cleaner, went to Samaritans, the hated cousins of Jews and chased out screaming demons, healed the sick and baptized by the thousands. Acts 8:5-12, 25; 9:31; 15:3
- 4. Gentile CPM:** Peter went to a Roman Centurion, told him that he was a high caste Brahman and not supposed to associate with the untouchable Gentiles but before he could finish his salvation speech, the Holy Spirit fell and he ended up baptizing them resulting in a CPM in the military barracks. Acts Chap. 10
- 5. European CPM:** Paul saw in a vision a man from Macedonia calling him so he went there only to find that the man was actually a woman named Lydia. Her conversion led to first CPM in Europe. Later Phoebe went to Rome and boosted the church. Acts 16:9-16; Rom. 16:1,2

- 6. Asian CPM:** Paul met twelve half baked believers (John's baptism) and made them Anabaptists (second baptism), wasted three months debating with the theologians in a synagogue. He went into the hall of a terrorist (Tyranous) and fully preached the gospel with mighty signs to his clients like shepherds, fishermen and itinerant traders and lo! There was CPM in Asia. Acts 19:1-12
- 7. Circumcision leads to CPM:** After the crucial strategy session in Jerusalem where VIPs like James, Peter, John, Barnabas and Paul, decreed that all the Jewish laws such as Sabbath, Kosher food and circumcision, were not to be imposed on the Gentile church but only idolatry and adultery were prohibited...brother Paul went straightaway and circumcised Timothy, who was half Greek to keep the Jews happy and lo! there was a CPM with new churches growing in numbers daily. Acts chap.15; 16:1-5
- 8. Corinth** a sinful port city of temples and temple prostitutes who became walking and talking temples of the living God and spread CPM all over Achaia. 2Cor. 1:1; 6:16
- 10. Crete:** No idea if Paul went there but he commanded Titus to appoint elders in every city. The only problem was that Cretans were lazy louts, liars and gluttons. He asked Titus to sharply rebuke them; set things right and appoint elders from among those scoundrels. Titus 1:5;12
- 11. Snake bite leads to CPM:** Paul was shipwrecked where a poisonous snake bit him, but it was the snake that died of spiritual poisoning. No record of CPM in Melita (sweet honey) but no one expects Paul to stay there for three months and not spark a CPM. Acts 28:1-11

CHURCH GROWTH DRIVERS FOR HYPER-ACCELERATION

1. **Vision for completion** of discipling of nations with measurable goals. Connect every believer with his inheritance. (Acts 26:17,18)
2. **Apostolic teaching**, passionate prayer, miracles, material sharing and breaking of bread from house to house. Emphasize planting intentional missional communities rather than church buildings. (Acts 2:42-47)
3. **Going 2x2**, catching big fish, planting interactive, replicating church in the house of peace, using it as a discipling hub. (John 21:11; Luke 10:1-9; 1 Cor. 14:26)
4. **Prayer walking**, spiritual warfare, binding the strongman and plundering his possessions. (1Tim.2:8; Matt.12:29)
5. **Networking** with other like-minded people for cross pollination of ideas and insights. Opt for plurality of leadership with obedience rather than knowledge based discipleship. Identify and remove growth inhibitors.
6. **Empower** priesthood of all believers including women till there be no more laymen. (Acts 2:17,18; 1Pet. 2:9)
7. **Culture of research**, innovation and ideation for finding breakthrough strategies. Encourage those who find new solutions in overcoming barriers to the gospel's advance and mobilize for multiplication.
8. **Use proven CPM catalyzers** as mentors, trainers and coaches, recognizing that the past performance is a good predictor of future returns. Qualifications without being prepared for the world of work is an obstacle. Discipling skills must be part of their portfolio.

9. **Ethno-linguistic enculturation** with accountability to multiple generations of disciples. Shun planting hierarchical 'attractional' churches (churches that attract rather than send). (Acts 16:3-5; 2Tim.2:2; Col. 2:1)
10. **Offer total package**, "*Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among the saints.*" Evaluation to be based on fruit: disciples made, churches planted, generational growth and community transformation. (John 15:16; Acts 14:21-23; 26:18; Phil. 4:17)
11. **Avoid "Going"** to a come, sit, soak and stagnate church with no vision for the lost unless your goal is to missionize it. Start "Being" a church by equipping the saints to edify the Body. (Eph. 4:11-13)
12. **Mentor and monitor** by mapping multiple generations of disciples. Paul mentored, Timothy, who mentored Epaphras, who trained Archippus, who in turn mentored Nympha who pastored a church in Colossae. Paul sent greetings to all of them, "Greet the church in your house." Be a spiritual father rather than an authority figure. (2Tim. 2:2; Col. 1:6; 4:12-16)
13. **Invest in 4/14 Window**: "*Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" Train them in discipling, not just stories. Prov. 22:6
14. **Invest in "creativity time"** in the morning, not 'talking prayer' but 'listening prayer', the Holy Spirit giving you vision, wisdom and strategy. Thank Him in at the end of the day for "The activity time" for accomplishing the task. This way you will stay on course and accomplish much.

SIXTEEN ESSENTIALS FOR SPARKING A HYPERSONIC CPM

1. Recognizing that wherever two or three congregate is an authentic church fully empowered to take possession of their inheritance. *“Fear not little flock for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom”* (Matt. 18:20; Luke 12:32)
2. Fully preaching the gospel with mighty signs where Christ has not been named. Binding and demolishing the strongman through signs, healings and miracles.
3. Developing a life style of “Seeking a person of peace” and “Saving the lost” and “Offering them as living sacrifice” on the holy altar which is the house church.
4. Participatory Apostolic teaching to make them obedient, with sharp focus on the Great Commission: to make disciples, baptize, equip and send.
5. Inculcate “Royal Priesthood” mentality and identity and practice priesthood of all believers as multipliers from the beginning by making disciplers, baptizers, equippers and senders.
6. Breaking bread and sharing material blessings and the whole counsel of God, from house to house.
7. Prayer walking as a life style, adopting streets and cities, reaching out to neighbours in loving service.
8. Choose as trainers and coaches only those who are proven “movement catalysts” that have come up through the ranks by their fruitful work and have the boldness to engage in dialogue with nonbelievers, and are sold out on giving every lost person an opportunity to obey Christ.
9. Culture specific training for finding bridges. New converts are encouraged to remain in their communities, follow local cultural practices (unless they are clearly idolatrous, immoral or unjust), aim at family and communal conversions, and study the Scriptures themselves (1 Cor. 7:17-24; Acts 17:11).
10. Pro-actively seeking, finding and empowering local Persons of Peace to recognize their homes/office/ workplaces as the primary nuclear church.
11. Avoid long term bonding with any group which takes away productive time. While relationships may continue, prolonged flocking with the mother church should be history, *“As the Father has sent me so I send you.”* Focus on sending 2x2. Acts 13:1-3
12. Deploying tri-generational labourers, empowering senior men and women, with major focus on the youth and children, as volunteers for launching CPM among people of oral cultures by offering courses in chronological Bible Storying and other oral strategies.
13. Intentional mending and enlarging local, regional, national and even international House church Network (HCN) so that no fish can escape through the holes in the net.
14. Being an effective and productive Fisher of men, must remain the goal of every believer.
15. Monitor ‘generational growth’ rather than just the number of baptisms. Map your family tree of spiritual children that birthed grand-and great-grandchildren.
16. Constant evaluation and course correction and raising the bar to see that the goals are being met, territories are possessed, and new domains are being opened up.

WHO IS A DISCIPLE

1. **DISCIPLES ARE OBEDIENT AND FREE** : If you abide in My word, you are My **disciples** indeed. You will know the truth and the truth will make you free even releasing you from the bondage of church structures and traditions. Freedom is not to do your own thing but to fulfill the will of God. (Gal. 5:13-14; Jn. 8:31-32; Col. 2:8)
2. **DISCIPLES ARE EXPERT FISHERS OF MEN** : Yeshua first called new believers to follow him. When these followers were under training he called them **disciples** but when they started going out as fishers of men, he called them apostles. There is a distinct graduation from a believer, to a follower, to a disciple and finally an apostle. (Matt. 4:19-10:1,2; Mark 1:17-3:14-6:30; Luke 5:10-6:1,13)
3. **DISCIPLES HAVE ABUNDANT LASTING FRUIT** : Yeshua said, *‘My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit; then you will be My **disciples**’... ‘I have chosen you and ordained you that you may go and bring ‘fruit that remains’*. We will not be known by our righteousness but by our fruit. (John 15:8,16; Mat 7:16; Isa. 64:6)
4. **DISCIPLES HAVE THE POWER** and authority to ‘bind and to lose’ over **all** the power of the enemy. **Disciples** plunder the strongholds of the strongman and gather the harvest. (Luke 10:19; Matt. 12:29,30; 18:18)
5. **DISCIPLES ARE TRADITION BREAKERS** : When the rituals, practices and the traditions of the church transgress the commandments of God, they do not hesitate to obey God. (Matt. 15:1-8; Acts 4:19-20; Jer. 1:5-10)
6. **DISCIPLES LOVE YESHUA MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE** : If you love your parents, wife, children, brothers, sisters, property and even your own life more than Me, you cannot be My **disciple**. (Luke 14:26; Mat. 6:33; 19:21)
7. **DISCIPLES ARE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE** : *Whoever does not bear his cross daily and come after Me, cannot be My **disciple**. Likewise, whoever does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.* (Luke 14:27, 33)
8. **DISCIPLES LOVE EACH OTHER** : Yeshua commanded that you love one another, just as I have loved you. *By this shall all people know that you are My **disciples** because you love one another.* (John 13:34-35)
9. **DISCIPLES TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT** : Yeshua did not die just to save souls but also to reconcile the whole creation which is travailing and eagerly waiting for the disciples, the sons of God and take care of their Father’s creation. (Col. 1:20; Rom. 8:14-23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19)
10. **DISCIPLES DO GREATER WORKS THAN YESHUA** : Yeshua healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead and preached the gospel. He left the greater task of gathering the harvest to His disciples. (John 14:6)
11. **DISCIPLES RULE THE EARTH** : Yeshua died to make us kings and priests to reign on earth. Through intercession and acts of mercy we rebuild the lives of hurting people and rule the earth. (Rev. 5:10; Isa. 58:6-12; Matt. 25:31-46)
12. **THE TASK DOES NOT FINISH** with making disciples (learners) but they must be upgraded into saints who birth generations of disciplers, baptizers, equippers and senders. (Matt. 28:19; Eph. 4:12; 2Tim. 2:2)

PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS

- 1. Who are Saints?:** Epistles of Peter and Paul are not written to Bishops, Pastors, not even to any Christian leaders but to the Saints of the churches. Rom. 1:7; 1Cor. 1:12; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2,26; Philemon. 1:7
- 2. The Psalmist says;** Saints are those “*who have made a covenant with God with a sacrifice*” - i.e. they offer lost souls as sweet smelling sacrifice. (Ps.50:5; 51:17)
- 3. Saint** (In Greek *hagios* means “consecrated, set apart for a special purpose”). Whilst the disciples are learners (*mathetes* in Greek), the saints are rooted and grounded in love and have the big picture. Eph. 3:17,18
- 4. The word Christian** comes only 3 times in the NT but “saints” comes 61 times; 13 times in the Revelation. Saints are members of the household of God and inheritors of the Kingdom. Eph. 1:18; 2:19; Acts 26:18
- 5. Disciples are to be found** only in the gospels and the Book of Acts, but not in the Epistles. They had matured into Saints, including women saints like Phoebe and Junia. Paul declared himself to be “*less than the least of all saints.*” Eph. 3:8; Rom. 16:1,2,7,15; Rev. 2:7,11,26
- 6. Yeshua is King of Saints** and His church is communion of saints. Saints obey his Command to go the extra mile to gather fruit. 1Cor.14:33; Rom. 15:24; Rev. 14:12; 15:3
- 7. It is the prayers of the saints** that reach the golden altar in front of the Throne of God. The golden bowls that the twenty four Elders hold in the presence of God are full of prayers of the saints. Rev 5:8; 8:1-6
- 8. Saints are special** because even the Spirit of God makes intercession for the saints, according to the will of God. Rom. 8:27; Eph. 6:18; Rev. 5:8
- 9. Paul defines ministry** as offering sanctified Gentiles as spiritual sacrifice. The function of the fivefold gifted equippers is perfecting the saints for ministry among the lost. The indicators of successful ministry are fruitfulness and unity in the church. Rom. 15:16; Eph. 4:11-13
- 10. The mystery** which had been hidden for ages has now been revealed to the saints. The mystery is that Christ in you is the hope of glory of the Gentiles. The saints are to teach every man in all wisdom and present them perfect in Christ. Col. 1:26-28; Eph. 3:4-6
- 11. In the end times** it is the saints who will bear the brunt of the attack by the Devil and the angry nations. The woman with the purple clothes will be drunk with blood of the saints. Thousands of saints will be martyred. The process has already begun. Rev. 13:7; 16:6; 17:6
- 12. Yeshua will return with tens of thousands of saints.** Saints are the cloud of witnesses surrounding us, helping us to run with perseverance, the course marked out for us. Jude 1:3,14; Heb.12:1; 1Thess. 3:13; 2Thess. 1:10
- 14. Yeshua will send His angels,** to gather His elect from the four winds. The Ancient of Days will pass judgment in favor of His **saints** and they shall possess the kingdom for an eternity; “*Know it not that saints will judge the world... and the angels.*” Dan.7:18,27; 1Cor. 6:2,3
- 15. The Bride:** The saints from all nations, tongues and tribe will stand before God as the Bride of Christ. Rev. 7:9,10

SPIRITUAL DNA

1. DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) is a genetic code that contains all the essential information as to how a living cell will function and reproduce. If it malfunctions then the cell dies or worse it becomes cancerous and will eventually kill the whole body.
2. Without the DNA of Christ we cannot even see, much less enter the kingdom. When we are born again and become a new creation, His DNA determines how we function and multiply. It includes every aspects of our life, such as stewardship of our bodies, minds, hearts, attitudes and desires. John 3:3-7;14:17; 2Cor. 5:17,18
3. A sacrificial animal had its body parts cut into head, the legs and the internal organs with the fat and then offered on the altar. Head meant submission of devotee's mind. The legs meant that he will walk with God in obedience. The organs and the fat, meant giving up everything that was of value to him. Rom. 12:1,2; 2Cor. 6:16; Gal. 5:25
4. When David wanted to buy Araunah's land to build an altar, Araunah generously offered it as a gift. But David refused, saying, "*I will not offer a burnt offering that has cost me nothing.*" Sacrifice implies offering something that costs the believer, self, time, or money. Giving to God something that costs us nothing does not translate into commitment. 2Sam. 24:20-27; Phil 4:18
5. The DNA of Yeshua radically transforms us into an entirely new creation with totally new skills, abilities and boldness. His Word now resides in our minds and His Spirit in our hearts, morphing us in His image and in His likeness. 2Cor. 5:17-21
6. The DNA of Christ makes us relationally connected with Him and with each other, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners but become a household of God and His Body, the church. Eph. 2:19; 3:12; John 17:21,23
7. The DNA of Yeshua converts us into his royal priests and the temple of the living God which crucifies the lusts of the flesh of this world and changes our agenda of building our empire into His agenda of advancing His kingdom.
8. The DNA of Yeshua reflects the fruits of the spirit in our lives such as love joy, peace, even to our enemies and that produces lasting fruit in terms of disciples made, baptized, equipped and sent. Gal 5:22-25; John 15:16
9. The DNA of Yeshua empowers us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we can cast out demons, heal the sick, lead to inner healing and deliverance and be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Mark 16:17,18; Acts 1:8
10. The DNA of Yeshua gives us the mind of Christ so that we can have wisdom to discern things supernaturally and hear oracles of God, prophecy and obey Him. 1Cor. 2:16
11. The DNA of Yeshua gives us the roadmap and the strategy to go and fully preach the gospel with mighty deeds where Christ has not been named. Rom. 15:19,20
12. The DNA of Christ in us is the hope of glory of the lost Gentiles and reveals the mystery of his mission that they will be partakers of his kingdom. Col. 1:13;26-28
13. Religious activities, do not implant spiritual DNA, nor do they win any salvation points because; *There are ways that seem right unto men but lead to death.*" Only abiding in Christ, brings abundant fruit. Prov. 14:12

ELDERS QUALIFICATIONS & FUNCTIONS

BASED ON TITUS 1:5-7; 1TIMOTHY 3:1-15

1. **ELDERS SHOULD BE OF GOOD REPUTATION :** There are several character traits in the NT, which qualify or disqualify from Eldership. Elders are role models; their integrity, character and life style should be exemplary. Paul says, *“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice.”* An Elder must live by what he teaches and preaches. (Titus 1:5-7; 1 Timothy 3:2-7; 3 John 1:9-12; Phil 4:9; 1Cor. 11:1)
2. **ELDERS SHOULD BE HUMBLE AND HOSPITABLE :** Elders are not dignitaries but like their Master, humbly serve others. Providing hospitality to strangers in their homes is an essential qualification for both men and women. Without hospitality, no house churches can be established. (Phil. 1:1, 2:7; Mark 10:42-45; Heb. 13:2)
3. **ELDERS SHOULD BE GOOD TEACHERS OF THE WORD :** They equip others by discovering and obeying biblical truths, rather than by teaching knowledge. They convince and convict with sound doctrine those who contradict. For this service they should receive double honour, meaning both respect and financial support from the flock. (Titus 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17; 3 John 1:5-8)
4. **ELDERS SHOULD BE GOOD RULERS :** They must manage their own household well then only can they manage the household of God? They should be able to rebuke those who are sinning and admonish the unruly. Financially they should be blameless stewards of God. (1 Tim. 3:5; 5:17,20; 1 Thess. 5:12-14; 3 John :10; Titus 1:7)
5. **THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Elders are spirit filled people with manifestation of many gifts. They should pray for the sick as the effective prayer of the righteous avails much. (Eph. 4:11-12; James 5:14-16)
6. **ELDERS ARE SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK :** Yeshua is the Chief Shepherd and Elders must shepherd His flock by feeding the whole counsel of God from house to house. (John 21:15-17; Acts 20:27-28; 1 Peter 5:1-4)
7. **ELDERS BIRTH AND PROTECT THE SHEEP :** The Devil has vast experience, resources and total commitment to steal, kill and destroy. Elders protect the sheep from the savage wolves. Without elders, new disciples and young churches rapidly degrade, hence the work of church planting is not complete until local elders are appointed. (Acts 14:21-23; 20:29; John 10:10-15; 1 Cor. 4:15)
8. **ELDERS BRING LOST SHEEP:** into the fold and make them partakers of the glory to be revealed. Soon there will be one flock and one Shepherd. (John 10:16; 1Pet. 5:1)
9. **ELDERS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD :** Preferably only local people should be Elders, not outsiders, who after birthing the movement must move on. They are appointed with fasting, prayer and laying on of hands. We must submit to their authority willingly as they are accountable to God for our souls. (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Hebrew 13:17)
10. **IT IS A GOOD THING TO DESIRE ELDERSHIP :** Not all old men nor a novice can be Elders but only those who are mature in faith and fruitful. Women and youth like Lydia and Titus can also be Elders and even appoint Elders. (1 Tim. 3:1, 6; 4:12; Titus 1:5; 2:2-3; 2 John :1)

YOU ARE A ROYAL PRIEST

1. The Bible is the story of the KING, His Kingdom and His Kids. The KING died to make us **kings and priests** to minister as priests and reign like kings. (Rev. 5:9,10; 22:5)
2. Israelites were slaves in Egypt with no identity. On the night they sacrificed a lamb and splashed its blood on the door posts, they became priests of their households. God declared, *“You shall be... a kingdom of priests.”* They lost their priesthood in the wilderness by idolatry and adultery. Only Levites came forward to set things right and became priests of Israel. Yeshua restored that identity by shedding his blood on the cross and made us *a kingdom of priests*. 1Peter 2:9; Rev. 5:9,10; Exo. 19:5,6; chap 32
3. The church is a gathering of especially chosen people, a **Royal Priesthood**. Not just laymen but a holy nation. Holy means separated (set apart)- to be priestly rulers to the Gentile nations living in darkness. (1 Pet. 2:9)
4. *‘And the government shall be upon His **shoulder**; and there will be no end of the increase of His government...He will establish it...forever’* (Isa. 9: 6-9). Yeshua is the head, the church is His Body and we are His hands, feet and **shoulders**. But the Ruler of darkness is ruling unhindered by default because we, the legitimate government, seated in heavenly places, have abandoned our thrones. (Eph.1:21-23;2:6; Rom.12:5; Rev.3:21)
5. A small rock (the church) smote the huge idol of the mighty emperor Nebuchadnezzar. It grew and filled the whole earth. *“God will set up a kingdom, which **shall not be left to other peoples**. It shall crush and destroy all other kingdoms...And the kingdom and rulership,*

- and the greatness of the kingdom under all the heavens, shall be given to **the saints of the Most High**, which is an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him.*(Dan.2:44; 7:18,27; Rev. 22:5)
6. Worldly crowns are corruptible. Sinners saved by us, are our **crown of glory**. Yeshua is coming for our coronation and warned us, *‘hold fast what you have, that no one takes your **crown**’*. You have to have a crown before you can lose it. (1Cor. 9:25; 1Thes 2:19,20; Rev.3:11)
 7. God says, *‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as My **priest**... and forget your children’*. God has put His word above His name. Ignorance of the word which gives you spiritual authority can destroy your family, the city and the nation. (Hos. 4:6; Psalm 138:2; Lam. 4:12,13)
 8. Yeshua is the LORD (owner) of the world (Ps 24:1) but not the KING (ruler) as the Devil is still ruling. When we break every yoke, rebuild ruined cities, deliver good news to the poor, heal the hurting and set the captives free, then we begin to reign in our God given domain. Yeshua will then become the KING of kings and the LORD of lords. (Isa. 58:6,12; 61:1-4; Rev. 19:16; Deut. 32:8)
 9. The KING’S will is done in heaven. It is not a democratic government, which can be changed by popular vote. Its constitution is the Word of the KING, which cannot be changed by public opinion.
 10. Aaronic order of priesthood was replaced by a superior order of Melchizedec, Priest and Ruler of Salem (peace). Yeshua is now our High Priest. As His Ruling Priests we serve bread and wine, receive tithes, bring peace into our cities and rule over them. (Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:1-12)

FATHERHOOD

1. God is holy, Almighty Elohim but Yeshua introduced Him to us as a loving and caring Father who loves His children. Many know him as God but few know Him as Father, not by creation but by adoption, whereby we cry out “Abba Father”. Romans 8:14,15; 2Cor. 6:18
2. No higher honor can be conferred on us than to be adopted into the family of God, and to be permitted to call the Most High, our Father. No rank is higher than that of being the sons and the daughters of a loving God. (John 1:12)
3. There is a special relationship between the father and his children. We are to pray corporately to “*Our Father*” which makes us sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. Father heart of God longs to dwell inside us and make us His sons and daughters. (Matt. 6:9; 2Cor. 6:16,18)
4. A Biblical father **a.** Loves his children, **b.** Teaches them the laws and the statutes of God, **c.** Rules over them, **d.** Provides for them and **e.** Nurtures them to maturity. God is a model Father. (1Tim. 3:4,5; 5:8; Prov.17:6; Isa.3:12)
5. Paul says that you may have thousands of teachers but I am your spiritual father. John addressed the believers as children, sons and fathers. (1 Cor. 4:15; 1John 2:12-14)
6. Yeshua patterned His church on the family, “*Greet the church in thy house*”. The NT churches were ‘*oikos*’ or extended households that met in homes, “*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God*” Ephesians 2:19; 1Cor. 16:19
7. The seminaries produce scholars but no fathers. House church patterned on Deut. 6:1-7 (diligently teaching children and grand-children while they are sitting, lying eating or playing), is the charter for planting house churches. A father must be a priest to the family first before he can become priest to congregations.
8. Children imitate their fathers, ‘*I am about my Father’s business... As I see the Father, so I do*’. Fathers are role models. Children can go to their fathers boldly; ‘*And if children of God then heirs and co-heirs with Christ.*’ (Luke 2:49; John 8:28,38;44; 10:30; 1Cor.11:1; Heb. 4:16)
9. Family is the prime target of the enemy. Most modern fathers have pitched their tent in Sodom of prosperity cult and worship another father, Mammon, the god of money, leaving behind dysfunctional families and rebellious “orphans and fatherless” children. (Heb. 12:15)
10. God commands fathers to honor parents, love their wives, not to provoke children and have right relationship with servants and masters. God takes relationships very seriously and has threatened to smite the earth with a curse for breaking it. (Eph. 5:28; 6:2,4; Mal. 4:6)
11. Church leaders keep believers in perpetual bondage but apostolic fathers release their children to multiply as soon as they reach maturity. Yeshua said, ‘*As the Father has sent me, so I send you*’. (2 Tim.2:2; John 17:18)
12. Preachers/teachers, bring good news but apostolic fathers come with authority to restructure communities and transform nations. (Eph. 2:19,20; 1Cor. 4:15-21)
13. Father heart of God yearns for little children (4-14 Window). We should prioritize ministry among them, because “*of such is the kingdom,*” and sizable numbers receive Christ while in their teens. Not the church but fathers produce spiritual teenagers. (Mal. 4:6; Mark 10:14)

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

- 1. YOU ARE A NEW CREATION :** You are no longer a sinner because you have confessed all your sins, repented, proclaimed Yeshua as your Lord and Saviour. You have been baptized i.e. you have died with Him and raised again, washed in His blood and anointed with His Spirit, therefore now you are a completely new creation. (1 John 5:18; 1:7-9; Rom.10:9,10,13; 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:17)
- 2. YOU ARE CHILD OF GOD :** If you are in right relationship with the Father, then His glory will spill over from your personal life, into your family, marriage, your job and other relationships and you will reflect His glory on earth. (John 1:12; Rom. 8:14,19; Ps. 82:6)
- 3. YOU ARE A FRIEND OF YESHUA :** You are now a friend of Yeshua and if you really love Him then you will gladly **obey** all His commandments. As a faithful friend He has promised to give you whatever you ask provided it glorifies God. (John 15:13-15; 14:13-14, 23-24)
- 4. YOU ARE A FELLOW WORKER WITH YESHUA :** Some plant the seeds while others water it but it is God who gives the increase. If we sow sparingly we will reap sparingly but if we sow bountifully, we will reap a large harvest of souls; thirtyfold, sixtyfold and even hundredfold harvest. (1Cor. 3:9; 2Cor. 6:1; 9:6; Mark 4:8)
- 5. YOU ARE A DISCIPLE OF YESHUA :** You have been commanded to heal the sick, expel the demons, raise the dead and preach the kingdom of God. A disciple maker knows that he has to keep making disciples who also make disciples, so as to reach the ends of the earth. (Math.10:7-8; John 15:8; 8:31; 14:12; Isa. 60:22)
- 6. YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR :** An ambassador does not work in his own nation. You are made a new creation and sent to represent the King among Gentile nations. Your mission is to reconcile those lost nations, to Christ the King. The King supplies all the needs of His ambassadors. (2.Cor. 5:17-21; Mat 6:33)
- 7. YOU ARE PROPHET OF YESHUA :** All believers are members of a prophetic church. They receive (Rhema) revelations and prophesy edification (growth), exhort (teach) and speak comfort in the church. (1Cor.14:3, 26, 29-31)
- 8. YOU ARE AN APOSTLE :** You are not a member of an 'attractional church' but a 'sent one' from a 'missional church'. Christ in you is the only hope of glory of the lost because the mystery has been revealed to you that they must be delivered from darkness into His marvelous light and become inheritors of His kingdom. (Eph.3:5; Col.1:20,27)
- 9. YOU ARE A PRIEST OF YESHUA :** *"Therefore your lips should preserve knowledge (Logos) and people should seek instruction from you, for you are the messenger of the Lord."* OT priest had only one function-offer sacrifice. As an NT priest you should daily offer gentiles as living sacrifice to exalt His name from sunrise to sunset. (Malachi 2:7; 1:11; Rom. 15:16)
- 10. YOU ARE A KING:** A king has a kingdom. Yeshua is the King of kings. You are a king because the word of God says so. You begin to reign on earth when you demolish strongholds of race, caste, class and gender divide and enforce the rule of justice, peace, equality, love and abundant life. (Rev.5:10; Psalm 115:16; Amos 5:24)

FIVE STEPS OF MATURITY CYCLE

- 1. A Person of Peace:** An apostolic team of two or three finds out the person of peace like Cornelius and Lydia. They stay in their house, eat with them, miracles take place and a believer's church is birthed. (Luke. 10:1-9)
- 2. A Believer:** *'He who believes and is baptized will be saved and these signs shall follow - they shall expel demons...pray for the sick and they will be healed. They will go and preach everywhere'*. (Mark 16: 15-20)
- 3. A Disciple:** is one who makes many disciples. Going to the church makes you no more a disciple than going to a repair shop makes you a mechanic. A disciple takes up his cross and is willing to suffer to make more disciples of Christ. (John 15:8,16; Luke. 9:23)
- 4. An Elder:** An elder is a man or a woman of character, given to hospitality, well equipped to convict unbelievers and those who oppose. Elders must feed the flock willingly and not for filthy lucre. Peter called himself a fellow elder. There will be elders even in heaven. (Titus. 1:5-9; 2:3-6; 1 Peter. 5:1-3; Rev. 4:4)
- 5. Aim to be a spiritual father/mother:** God's intention is to raise up spiritual parents who are willing to nurture spiritual children and help them grow up for Christian ministry. This is a fulfillment of the Lord's promise in the last days to *"turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."* (Malachi 4:6). Devoid of true spiritual fathers to model fatherhood, the church becomes a system that produces temples, tithes and programs, but not sons and daughters.

FIVEFOLD MINISTRY GIFTS

Yeshua gave apostles; prophets; evangelists; shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, to build up the Body. Eph 4:11-13

- 1. Apostle** (messenger): It comes 300 times in the Bible. Apostles do not just plant a church but a church planting movement (CPM). The 12 were special. Modern day apostles are called missionaries or church planters. Today there are more apostles than ever and we need many more, as millions of churches are yet to be planted. (Eph.2:20)
- 2. Prophets:** hear God and speak to the people. In the last days, God is pouring out His spirit of **prophecy** on men, women and children. A church without **prophets** remains deaf, dumb and blind for God will not do anything without first telling His prophets. (Acts 2:17,18; Amos 3:7)
- 3. Evangelists:** Paul **fully preached** the gospel with mighty signs, where Christ was not named. Philip the evangelist did great miracles and baptized thousands in Samaria. **Preaching** (announcing) is primarily for the purpose of conversion, the **teaching** (explaining, clarifying, applying) is for building up faith and making them fruitful. Preaching always precedes teaching. Acts 8:5-12
- 4. Shepherds:** Not only take care of the sheep in the sheepfold but also proactively seek and save the lost sheep which are not of their fold so that there will be one flock and one Shepherd. (Heb. 5:12; Acts 20:28; John 10:16)
- 5. Teachers:** Teach' (Greek = to shoot.) Targeted shooting of the Word, like arrows by the teachers results in sinners coming to repentance, baptisms and salvation.

YOUR ETERNAL INHERITANCE

1. God the Father has chosen an inheritance for every single child of His, to go and fight a good fight, possess it and reign over it. (Psalm 47:3,4; 2 Tim. 4:7,8; Rev. 5:10)
2. The Most High God is not going to give it to you in future. He has already given it to you. Everywhere that your feet tread, belongs to you. Treading implies crushing the head of the Devil under your feet through prayer walking. (Joshua 1:3; Rom. 16:20; 1 Tim. 2:8)
3. If you have not taken possession of your inheritance then you cannot be a co-inheritor with Christ. Your neighborhood, workplace, city may be your inheritance and the Bible is your title deed. (Psalm 2:7,8; Rom. 8:17)
4. You must ask for specific nations (People Groups) and the land as your inheritance. God gave the land of Canaan from the Euphrates to Nile and ten tribes to Abraham. Peter was an apostle to Jews, Paul to Gentiles and Lydia to Philippi. (Ps. 2:8; Gen. 15:18-21; Gal. 2:7)
5. Yeshua said, "*Fear not little flock for it has pleased the Father to give you a kingdom.*" The kingdom does not come by observation but by violence (spiritual warfare). *The whole world is pressing into it.* House church movement is helping new believers to take possession of their inheritance as never before. (Luke 12:32; Matt. 12:11)
6. Going to church meetings does not translate into inheritance. The Word of God is not just for the sake of knowledge but "*to build you up and give you an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you.*" (1Peter 1:4; Acts 20:32)
7. Adam was given the Garden of Eden as his inheritance. He lost it because of disobedience, just for one fruit. Spiritual Blindness can afflict anyone including Christians. (Rom. 11:25; 2Cor. 4:4)
8. The Father has given gifts/talents to every child of His (age/gender no bar) to do business and multiply their resources and become rulers over many cities. (Luke 19:13-27)
9. Even women must possess their own inheritance. Rebekah was blessed by her family to have '*thousands of millions of children who will possess the gate of the enemy.*' Similarly we must produce many spiritual children who will destroy the gates of hell. (Gen. 24:60; Matt. 16:18)
10. Yeshua asked us to gather our treasure in heaven but many continue to labor till the last breath for earthly treasure which thieves steal and moths corrupt. (Luke 12:29-34)
11. God gave only Canaan to Israel but to us He has given the whole earth to inherit. The whole creation is waiting for the sons of God for its redemption. (Matt. 5:5; Rom. 8:19-21)
12. Yeshua asked Paul to open the eyes of those in darkness, bring them from Satan's kingdom into God's kingdom and connect them to their inheritance. (Acts 26:18)
13. Paul challenged the Corinthian church that they had many baby-sitters/schoolteachers, but he "fathered" them for a productive spiritual life. As a concerned father, Paul had their best interests at heart.
14. Christian believers need to see spiritual fathering modeled so they can learn to pass on the legacy (inheritance) to the next generation of believers, who then themselves become spiritual parents and inheritors of the kingdom.

SACRIFICE IS TRUE WORSHIP

1. God made the first sacrifice to cover Adam and Eve with the skin of a beast as symbolic of the Messiah covering us with the garment of salvation. (Gen. 3:21; Isa. 61:3)
2. The first time “**worship**” is mentioned in the Scriptures is when Abraham went with a **sword** and **fire** to offer his son Isaac as **sacrifice**. He became a friend of God forever. He did not sing, dance or clap his hands. (Gen.22: 5-8)
3. God called Jerusalem temple, “a place of *Zebach* (slaughter)”. Covenant between man and his Maker was always ratified with the shedding of blood. The Hebrew word *Beryth* for covenant means ‘*to cut.*’(2 Chron. 7:12)
4. Every Jew knew that God meets and speaks at the Altar; “*It shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle, where I will meet with you, to speak with you there.*” Exodus 29:42
5. Jews offered sacrifices, then stood in the outer court and prayed while a priest took the ‘*sacrifice soaked fire*’ to the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place. The smoke (prayer) wafted across the veil on to the Mercy seat. Thus God received adoration while man received salvation. Lev.1:4
6. Yeshua claims that He chose you and ordained you to bring forth lasting fruit (saved souls) and then ask (pray) and then the Father will give whatever you ask. No point in praying without first bringing lasting fruit. John 15:16
7. At Pentecost (Harvest) the **Sword** became the **Word**, the **Fire** changed into **Holy Spirit** and the 3000 baptized became the **Sacrifice**. Pentecost will continue until all the nations have been harvested. (Acts 2:1-3,37-41)
8. Samaritan woman did not worship Yeshua by falling down prostrate but by bringing the whole village to His feet. This was the defining moment, when worship changed **1.** From the temple to ‘everywhere’ **2.** From sacrificing animals to offering lost people and **3.** From professional priesthood to priesthood of all believers. Lip worship is easy but offering lost souls is a challenge. (John 4:20-24; Rom.15,16; 2Chron. 29:30,31; Heb.13:15)
9. Worship in truth and spirit can occur any time, any place. We can go and plant new altars (churches) to offer ‘*broken and contrite hearts*’ as sacrifice, raise our holy hands and worship. God does not need sky piercing Babylonian cathedrals; He is more likely to meet you in a bamboo hut. (1Tim 2:8; Psalm 51:17; 1Chron. 16:29)
10. While every pastor’s dream is to have a hall with 500 seats with the loudest sound system, Paul as a minister, quietly worshipped God by offering Gentiles as sacrifice. The NT, enshrines “priesthood of all believers” to offer “lost souls” as spiritual sacrifice, to glorify God. Saved Gentiles are our eternal inheritance and our crown of rejoicing. (1Pet. 2:9; Psalm 2:8; 1Thes. 2:19; Phil. 4:1)
11. God’s is now pouring out His spirit on all flesh, so that from sunrise to sundown, incense (prayer) and pure offerings (sanctified sinners) will be offered in His name, in every heathen home which are now the Altar of Prayer and Sacrifice. (Acts 2:17,18; Mal. 1:11; Rev. 8:3,4)
12. Satan’s primary strategy is to replace offering lost people as worship with vain celebration of lips. As priests of the living God, are we offering true worship? Or like Nadab and Abihu, offering counterfeit strange fire, i.e. without offering salvation to others. 1Pet. 2:5;9; Num. 3:4

BAPTISM - A DEFINING MOMENT

1. Baptism is *harakiri* (self immolation) to the world by making a covenant to resonate with the will of the Father, that none should perish but come to the saving knowledge of truth. (Rom. 6:3-5; 12:1,2; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
2. The Hebrew word for covenant is *beryth*, which means “to cut”. Baptism signifies cutting one’s umbilical connection with the world by being sealed with the Lamb’s blood. It is a defining moment for covenanting to live and die for Yeshua. (Gen. 15:9-18; Luke 9:62; Phil. 1:29)
3. No clergy baptized anyone in the NT. Anyone could take his/her baptism in the presence of two witnesses. Orthodox Jews consider even eye contact with women as sinful, hence women baptized each other. In Muslim countries it will be suicidal for men to baptize women. Jewish priests did not baptize anyone, men or women, they only offered sacrifices. (Deut. 19:15; Matt. 5:28)
4. The Greek word *Baptizo* has wide latitude of meaning like immersion, ablution, sprinkling, washing, and dipping. Baptism signifies ritual bonding and a lifelong relationship with Yeshua. (Heb. 9:10,13,19; Rom. 8:17)
5. John refused to baptize Yeshua but Yeshua said, “*I must fulfill all righteousness.*” When possible we should get baptized. Baptism is obedience to the will of the Father. (Matt. 3:15)
6. All baptisms in the NT took place in the name of Yeshua, recognizing Him as the great “I AM”. Getting baptized by dignitaries is of no value. All believing men and women as “royal priests” are commanded to baptize, hence any believer can baptize. God does not look at the amount of water or the position under water, but at the heart. The real issue is obedience. (John 8:58; 1 Cor. 1:12-17)
7. Everyone in the NT was baptized on the day they repented. As soon as a person, ‘*confesses with his mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believes that God raised him from the dead, he shall be saved*’ he should be baptized. There is no justification for delay, as baptism is a free gift and not to be earned after a long period of discipleship. 3000 were baptized on the Pentecost. Philip baptized the treasurer of Ethiopia within a few hours of discipling. Paul baptized the household of the Philippian Jailor in the middle of the night. (Acts 9:9; 8:38; 16:33; Rom. 10:9,13)
8. Of equal importance as instant baptism is instant discipling, just like we take care of a new born baby, the moment the umbilical connection with the mother is severed. Any delay can spell disaster. The newborn soaks up truths like a sponge: that is the ideal time to reaffirm the purpose of baptism, dying with Christ and rising with Him to new, holy, eternal life, cement relationships within the Body so that he can start witnessing instantly. Rom. 6
9. Babies should not be baptized as the Scriptures enshrines “believers” baptism only, “*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved*”. Because everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God, everyone has to confess their own sins, then the blood of the Lamb cleanses them from all sin. Babies and their godparents are incapable of confessing their sins. (Rom. 6:23; Mark 16:16; 1 John 1:7-9)
10. Baptism does not mean joining a particular church but the Church Universal. It is sinful to get baptized for a job or marriage. They need not leave their cultural background and be called “Christian”. They are “Hindu/Muslim/Buddhist background believers”, joining the Body of Christ, just as Jews become “Messianic Jews”. (Rev. 5:10; 7:10)

THE ROLE OF WOMEN

- 1. Preaching:** The first thing Yeshua did after His resurrection was to tell Mary Magdalene, a reformed prostitute, to “*Go and tell the brethren*”. Even since then the women have gone all over the world and told the Good News of Yeshua. (Mat. 28:10)
- 2. Speaking:** The actual translation of Paul should read, “*I do not permit ‘wives’ (gune-wife/women) to dominate their husbands (aner=husband/men) in public.*” He did not stop women from speaking in the church or at home. To avoid confusion, Paul put restriction on men also. (1Tim. 2:11,12; Eph. 5:22,23; Titus 2:3; 1Cor. 14:31,32)
- 3. Teaching:** Priscilla is named six times, three times before her husband Aquila. They taught Apollos, a mighty expositor of the Bible. (Act. 18:24-26; Rom. 16:1,2)
- 4. Discipling:** Yeshua did not choose a female disciple, because He was modeling same sex discipling. We could avoid a lot of sex scandals in the church with His model.
- 5. Baptizing:** Orthodox Jewish tradition did not allow men to touch wet women hence women baptized each other in separate Mikve (pools). Priests did not baptize anyone, men or women. This is relevant in Muslim/Hindu context.
- 6. Priesthood:** All men and women are created in God’s image and stand equal before Him. He called both Adam (Gen. 5:2; Gal 3:28) and made them ‘royal priests’ by the blood of the Lamb to disciple, baptize, serve the Lord’s Supper and worship. (Rev. 5:9,10; 1Pet 2:9)
- 7. Apostleship:** Junia was a distinguished woman apostle (Rom 16:7). Her name was changed to Junias in the 13th century by gender biased translators. Apostles are

ordained by God (Lk. 11:49; ICor.12:28; Eph. 4:11) to be workers of miracles (IICor. 12:12; Acts 2:43), witnesses who proclaim the resurrection of Yeshua (Acts 4:33), founders and leaders of churches (Acts 4:37; 15:4; I Cor. 12:28), preachers (1 Tim. 2:7; II Tim. 1:11), teachers (II Pet. 3:2; Jude:17; Acts 2:42), disciplers (Eph. 4:12,13), baptizing and imparting Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-6). While not every apostle was involved in all these, there is no reason to believe that recognized apostles like Junia, Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia, Nympha and many others were barred from any of these activities.

- 8. Culture code:** Temple prostitutes at Corinth, shaved their heads. Paul did not ask women to cover their heads with a piece of cloth but cover it with natural hair. Paul, a male, himself covered his head all the time with a Jewish cap called Kipa. He also told them not to dress with provocative clothes, hairstyle or gold but did not stop them from speaking and wearing ordinary ornaments and dressing up properly. (1Cor. 11:5,6,15,16)
- 9. Shepherding:** All the New Testament churches were established in the homes facilitated by women, like Mary the mother of Mark (Acts 12:5,12); Lydia (Acts 16:14,15,40); Apphia (Philemon 1:2); Nympha (Col. 4:15); Priscilla (1 Cor. 16:19). Romans’ chapter 16 has names of nine women who were leaders of the churches.
- 10. Giftings:** 80 percent of the emerging churches in the two-thirds world have been planted by women. Church ministry is gift-based and never gender-based. Gender benders have no place, if the **whole church** is serious about taking the **whole gospel** to the **whole world**.

PRAYER WALKING : TEN STEPS

- 1. SUBMIT TO GOD :** Put on the whole armor of God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
(James 4:7; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 John 3:8)
- 2. PRAISE :** Lift up your holy hands and bless His Holy Name everywhere. Thank God for giving you a people as your inheritance and the land that your feet tread upon as your possession. Command the heavenly hosts, the trees, the birds, the beasts, and everyone to clap their hands and sing praises to God. (1Tim. 2:8; Deut.10:17; Ps. 2:8; 66:1-5; 141:2; Josh.1:3; Rom. 16:20; Isa 55:12)
- 3. PREACH :** The whole creation is travailing for the revelation of the children of God. Preach the good news to stray animals, dirty gutters, potholed roads and fruitless trees because Yeshua shed His blood to reconcile all creation. (Mark 16:15; Col. 1:20; Rom 8:19)
- 4. SPEAK SALVATION TO THE CITY** by name, just like Yeshua prayed for Jerusalem, Chorazin and Bethsaida. Bless those who serve you by providing food, water, healthcare, security, transportation, communication, sanitation, electricity, education, and other essentials for living.
(Luke13:34-35; Matt. 11:21; Prov. 11:11; Jer. 29:7)
- 5. BLESS FAMILIES:** Pray for the redemption of neighbors. We have been blessed to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Bring the Kingdom of God and His reign to earth by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, adopting orphans, wiping the tears of the sorrowing, visiting prisoners for gospel's sake and showing the Path to the lost. (Gen. 12:3; Luke 10:5; Matt. 25:31-46; Gal. 2:10)
- 6. REPENT for the National Sins:** Confess all the atrocities, injustices, murders and other iniquities, both present and past. The blood of Yeshua has made you priests and kings of your domain. Identify with their sins that have defiled the land. Pray until the city repents, curses are broken and healing takes place. (Lam. 4:12-13; Daniel 9:4-19; Eze. 9:4-6; Neh. 1:5-7; Rev. 5:9-10; 2 Chron. 7:14)
- 7. PROCLAIM** the manifold wisdom of God to principalities, powers and rulers of darkness; *“Thus you shall say unto them, the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.”* (Col. 2:15; Jer. 10:11)
- 8. TAKE POSSESSION** of the city after binding the strongman and loosing the captives free from all mental, social, cultural and religious centers of iniquity with mighty spiritual weapons. Adorn your city as a Bride, to welcome the KING of kings. (Matt 12:28, 29; 16:19; 18:18-20; Acts 19:17-20; 2Cor. 4:4; 10:3-5; Rev. 21:1)
- 9. SEEK THE ‘MAN OF PEACE’ :** Heal the sick and cast out demons. Freely you have received freely give. *“Let your prayers be like the incense and the lifting of your holy hands be like the evening sacrifice.”* Offer Gentiles as a living sacrifice and plant a church in their houses. Make disciples, baptize, equip and send them out as fishers of men.(Matt.10:8; Luke 10:5-9; Psalm 141:2; Isa. 66:20)
- 10. REIGN ON EARTH :** Pray for kings and rulers and for all those in authority because God likes it, and usher the Kingdom, that all may lead a quiet, peaceful, honest and godly life. This is good and acceptable to God. Prayer walking must result in numerical growth and geographical expansion of the kingdom. (1Tim. 2:1-4; Col. 2:2-4)

PRAY, PROCLAIM & POSSESS

THE NATION

- 1. THE DOMINION MANDATE :** God commanded us to “*subdue the earth and have dominion over it*”. He will not violate that decree. We only need to, “*ask Him to give us nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for our possession*”. That is why God is looking for **interventional intercessors**. (Gen. 1:26-28; Psalm 2:8; Acts 1:8; Josh. 1:6; Eze. 22:30; Isa. 59:16; Jer. 5:1)
- 2. ASSESS THE SITUATION :** The land is cursed by disobedience to God resulting in murder, demon worship, sexual sins, dysfunctional families and other sins rampant in politics, culture and religion. Our cities and nations have become a dwelling place of demons. (Gen. 3:17, 4:10; Isa. 2:8,18,20; Lev. 18:25-28; Mal. 4:6; 1 Cor. 10:19-20; Rev. 18:2)
- 3. BUILD** rigorous, biblical, theological, and anthropological foundation so as to avoid tension between syncretism and contextualization for ministering in animistic contexts such as New Age mysticism, occultism, African voodooism, Chinese dragon and ancestor veneration, or Japanese Shintoism, beliefs which are widespread even today.
- 4. ANALYZE THE PROBLEM :** Curses cannot be broken and land cannot be healed without informed intercessors who rebuke invisible rulers and intervene in the affairs of men. (Isa.59:12-16;Eze. 22:24-30; Dan.4:17)
- 4. INTERVENE WITH FOCUSED PRAYER :** We too often pray ‘*Thy kingdom come...*’ but rarely focus on prayers, supplications, intercession and thanksgiving on local or national issues, nor do we pray specifically for our rulers

as we have been commanded. Prayer walks can transform lives, change circumstances, help possess the land and alter the course of history and win the world for Christ. (Acts 9:15; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; Jer. 29:7; Joshua 18:3)

- 5. APPLY GOD’S SOLUTION :** “*If My people will fast and pray, seek My will and repent, then I will forgive their sins and heal their nation.*” The redemption of our nation depends entirely on our persistent prayers. 2 Chron. 7:14
- 6. GOD’S PROVISION :** Because “*the earth is mine*”, the righteous shall inherit the land and forever reign on earth as His priests and kings. (Isa. 60:21; Exo. 19:5; Rev. 5:10)
- 7. OUR AUTHORITY :** Bind the evil rulers, the ‘strongman’ with fetters and chains. The dominion cannot be possessed without demolishing the demons. (Psa.149:5-9; Matt. 12:28-29; Luke 10:17-19; Mk. 16:17)
- 8. TEACH GOD’S COMMANDS** to complacent women and their daughters that they diligently pray until there are fountains of water, abundance of food, joy, peace, justice, security and restoration of the creation through the outpouring of the Spirit. (Isa. 32:2, 9-18)
- 9. GOD HAS APPOINTED YOU** a watchman and chosen you to pray for the nations, without ceasing. You are not to give Him rest. (Isa. 62:6-7; Mk. 11:17; 1 Thes. 5:17)
- 10. OBEY YESHUA :** While it is good to find Yeshua, it is even better to share Him with others because less than that is not the whole counsel of God. His promise - if two believers agree about anything, including changing the world into a righteous kingdom, then God will do it, according to the measure of their faith. Intercession can transform an ordinary follower into a world changer. (Matt 18:18-20; Rom. 12:3; Acts 20:27; 1 Cor. 15:24)

KINGDOM PRAYERS

- 1. ASK FOR NATIONS :** God has promised, “*Ask of Me and I will give you nations for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.*” Prayer (*Proseuchomai*) is not reciting a shopping list, it includes making a vow, *covenanting with God to, “Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth”* to become a blessing to all the families of the earth. (Psalm 2: 8, Matt. 6:10; Gen. 12:3; 22: 17-18)
- 2. PRAY FOR YOUR CITY :** God has kept you in your city to intercede on her behalf; “*And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.*” (Jer. 29:7; 1Tim. 2: 8)
- 3. ASK FOR INTERCESSORS :** God is looking for those who will stand in the gap between God and the perishing, so that they will not be destroyed because He does not want anyone to perish. (Eze. 22: 30; 2 Pet. 3: 9)
- 4. ASK FOR THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT :** God promised that in the last days He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh, men, women, sons, daughters and servants. Pray for boldness so that His holy servants will speak His word boldly and that signs and wonders will be done in His name. (Acts 2: 17-18; 4: 29-30; Eph. 6: 19-20)
- 5. PRAY AND SEND LABORERS :** Yeshua said that the harvest is ready but the laborers are few. He gave an explicit command to pray to the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into harvest fields. Billions are ready and there are millions of Christians but only a handful of laborers.
- 6. EXPEL THE DEMONIC KINGDOM :** Identify, bind and expel the territorial principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and other spirits who blind mind’s eyes and who rule through deception and lies. Expose all deception and break every yoke, destroy the works of the devil and set the people free. Pray that people will not pray to gods that cannot save them. (Dan.10:13,20; 2 Cor. 4:4; Isa.56:8; Rev 12: 9; 1 John 3: 8; Jer.10:11; Act 17:29,30)
- 7. PRAY FOR THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM** That Christians may not suffer blindness as it afflicted the Jews but that the believers may know the mystery that “*the salvation of God has been sent to Gentiles and they will hear it.*” because the Word of God says so. (Acts 28:28; Eph.3: 5-10; Rom. 11:25)
- 8. PRAY FOR THE POLITICIANS :** We have been commanded to rule the nations in vicarious ways through our intercession for our politicians and rulers setting them free from corruption and wickedness. Pray for them daily, by name. God loves it because it will bring the kingdom of peace, godliness, justice and dignity. (1Tim. 2: 1-4)
- 9. PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES :** Husbands, love your wives lest your prayers be hindered. Fathers love your children, so that your days may be prolonged and lest God smite the earth with a curse. Salvation of the world depends on right relationships at home. (1 Pet. 3: 7; Deut 6:2; Mal. 4: 6)
- 10. KINGDOM PRAYERS:** Kingdom is at the heart of God. We need to have the mind of Christ to prioritize kingdom issues first and pray Scripture verses to remind Him of His promises. You handle His business first and He will do yours without even asking. (Matt. 6:33, 1Cor. 2:16)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

1. All Israel prayed together at The Hour or Prayer. Those far away spread their prayer mats and prayed facing Jerusalem while those nearby went to the outer court of the temple and prayed after the morning and evening sacrifice, as the incense was being burnt in the Holy Place.
2. The Jews prayed to El Elohim, El Shaddai, Jehovah Jireh, Almighty, a Holy and therefore a distant God. Yeshua introduced him to us as our Father which made it relational, that requires accountability and obedience.
3. Jews prayed for the reign of Yahweh in *Eratz Israel*, the Land of Israel but Yeshua expanded it to His '*Kingdom on earth*'. Our prayers and proclamation should result in visible micro and macro societal changes, that lead to preparing the earth for His Millennial rule. Rev. 20:1-7
4. Give us this day our daily bread: Yeshua is the bread of life but half the world goes to bed without bread, literally and spiritually. The first indicator of Kingdom is that everyone has enough bread, "*I was hungry and you gave me food*" for the Father has provided for everyone's need but not for wasteful greed. Breaking bread from house to house is the secret of daily addition to the Kingdom.
5. Jews prayed for the forgiveness of their sins but Yeshua taught us that forgiving the sins of our enemies will bring reconciliation with their Maker and bring synergy to the daily advance of his kingdom. Math. 5:23,24
6. Martin Luther said, 'More work is done by prayer than by work itself'. We can reduce our workload by increasing our prayerload. Prayerlessness leads to temptations, bad decisions and compromises.
7. The disciples did not ask Him to teach them how to cast out demons, cure diseases, raise the dead, feed the 5000 or stop the wind and the waves, but rather they asked Him to teach them how to pray. They knew that He had daily fellowship and communion with the Father. (Luke 11:1)
8. Prayer is talk time with the Father where He does the talking ('*Thus says the Lord*' - 414 times in KJV) while we listen. Prayer is not a one way monologue but a communion with the Father. Too many Christians shout loudly with contorted faces like the heathen. Yeshua He forbade vain repetitions. The "Lord's Prayer" is only a model, not to be recited like a *mantra*. (Matt. 6:7)
9. The Hebrew word *Tefila* for prayer, means to judge or decide. Prayer is a time of reflection and self-judgment. *Proseuchomai* (Greek for prayer) includes making a vow (covenant). When we pray, "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth*" we are making a conscious decision (covenant) with God to bring His kingdom on earth.
10. How is His will done in heaven? In swift **obedience!** Remember the words of Mary to the servants at Cana's wedding, '*Whatever He says to you, Do it!*' and the miracle happened! No obedience - No miracle!
11. Father or Abba means 'source and sustainer'. He not only knows your needs but also the needs of the whole creation, including all the myriad creatures. (Matt. 6:26)
12. It is corporate intercession, asking the whole creation to hallow (worship) **our** Father. Kingdom prayer is the whole creation praising God. (Matt 6:9; Phil. 2:10,11)
13. *Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory*. This is acknowledging in faith, that His Kingdom is here on earth.

RESULT OF PRAYERLESSNESS

1. Why is there such a lack of peace, justice, equality and love in our nations? Why do the nations rage and fight with each other? Because we believers do not pray kingdom prayers for the nations. (Psa. 2:8; Matt. 24:7)
2. Why is there so much bribery, corruption, filth and lawlessness in your city? Because we do not prayer walk the city even though we have been commanded to pray kingdom prayers for the peace of our city. Yeshua prayed for Jerusalem by name. (Jer. 29:7; Matt. 23:37-39)
3. Why are there so many floods, famines, hurricanes, earthquakes and natural disasters? Why lesbian, gay and bisexual rallies and carnivals take place in Christian countries. Because we do not bind the strongman and have let him loose to do whatever he likes. (Matt. 12:29; 24:8)
4. Why is terrorism flourishing in the world bringing so much unnecessary death and destruction, all in the name of religion or an ideology? Because Christians do not pray to remove the blindness to the gospel from the minds of the terrorists. (Luke 21:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18)
5. Why is so much occult, idolatry, pornography, homosexuality, alcoholism, substance abuse, human trafficking, abortions and Mammon worship, prevailing in the world? Because believers do not obey the command to go to every place and “*lift up their holy hands and pray and plunder the houses of ill repute.*” (John 4:20-24; 1Tim 2:8; Matt12:29; Ps141:2; Ex.9:29,33)
6. Why does so much of the world remain unevangelized? Yeshua said the harvest is ready but there not enough

skilled laborers. Because even though we have been specifically commanded, neither do we go nor do we “*pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard.*” (John 4:35; Luke 10:2)

7. Why is it that the church is not growing as it did in the New Testament times even though they had limited resources? Why is there so little ‘*fruit that remains*’? Even though we have been especially chosen to go and bring forth abundant fruit, we have not even prayed against our fruitlessness and barrenness. (Jn. 15:8,16; Matt.7:20)
8. From whence come so many disputes, dissensions, denominationalism, heresies, sexual and economic corruption in the church? Because our churches have become “houses of sermons” rather than ‘houses of prayer’ where all the hurting people can come and be prayed for deliverance and find salvation.
(1Cor. 11:18,19; Gal. 5:20; Mk. 11:17; Act 2:46)
9. What causes the adultery, divorce, single parenting, rebellious youth and child abuse rampant in Christian families? Family breakdown has cascading consequences on the world. Whereas we know that a family that prays together stays together.(Josh. 24:15; Eph.5:3-5; 21-33)
10. Why politicians, judges, police and rulers are so corrupt? Because we disobey the command to intercede for those who rule over us. God promised that, “*If we will humble themselves and repent, pray and seek Him then He will heal this nation.*” The destiny of our nation does not depend on the rulers but on the intercessors.
(1Sam. 12:23; Acts 9:15; 1Tim. 2:1-4; 2 Chron. 7:14)

THE MINISTRY OF FASTING

1. After Moses fasted for forty days, God gave him the Ten Commandments and the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. He became the greatest of all prophets.(Exo. 34:28)
2. Yeshua fasted for forty days before starting His earthly ministry. He would rise up early in the morning to pray. He admonished His disciples, “*Could you not watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you do not fall into temptation.*” He finished His earthly ministry with the most agonizing prayer at Gethsemane and triumphantly marched to the cross to save the lost Adamic race.
(Matt. 26:40,41)
3. Anna the prophetess, a widow who had been fasting and praying for 84 years, had the privilege of holding baby Yeshua in her bosom and blessing Him.(Luke 2:36-38)
4. Elizabeth fasted and prayed and the barren woman became the mother of the greatest man (John) born of a woman.
(Matt. 11:11)
5. Daniel fasted and defiantly opened his window for all the world to see him pray. God made him ruler over a foreign country, under four kings. God shut the mouth of the lions and revealed to Daniel the mysteries of the last days in dreams and visions. (Dan. 9:3;10:1-3)
6. God has said, ‘*If my people will humble themselves and pray...then I will heal this nation*’. Humbling implies ‘fasting’. David humbled himself with fasting. The secret of healing of nations lies entirely in the hands of those who fast and pray. (Ps. 35:13; 2Chron. 7:14; Jam. 4:10)
7. Queen Esther fasted for three days, then bravely took action and saved a whole nation of Jews from being killed. The Gentile king and the heathen people of Nineveh fasted and saved their entire city. (Esther 4:16; Jonah 3:6-10)
8. Demons come in various shapes, sizes and forms. Certain kinds of demons can only be expelled through fasting and prayer. (Matt. 17:21; 12:45; Mark 2:20)
9. Through the ministry of fasting and prayer, Paul and his colleagues turned the world upside down.
(Acts 17:6; 2 Cor. 6:5; 11:27)
10. New Testament missionaries were sent out and elders were appointed with fasting and prayer. The ministry of fasting is rapidly spreading today, which is making ministries more effective and fruitful. (Acts 14:23, 13:3)
11. The fast that God has chosen for us is very dynamic; it is “*to lose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke of Satan, to give our bread to the hungry, to bring the poor to our house, and to cover the naked. Then shall our light break forth as the morning, our healing shall spring forth speedily; our righteousness shall go before us and the glory of Jehovah shall accompany us wherever we go.*” (Isa. 58:6-8)
12. The prophet Elijah was an ordinary man, yet after he fasted and prayed, the Lord destroyed 400 prophets of Baal through him. While King Ahab feasted, Elijah prostrated himself and prayed such an effectual fervent prayer that rain poured out after 3.5 years of drought and the earth sprouted with green herbs.(Jam. 5:16-18; 1 Kings 18:42)

DIVINE HEALING

- 1. All Healing Comes From God:** *“If you will diligently hear My voice, do right in My sight, hear my commandments, keep My statutes; I will put none of these diseases upon you...for I am the Lord that heals you”* (Jehovah Rapha). (Exo. 15:26)
- 2. By His Stripes we are Healed:** *“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by His stripes we are healed.”* (Isa. 53:5)
- 3. Without Faith, Healing is Not Possible:** Yeshua said to a centurion about his servant; the blind man; the woman with issue of blood and many others; *“Your faith has healed you.”* He also said, *“If you have faith, the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible. You can even move mountains.”* (Matt. 6:8,13; 9:28-30; 17:20; Mark 5:34,36; 11:22,23; Heb. 11:6; James 1:6-8)
- 4. Forgiving others brings healing:** Unforgiveness is the root cause of diseases like hypertension, insomnia, migraines and many other psychosomatic diseases. Anger is sin and provides legal entry for demons to come in and torment. (Matt. 18:32-35; Mark 11:25,26; Eph. 4:26,27)
- 5. Obedience precedes healing :** The key to getting healed and remain healed is obedience. Naaman was furious but later when he obeyed and took seven dips in the Jordan River, he was healed of leprosy. If you remain obedient then not only the fruit of your body but even the produce of your field and your flock will be blessed.
(2Kings 5; Exo. 15:26; Deut. 28:1,2,4)

- 6. The power of Agreement:** *“If two of you agree concerning anything, then it will be done by My Father in heaven.”*
(Matt. 18:19)
- 7. Prayer of Faith:** *“Is any sick among you? Let him pray and call for the elders of the church; who will pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your sins to each other and pray for another that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man achieves much.”*
(Jam. 5: 14-16)
- 8. Preaching and Healing go together:** *“Yeshua went about all the cities, teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease among the people.”* He authorized His disciples to do the same. (Matt. 4:23,24; 9:35; 10:7,8; Mark 3:14,15)
- 9: Spiritual warfare results in healing:** Much of the illness is due to demonic oppression as in the case of an epileptic boy and a woman bent over for 18 years. Casting out evil spirits leads to deliverance and inner healing.
(Acts 10:38; Matt. 17:15,18; Luke 13:12,16)
- 10: Persist in seeking healing:** As the Syro-Phoenician Gentile woman persisted with Yeshua for her daughter’s healing. Faith is not feeling but trusting the Word of God. Many do not receive healing because they do not have faith. When Daniel fasted and prayed but it took three weeks for an angel to appear, even though God answered his prayer on the first day. The ultimate aim of God is the healing of the nations. (Mark 2:3,4; 5:27,29,34,7:25-30; 10:48-50; 2 Chron. 7:14; Rev. 22:2)

TITHE

1. **God is all sufficient.** He does not need our money. Rather He wants lost souls. Church's greatest sin is to neglect the lost and spend an obscene amount on itself.
2. **The OT tithe was from the produce of the land** and every tenth animal that passed under the rod. A carpenter did not tithe every tenth chair nor did the fisherman tithe every tenth fish. No land no tithe. (Lev. 27:30-32)
3. **Tithe does not mean money; it means food**, "*Bring tithe to my store house that there may be food in my house.*" The tither brought grain, wine, and animals and *ate his tithe* in the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem along with his household, the poor, the Gentile servants and the Levites. Tithing was a celebration of God's goodness. Jews gave 20% every year and 30% in the third year. (Deut 12: 5-19; 14: 24-27; 26: 10-13; Mal. 3:10)
5. **Under the New Covenant**, believers do not tithe, but offer "*all*" as reasonable service (Latreia=Worship) (Rom. 12:1). As Royal Priests of Melchizedec's order, we the saints rank higher than Levitical priests (1Pet.2:9; Heb.7:1-5). The physical temple has been replaced by believers wherein God dwells.(Mat.24:1,2; Acts 7:48,49)
6. **We the Gentiles believers** were never instructed to tithe. Read all thirteen letters of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles and find one verse where he asked them to pay even one penny of tithe money to anyone. (Acts 15:20)
7. **OT tithe was God ordained.** The church's collection box was invented by man. If you follow Abraham's example, then you must practice once in lifetime tithing from your loot, circumcision, sacrifice and polygamy. Gen.17: 10-14; 22: 5-13; 25: 1-6
8. **NT church tithes** with breaking of bread from house to house; and *eating their food (tithe)* with gladness... and *the Lord adds to their numbers daily.*" (Acts 2:46,47)
9. **Devotion to giving** to itinerant saints to carry the gospel to the lost is, "*fragrant aroma, a sacrifice well pleasing to God.*" Yeshua did not teach tithing but extravagant generosity. (1Cor.16:15; Rom.10:15; Phil 4:18)
10. **God gives us strength to earn wealth to fulfill His covenant**, made with our forefathers, to be a blessing to the Gentiles. Sacrificial fat was God's portion, the lean meat for His devotees. Wealth is for our 'daily bread' while the excess fat is for redeeming our inheritance, the lost souls. (Gen. 12:3; Deut. 8:17,18; Lev. 3:16)
11. **The NT does not ask to fleece the flock every Sunday.** Paul collected gifts for famine stricken believers of Jerusalem on the first day of the week (Saturday evening). He did so once but did not set any tradition.1Cor.16:1-4
12. **It is not just giving but also receiving**, "*Give and it shall be given to you pressed down, running over...*" Jews gave dutifully, but we give freewill offering, "*Each one as he has purposed in his heart.*" Luke 6:38; 2Cor. 9:7
13. **Jews gave for their own salvation** but we sow abundant seed faith to reap a bountiful harvest of souls. 2Cor. 9:6
14. **World evangelism** was never "tithe driven". Apostles do not chase Mammon but all necessary resources come to their feet. (Act. 4:34-37; 1 Pet. 5:2; Mat. 6:24)
15. **Feeding your tithe to the lost people** in the presence of Lord and giving to the itinerant royal priests of the order of Melchizedec, is biblical and has profound missiological and church architectural implications.

MONEY MULTIPLICATION

1. **Yeshua taught money multiplication:** His parables in Math. 25:14-30; Luke 19:13-27 deal with plain money matters and not to be spiritualized with gifts and talents.
2. **The Master entrusted money to his servants:** They are to do business/occupy/trade and multiply His money. God called us to be wealth creators and good money managers. (Luke 19:13; Matt. 25:16).
3. **Multiply Wealth:** Doing so should make you a ruler of five, ten or more cities. Yeshua died to make you a priest and a king to rule on earth. Before you can become a ruler you have to prove that you can multiply your money. No money, no rulership. You cannot become a king and have no wealth to rule over your kingdom. Rev. 5:9,10
4. **Rulership includes taking care of the needy:** Provide for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick and the prisoners. Do not create dependency but help them to multiply their little possessions so that they can also have abundant life. (Matt. 25:31-46)
5. **There are several ways you can use your money.**
 - A. You can **waste** it just like a prodigal son did.
 - B. You can **spend** it, just like many of us do, and have nothing left at the end of the month.
 - C. You can **passively invest** it in safe deposit in the bank and earn a low annual percentage. But the purchasing value of that money would have depreciated by then. (Matt. 25:27).
 - D. You can **actively invest** it and put the money to work just as the two servants did, earning 100 percent profit in a short time and thereby become rulers. However there are risks involved in doing business. (Luke 19:17)

6. **Money does not make you rich.** A rich man, even after losing all his money, can become rich again because he knows how to make money, whereas a poor man, upon getting much money, is likely to lose it all, because he does not know how to manage money.
7. **Do not pitch your tent in prosperous Sodom:** Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, Esther, Nehemiah, Daniel, Joseph, Governor of Cyprus, Treasurer of Ethiopia, Lydia, Phoebe, Cornelius and many others were extremely rich and yet righteous. Not money but “the love of money” is the root of all evil. (1Tim. 6:10)
8. **Yeshua came to give abundant life:** This is not the same as abundance of things. It is to be content when you are abased or abound, hungry or full, because you can do all things in Christ who strengthens you (Matt. 19:24; John 10:10; Luke 12:15;18; Phil. 4:11-13; 2Cor 6:10).
9. **In the NT church “no one lacked anything”:** If you have poor and needy in your church then you are not practicing biblical principles of wealth creation and management. It is not governments or the rich or the multinationals that will solve the economic problems of this world. They are part of the problem and not the solution. Only biblical sharing and caring will solve it. (Acts 4:34).
10. **The Objective:** It is not only to feed the hungry and the thirsty but to make them streams of living waters and sources of abundant life for others (Isa. 55:1,2; John 7:37,38).
11. **Change Your Mindset:** The first step to change your financial profile is to change your financial paradigm. You need to change from consumer culture of spending on your greed rather than on basic needs to a culture of saving, investing and multiplying your wealth. Be a job creator and a wealth manager. Luke 16:8-13

12. **Do not give loans:** This is the best way to lose friends. Either give it away or better still start partnerships with the destitute believers after teaching them biblical multiplicative financial principles.

13. **Do not borrow money:** Start business with what you have. Do not get into shady deals and share everlasting habitations with the crooked. God will not bless dirty money (Luke 16:9; Deut. 23:18-20). Do not give up because of failures. Try again.

This is what you should do with your money:

1. **Freewill offering:** Take out first what you have purposed in your heart (2Cor. 9:6,7). It does not belong to you. It is for saving of souls. Even the priests should give tithe of the tithes (Neh. 10:38). Do not give to those who have no burden for lost souls (2Pet. 3:9). Lay this money at the apostles' feet that save perishing souls. (Acts 4:34-37; 20:33-35; Luke 6:38).

2. **Parental Support:** "Honor your parents" (Kabad in Hebrew and Time' in Greek means "making rich"), lest your life will be cut short. Yeshua took care of his mother even as He was dying on the cross. (Exo. 20:5; Mark 7:10-13)

3. **Save and sow Seed Money:** Set aside 20-30 % or more of your income for yourself. This is seed money. If the farmer will eat his seed then he will have nothing to sow. Do not give it to anyone. Abundant sowing in good soil will bring abundant fruit. The rich do not necessarily work hard, they invest wisely. The more you invest, the more you can maximize money and ministries. Plan on multiplying your wealth so much that you can live royally on 10% and invest 90% of your income on advancing the kingdom. 2Cor. 9:6-11

4. **Family Budget:** Carefully plan your family budget for food and other necessities. Cut out all the wasteful expenditure and delay purchasing that which is not urgent. If you do not provide for your own family needs then you are worse than an infidel (1Tim. 5:8).

5. **Do not store surplus wealth:** Hoarding invites moths and thieves who steal. Plow your wealth back into the kingdom business, lest like the rich fool you too lose the Kingdom. Multiply wealth and have the joy of extravagant giving. (Matt. 6:19-24; Luke 12:15-21; 6:38).

6. **God does not give wealth:** He only gives the power to earn wealth. The wealth does not belong to you. All your wealth belongs to God. We are only channels to fulfill the covenant He made with our forefather Abraham, "*You shall be a blessing to all the families of the earth*" (Deut. 8:17,18; Hag. 2:8; 10-12; Gen. 12:3; Ecc. 2:26).

7. **How wealthy are you?** It depends on how many saved souls you have in your savings account. Since Yeshua came to seek and to save the lost, all your wealth must bless seeker-centric and disciple making ministries. Paul worked with his own hands and taught that everyone should have fruit credited to their own account. Phil. 4:17; Acts 20:33-35

8. **Form unencumbered partnerships:** A "paid laborer" reaps the harvest but it is credited into his master's account. Paul planted and Apollos watered as independent partners, and God gave the growth (1Cor. 3:6-10).

9. **Aim to Progress** from a tither to a total giver; from cheerful giving (2Cor. 9: 7), to liberal giving, to sacrificial giving (2Cor. 8:2,3), so as to be a sweet smelling aroma, well pleasing to God who will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory. Phil 4:18,19

BIBLICAL FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES

- 1. God owns it all:** He says, “*All the silver and gold is mine and all the cattle on the thousand hills are mine. The earth with all its fullness and all the people are mine.*” (Psalm 24:1; 50:10-12; Haggai 2:8)
- 2. Man rules the earth:** The highest heavens belong to our God but He has given the earth to us to have dominion over it. Hence all the silver and gold, all the wealth of the nations belong to us. (Psalm 115:16; Isa. 60:5,11)
- 3. God does not call us to be rich or poor** but to have abundant life. “*Lest I be full and deny thee or be poor and steal.*” (Prov. 23:5; 30:8,9; John 10:10)
- 4. Fatherhood and money:** Like Lot, we are not here to pitch our tent in Sodom of prosperity and destroy our families. We are not to work for money but to make money work for us. Men rushing to the city to get rich quick, destroy their fatherhood role and produces dysfunctional families. Today, only 40% of children sleep in their biological father’s house. (James 4:13; 1Tim. 6:9)
- 5. Put your money to work:** Five percent of the families own 95% of the wealth of the nations. This is because we do not know how to make our money do the work.
- 6. The Father wants us to be the head and not the tail:** The moment we go looking for a job, it does not matter how well paid, we become the tail. God wants us to become masters and not slaves of money. (Deut. 28:12,13)
- 7. We must be lenders and not borrowers:** We must lend to the believers without extracting interest and not even

expect them to return the money. If someone wants to borrow our shirt then we must give the jacket as well. “*He, who gives to the poor, lends it to the Lord... It is sin not to do good when it is in your power to do so.*” (Luke 6:29,30; 34-36; Prov. 19:17; James 4:17)

- 8. “My people are being destroyed for lack of knowledge”.** Poverty is a state of mind and not wallet. People are poor because they lack knowledge of sound Biblical financial management. The church must teach these principles to all believers and declare war on poverty. Every believer and every church should be a financial power house fueling kingdom expansion. (Hosea 4:6)
- 9. Never Borrow:** The man who kept his one talent hidden, instead of multiplying it, was thrown into outer darkness by the Master. Many of us are worse off than him, because at least he saved his money. Not only we spend all but often borrow and get into debt. (Matt. 25:28-30)
- 11. God has provided for everyone’s needs:** God has provided for all creation including the birds and bees. Believers will suck the milk of the kings and the Gentiles will bring their gold to His holy altar. (Isa. 60:6,7,16)
- 12. Remember, the meek shall inherit the earth:** “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*” (Matt. 5:5; James 2:5; Phil. 4:13; 1Cor. 1:26-29)
- 10. The happiness of life** is made of little things - a smile, a hug, a moment of shared laughter - it’s not the wealth you amass but what you give to others and the lives you touch that you take with you for eternity! (Deut. 28:47)

BREAKING CURSES

1. **Our God is a jealous God:** Worshipping other gods can result in being cursed down to the third and fourth generations. (Exo.20:3-5)
2. **Curses are mentioned 330 times in the Scriptures:** Deut. 27, 28 (total 94 Vs.) has only 14 vs. of blessing and 80 vs. of curses. Like Nehemiah and Daniel, we must confess and revoke the curses coming down from our forefathers, for full freedom.(Neh.1:4-11; Dan. 9:3-20)
3. **Reconciliation through repentance is the key** principle of Christian faith. John the Baptist (Mat. 3:2), Yeshua (Mat 4:17; Luke 24:47); Peter (Acts 2:38; 2Pet 3:9); Paul (Acts 17:29,30) all emphasize repentance. No one is exempt. Preaching diluted gospel is the curse of modern day Christianity. John called the religious Jews, a brood of vipers and told them to repent. (Matt. 3:7-9; 1Cor. 16:22)
4. **If you or your ancestors have participated** in idolatry, sorcery, astrology, palmistry, horoscopes, wearing amulets, chanting *mantras*, sacrifices, meditation, yoga, psychic healers, witchcraft, mediums, ancestor worship, offering babies to demons, covenanting with evil spirits, reading Harry Potter, son of a warlock and a practicing witch, however innocently; they bring curses and unbelief. (Deut 18:9-14; 20:1-5; 32: 17-35)
5. **Dishonoring parents**, cursing your own children, discrimination against widows, orphans, lower castes, racism and not giving proper wages, brings curses. (Deut.20:12; 27:19; Matt.15:9; Prov.28: 27; Jam 2:2-8)
6. **Adultery or abortion, which is murder**, brings curses. Criticizing a believer is murder and needs forgiveness. (Deut.27:20-23; Lev.18:22; 1Jn.3:15;4:20; Matt.5:21-24)
7. **Not giving generously** amounts to robbing God. Cursed are those who use offerings for preaching placebo gospel and for other extra-biblical purposes. (Zech. 5:3,4; Malachi 3:8-11; Luke 6:38; Gal. 1:8; Rev. 22:18,19)
8. **Breaking Land Curses:** A farm or a house may have been built on land cursed by shedding of blood, practice of occult, or breaking of a land covenant or even a family dispute.(Num. 35:33; Gen. 4:10-12; Isa 24:5,6; Mal. 4:6)
9. **“Familiar objects”** like images, calendars, trinkets, rosaries, jewelry with symbols of abominations bring curses. Evil spirits can get attached to them. Visiting and venerating shrines can open doors for legal entry of evil spirits unless they are bound. (Deut. 7:25,26)
10. **Use anointed words and take jurisdictional authority** over all the power of the enemy to bring families communities, governments, businesses and nations under divine alignment to fulfill God’s purposes. Yeshua nailed all our curses forever on the cross. (1John 4:4; Col 2:14)
11. **The battle is in the heavenlies**, so do not pray earth bound prayers but position yourself in Christ and break curses offensively so the Devil cannot sabotage your prayers as he tried to do with Daniel (Daniel 10:13,20).
12. **God says:** *“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing if you obey my commandments and a curse if you disobey. Teach your children and your grandchildren to walk in my ways so that your days and their days may be prolonged on earth.” Deut 11:19-28*

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPGs)

- 1. Yeshua commanded:** “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Greek: *panta ta ethné*, all the ethnies). He shed His blood to save all nations, tribes and language communities. Matt. 28:19; Rev. 5:9-10
- 2. A city/nation is a cultural mosaic of People Groups.** Even though they may be living in the neighborhood, they would never hear the gospel from the cozy, middle-class Church. They would never know Jesus unless someone loved them enough to learn their language and culture.
- 3. It is widely recognized** that two-thirds of all active Christians now live in former “mission fields,” that is, in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In many places the church is growing more rapidly than the population.
- 4. Furthermore, those mini but productive churches** are strongly biblical and evangelical. They are Christocentric and believe strongly in the historic Christian faith.
- 5. There is much greater sensitivity to cultures** than before; through the study of anthropology and missionary experience, we recognize that every culture has within it elements that can be used to communicate the gospel. To become Christian must not mean to become Western.
- 6. Seven billion people are living** in 234 geopolitical nations on planet earth with over 16,000 ethnies or People Groups (PGs). Of these, nearly 7,000 PGs are forgotten people, mostly in the 10/40 Window countries.
- 7. Unreached and unengaged means:** PGs lacking in indigenous community of believers with no evangelical program and have inadequate resources to evangelize their own PGs. There are 639 such groups, each with 100,000 or more representing 535 million people.
- 8. Reasons for least reached include:** **a.** Geographic barriers, like harsh climate or nomadic people. **b.** Linguistic barriers, like illiteracy or non-availability of the Bible in their own language. **c.** Political barriers, like restricted access or hostile environment. **d.** Cultural barriers, where Christianity is viewed as a foreign religion. **e.** Apathetic church, where the local church is simply unaware of her responsibility to the Great Commission.
- 9. It is no longer relevant** to build worship centers that do not reflect kingdom concerns, such as reproducing disciples to the 4th generation. God says “*Ask me and I will give you ‘goy’ (Hebrew for Gentiles, heathen, foreign nations, people) for an inheritance.*” Psalm 2:8
- 10. The current Church-Planting Movements** have taught international Christianity the viability of non-clergy movements, that everything Christ commanded can be accomplished without money, clergy, chapels and power structures. Put more positively, the biblical patterns remain both viable and perhaps more effective, over time, than privileged, ecclesial power structures. (Matt. 24:14)
- 11. Whether we know it or not or like it or not :** The church must see that the harvest is ripe and ready and align herself with her Master, *‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness, then the end will come.’* Not doing so would prove disastrous.
- 12. World evangelization of all Nations is inevitable:** “For thus says the Lord of hosts, *‘Once more, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth and the sea. I will also destroy the power of the kingdoms.’*” “The Son was given a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion.” (Haggai 2:6-7, 21-22; Dan. 7:14; Rev. 7:9,10)

ORALITY & STORY TELLING

- 1. Yeshua was a master story teller:** He never taught anything without parables. Although His disciples did not yet have the New Testament, Christianity spread throughout the world through story telling. (Matt. 13:34)
- 2. Jews from every nation under heaven** who had come to celebrate the Passover and the Pentecost, saw the crucifixion, resurrection and birthing of the church. They heard about the “wonderful works of God” in their own native languages. They returned home and shared the story of Yeshua throughout the world. (Acts 2:5-12)
- 3. 75 percent of the world belongs to the oral culture:** Even in media-sophisticated countries, the majority of the people want to get their information through oral means: films, radio, television, and the internet. This is called “secondary orality.” The Western bookish culture can reach only a small fraction of the third world.
- 4. The Bible is God’s story book.** Only 10 percent of the Bible is abstract theology. If story telling worked for Yeshua, then it must work for us also as it still does in the Sunday schools. (Matt.13:35; Ps.19:3)
- 5. Gospel or gödspell means “good story”** in old English. It translates the Latin word *evangelium*, “a story whose telling has power.” Whereas sermons are multipoint monologues that cannot be reproduced, stories relate interesting events and are easily reproducible. Literate or illiterate, everyone loves a good story. Stories multiply rapidly when repeated by others. Psa. 45:16.
- 8. No one argues with a story:** Stories sail right past person’s defences, create hunger for more stories and plant seed. No seed no fruit. In fact no seed, no nothing.
- 7. All major religions** like Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and even Christianity have spread through the ages, in songs, skits and stories. Peter skillfully wove eschatology and prophecy into Yeshua’s story, resulting in baptism of 3000 souls. (Matt. 13:36; 51,52; Acts 2:14-47)
- 8. Parables** being flexible, they can be contextualized without losing their essence, whereas historical events must be kept accurate, lest errors multiply. Stories are self-explanatory and need expounding only when listeners ask. Difficult words, like redemption justification, sanctification etc. should be avoided. (Luke 8:9; Jer. 6:16)
- 9. Story telling is an acquired skill** and needs researching the local culture to contextualize. Stories must be repeated often to become part of the culture. Effective story telling is a powerful tool for discipling the nations.
- 10. Grassroots oral communicators**, most of whom are women, are today reaping 80 percent of the harvest in the 10/40 Window countries. They come preloaded with burden for reaching their lost oikos so go and share the gospel through stories and testimonials. Isa. 32:9-18
- 11. Faith comes by hearing:** Through hearing of Bible stories, memorizing and repeating them, a non-literate becomes an ‘Oral Bible’. All they need is a good story teller to teach an ever-increasing number of stories, in their language and cultural context. Oral Bible is authentic, historical and a powerful tool that transforms unreached oral societies. We need millions of such master story tellers. (Rom.10:8-17; Luke 24:13-35)

FOUNDATIONAL TEACHINGS

BASED ON HEBREWS 6: 1,2

The writer of Hebrews was disgusted with milk drinking Christians. He wanted them to grow into mature meat eating 'teachers'. Meat does not mean mutton; it means solid food, which requires chewing. Mature believers discuss the Scriptures and dialogue for clarity. They do not just swallow it like mother's milk. There are six foundational principles, that serve as launching pad for further maturity, Yeshua Himself being the foundation.

(Heb. 5:12; Acts 17:11; 1Cor. 3:10-17; Eph. 2:20)

- 1. Repentance from dead works:** Jews and Gentile unbelievers sought salvation by offering dead, sacrificial animals and by keeping other religious rituals. Both John and Yeshua preached, "*Repent, for the kingdom of God is nigh.*" Idols include more than statues and images; everything that takes precedence over God is an idol. Idols reside in human hearts. Being sorry for our past sins and cutting all umbilical connection with them is the first foundational principle of Christianity. Mat 3:2; 4:17; Ezek. 14:3-11; Luke 24:47; 1 John 1:7-9
- 2. Faith in the Living God:** Repentance must be followed by converting our hearts from the temple of the idols, to the temple of the living God. Our hearts and our mouths must resonate with our faith, to secure our salvation. Faith is believing in the promises of God. Professing and acting on those promises affirm our loyalty to Him.
(Act 20:21; Eph 2:5; Rom 10:9,10)
- 3. Doctrine of Baptisms:** Jews and Gentiles practiced many

forms of purification, ablution, sprinkling and washing etc. The Hebrew word for baptism (*Tabal*) means neither total immersion nor sprinkling but "dipping", as when a priest dipped his finger in a bowl of blood to sprinkle it to sanctify the altar. Repentance and confession of faith are not negotiable whilst baptism is not obligatory, "*salvation is by grace through faith and not by any kind of works... for the just shall live by faith*". Like the converted thief on the cross beside Yeshua, millions of unbaptized believers will be in heaven, hence the church must not be legalistic by reducing it to a ritual. But whenever possible, like Yeshua, we should be baptized to fulfill all righteousness. (Rom 1:17; Eph. 2:8; Gal. 2:16)

- 4. Laying on of hands:** In the OT, a sinner laid his hands on the sacrificial animal for his own atonement. In the NT it is transferring, **1.** Blessing (Mat.19:13); **2.** Healing (Mark 7:32); **3.** Impartation (Acts 8:16,17; 19:6); **4.** Ordination (Acts 6:6; 1 Tim 4:14); **5.** Apostolic commission (Acts 13:3) **6.** Stirring up gifts. (2Tim. 1:6)
- 5. Resurrection:** The assurance of life after death separated Christians from the heathen, who had neither hope nor future. Both Sadducees and Athenian intellectuals rejected it. Christian foundational doctrine is that those in Christ will rise up to eternal life, whilst sinners will go to eternal damnation. (Acts 24:15; John 5:29)
- 6. Eternal Judgment:** "*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.*" (2 Cor. 5:10)

ATTRITION TO ACCRETION

1. **Research shows** that emerging churches suffer high attrition (loss) rate due to poor post harvest operation. Event oriented ministries, such as crusades, film, radio/TV and literature distribution, also have dismal track record due to poor mentoring. Unvarnished inflated figures are not accretion (growth) but pure dishonesty.
2. **Church planting movements** are led by Type I & II grassroots level local and trans-local leaders. Type III are Master trainers. Type IV are regional leaders and Type V are national & international leaders.
3. **Church planting movement** depends mainly on the qualities of the Type I leaders who lead a house church and Type II who leads a cluster of churches. (Acts 4:13)
4. **Poor communication** linkage between the top leaders who acquire 'book culture' in the comfort of classrooms while non/semi-literate belong to the oral tradition who get practical experience in the harvest field. Arrogant leadership at the top causes severe attrition. (1Tim. 3:6)
5. **Violence to local culture** by asking new believers to discard cultural symbols of marriage, clothes, food, and even names. Failure to utilize all that is noble in their religion is a major cause of attrition. (Acts 21:25; Phil. 4:8)
6. **Communicate in heart language:** Jews heard the Pentecost message in their heart language. Communicating even in market language is a big handicap. They need to be converted into 'Oral Bibles' in their dialect. (Acts 2:11)
7. **Yeshua taught through parables.** Telling stories from the Bible and powerful testimonies from the field, touches

the heart and opens their spiritual eyes and whets their appetite for the gospel. (Matt. 13:34,35)

8. **Process orientation:** Processing disciples through focused intercession, spiritual warfare, abundant gospel sowing, baptizing, equipping, sending, continued monitoring and mentoring have better accretion (growth) of churches than event oriented ministries. (1Cor. 9:24)
9. **Go under the radar:** While the modern church is busy fleecing their old goats, the NT church is busy feeding their new lambs, maturing them to multiply. Conversions result in persecution, unless churches go below the radar screen to mature and multiply. (1Cor. 14:23-25)
10. **Empower:** Since women, youth and children constitute 70/90% of the congregation, dominant male leadership, hinders from maturing of sheep to reproduce. Flocking new sheep into old wineskins causes attrition. (Matt. 9:17)
11. **Attrition is a self-inflicted disease:** Lack of research leads to ignorance of attrition rate. Course correction requires information based capacity building of key players in Church Planting Movements. (Acts 20:20)
12. **Oxygen:** With the church in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the church leadership in coma, attrition is inevitable.
13. **Recipe for transiting from Attrition to Acceleration:** When believers, including newcomers gather together and participate in apostolic teaching, fellowship (*koinonia*) and pray together in unity, then signs and wonders take place. Believers give joyfully to the needy and support their apostles. They break bread from house to house. Then the Lord adds to their numbers daily, resulting in the church transiting from attrition into rapid acceleration. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; 16:5)

PERSECUTION

- 1. Martyrs go to Heaven:** John saw a huge crowd from every tribe and tongue in front of the throne, worshipping God. These had been killed in the tribulation. They did not belong to any denominational church structure and many were not even baptized. (Rev. 7:14)
- 2. Yeshua was the most persecuted** - He was a man of sorrows, rejected and acquainted with grief. He was bruised and afflicted so badly that people could not see His face. He suffered all this for our transgressions. We are healed by His stripes. (Isa. 53:2-5)
- 3. Persecution guaranteed:** Yeshua said, “*If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also.*” Peter said that the very appellation of “Christian” should attract persecution. Paul prophesied, “All who serve Christ will suffer.” (John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1Pet.4:1,2; 12-19)
- 4. Persecution leads to multiplication:** After Stephen’s martyrdom, persecution broke out in Jerusalem resulting in believers fleeing and planting hundreds of churches in many cities. (Acts 8:1; 11:19,20)
- 5. All the early Apostles died a martyr’s death:** Philip was hanged in Phrygia. Matthew was killed in Ethiopia. James was thrown down from the pinnacle of the temple. Mathias was beheaded. Andrew was crucified in Asia. Paul was killed in Rome and Peter was crucified upside down. John died in Prison on the Island of Patmos, aged 92 years old. Millions of saints have been martyred since then and are still dying every year, just because they are Christians. (Rev. 2:10,11; 19,20; Matt. 5:10-12)
- 6. There are many kinds of persecution:** **First** - by fanatics and hostile governments. **Second-** Christians persecuting each other because over their traditions “*making the commandments of God of no effect*” (Mark 7:8). **Third**, “self-inflicted”- caused by open air crusades, noisy worship and publicizing exaggerated reports leading to violence. **Fourth** is -no persecution, because the compromised church has lost its salt and light and Satan does not think it worth his while to bother about. (Matt. 5:13-16; 24:9; Mk 9:49,50; Acts 9:16)
- 7. Persecution births prayer:** When the disciples were tortured by authorities, they prayed for boldness, power and miracles. (Acts 4:29-31; Rom. 8:25-39)
- 8. Practice advocacy:** Paul and Silas were brutally beaten and unlawfully imprisoned. Their prayer and praise resulted in their release but they also claimed their legal rights. Our advocacy includes claiming our constitutional rights to get justice. (Act 16:23-40; 2Tim.2:12)
- 9. Persecution proofing:** Though sporadic violence is steadily increasing, real persecution is yet to come. Persecution proofing should be part of the training of every Christian. Matt. 24:2-30; 1 Peter 1:6-7, 11
- 10. Lack of persecution stagnates the church:** God led Joseph, Daniel and Mordecai through very traumatic experiences but made them Prime Ministers of Egypt, Babylon and Persia respectively. The Devil will not give away on a platter the kingdom he has usurped by deception, however persecution cannot stop the advance of the Kingdom of God, rather it launches her forwards. (Matt 16:18; Dan. 2:25-27; John 16:33)

PAUL'S FIVEFOLD STRATEGY FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

1. Research: (Acts 17:16-34) Paul acted on **strategic information** resulting in systematic and rapid expansion of the church. In Athens Paul collected:

- a) Harvest field data about the demographic structure of Jews, Greeks, Stoics and Epicureans. v.18
- b) Harvest force data about Messianic Jews and their proselytes. He also visited heathen temples. v. 17
- c) Spiritual mapping of the idolatrous city. v. 23
- d) Worldview, culture, and scriptures. vs. 22, 28
- e) Redemptive history related to an "Unknown God." v.23

Thus, Paul's talk at the Mars Hill forum proved to be a masterpiece of cultural, historical, social and missiological research based, contextualized message. He left Athens only after planting a church. v. 34

2. Spiritual Warfare: Wherever Paul went he was confronted with the strongholds, which he assaulted. He invaded the synagogues and released Jews to build his harvest force. In Cyprus he blinded Elymas the sorcerer. In Ephesus it was the spirit of Diana. In Philippi it was the Python spirit and so on. Plundering the house of the strongman, helped him find the 'persons of peace' and churches being planted in their homes.
(Acts 13: 6-12, 43; 19: 24-41; 16:16-34; Matt. 12: 29,30)

3. Prayer Saturation: Paul prayed in spirit but also 'informed prayer' with his mind, relentlessly night and

day, often with tears, for his disciples. He solicited prayers for effective doors to be opened. (1 Cor. 14:14,15; Col.1:9;4:3; 1Thes.5:17)

4. Discipleship Chain: Setting up multi-generational discipleship chains was a passion with Paul. He told Timothy, '*The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*' (2Tim 2:2). Paul set up a four-level discipleship chain - Paul being the first, second (Col. 4:12), 'faithful men' (Archippus Col.4:17) being the third and 'others' (Nympha; Col.4:15) being the fourth. Through encouraging and identifying with young leaders; "My brothers and fellow-workers and fellow-soldiers, Paul turned the world upside down. (Phil. 2:25; Acts 17:6)

5. Church Planting Movement (CPM): Paul made it his aim to preach the gospel through signs and wonders, wherever Christ had not been preached before. He reached three continents, from Jerusalem in Asia through Illyricum in Europe, on to Melita in the vicinity of Africa. (2 Tim. 4:2; Rom. 15:19; Acts 28:1-10) He and his disciples went from house to house sharing the whole wisdom of God resulting in the whole Mediterranean area being saturated with house churches. Along with his disciples, Paul appointed elders, bishops and deacons in the churches. His ministry resulted in the churches being strengthened in faith and grew in numbers daily. Thus there was both qualitative and quantitative growth and multiplication of the churches a true CPM. (Tit. 1:5; 1Thes.1:8; Acts 16:5; 20:20,27,28)

**WHAT DID YESHUA SAY AND
WHAT HE DID NOT SAY**

1. **SUNDAY WORSHIP :** Yeshua did not say that you worship only on Sundays. Everyday His disciples went two by two, planted churches, broke bread and shared the whole wisdom of God, from house to house and the Lord added to the church **daily** those who were being saved.
(Acts 2:46-47;20:20; Heb. 3:13)
2. **PROFESSIONAL PRIEST :** Yeshua did not command you to appoint qualified professional clergy. He ordained priesthood of all believers. His disciples were ordinary people who did extra-ordinary things and changed the world. (Math. 4:19; 10:1,2; John 10:12,13; 1Pet 2:5,9)
3. **HOLY COMMUNION :** Yeshua never said that only the clergy can serve bread and wine. He served roast lamb, bread, bitter herbs and wine for the last supper. His disciples shared community meals whenever they met in His remembrance. (Exo.12:8;1Cor 11:20-26)
4. **TITHING :** Yeshua did not say that tithe is for the upkeep of the church. Instead believers brought their possessions to the feet of apostles so no one lacked anything. You are to bring your offerings and eat it with others from house to house. (Matt. 23:23; Acts 4:32-34; Deut. 8:17-18)
5. **BUILDINGS :** Yeshua did not say that you should build churches. He said *‘God does not live in houses made with human hands because heaven is His throne and the earth is His foot stool.’* Yeshua said that you are the temple of the living God. (Acts 7:48-49; 2 Cor. 6:16)
6. **BAPTISM :** Yeshua did not say that only ordained people can baptize. Yeshua said you go and make disciples and baptize them. (John 15:16; Matt. 28:19)
7. **MARRY AND BURY :** Yeshua did not tell the clergy to marry and bury. He said let the dead bury the dead, you go and raise the dead. (Luke 9:60; Matt. 10:8; Eph.5:25)
9. **CHURCH PROGRAM :** Yeshua did not say follow your church program and become a member. He said “follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19; 1 Cor. 11:1)
10. **REVIVAL MEETINGS :** Billy Graham was once asked, "If you were a pastor, what strategy would you implement?" He replied, "I would choose 12 people and transmit my life to them. I would then send them out to do the work." Yeshua did not tell you to organize crusades and conventions which have very little ‘lasting fruit’. God will not judge you on the basis of large crowds but on your bearing ‘Fruit that remains’ and what you did for the least of the world. (Matt. 25:31-46,18:3-6; Isa. 58:6-9)
11. **WOMEN :** Yeshua did not say that only men can talk in the church and the women should cover their head and keep quiet. He discussed the theology of worship with the Samaritan woman, let Martha interrupt His teaching, and the Syrophoenician woman to argue with Him in public. (1 Cor. 14:29-31; Luke 10:40; Mark 7:24-30)
12. **ORDINATION :** Yeshua did not say that you are a layperson. He bought you with His blood and ‘ordained’ you priest and king to make disciples, baptize, equip fishers of men, plant legitimate expressions of the Body of Christ and reign on earth. (John 15:16; Rev. 5:9-10; 1 Pet 2:9)

**FROM A MODERN CHURCH
TO THE NEW TESTAMENT MODEL**

FIFTEEN ESSENTIAL PARADIGMS

1. Replace professional clergy with **Priesthood of all Believers** with authority to baptize, break bread and equip fishers of men. (1Pet. 2:9)
2. Replace Church buildings with **sharing the whole counsel of God from house to house**. (Acts 7:48-49; 20:20,27; Mark 11:17)
3. Replace Sunday program with **daily** informal gatherings. The Bride must have **intimacy** with her Lord daily and not once a week lest she become unfaithful. (Acts 2:46-47; Heb. 3:13)
4. Replace tithing with sharing the enormous financial resources and talents available in **Christian homes**. (Deut. 8:17-18; Acts 5:32-34)
5. Replace the “Crumb and Sip” Holy Communion with simple **“Agape meals”** eaten together with gladness of heart from house to house. (Acts 2:46; 1 Cor. 11:20-23)
6. Replace loud temple music and professional musicians with speaking to each other in psalms and spiritual songs, making **melody in your heart**. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
7. Replace the directive sermons and mute spectators with interactive church. Everyone participates, preparing the saints for ministry among the lost, for building up the Body. (1Cor. 14: 26-31; Acts 17:11; Eph. 4:11-13)
8. Replace organizational authority (controlling) structures, with citywide **network** of mentors, coaches and spiritual fathers, to empower ordinary men and women to become extraordinary channels of grace. (Rom. 16:3-15)
9. Replace barren churches with **disciple making, multiplying churches**. The Bride must not remain barren, but reproduce and fill the earth. (Isa. 54:1-4)
10. Replace clergy domination-by **submitting to one another**. Encourage, comfort, exhort, admonish, edify, serve, pray, wash each other’s feet and love one another. (Gal. 5:13; Eph. 4:2, 15; Jn. 13:14, 34-35)
11. Replace directionless church with goal-driven strategy, resulting in **CPMs**. Measure success not only by baptisms but by generational growth. (Rom.15:19,20; Acts 16:5)
12. Replace “aquarium keepers” educated in seminaries with field-based, **training of ‘fishers of men’** by practitioners from the harvest field who have catalysed CPMs (Church Planting Movements). (2Tim. 2:2)
13. Replace all presidents, reverends, CEOs, secretaries and other non-biblical titles with skilled ‘master builders’ like apostles, prophets, elders, saints and other equippers. Change from a dead organization to a **living organism**. (1Cor. 3:10; Eph. 4:11; Titus 1:5-9)
14. Replace all prayer cells, Bible study meetings, Sunday schools etc. with **simple organic-churches**. Empower men, women and children to move to the next level to become disciplers, baptizers, bread breakers, equippers and senders. (1 Cor. 16:19; Acts 2:17,18; Col. 4:15)
15. Transform selfish **goats**, who are members only for hatching (child baps), matching (wedding) and dispatching (burying), into **sheep** who take care of the poor and the least of this world (Matt. 25:31-46). Dismantle pulpit and turn powerless pew potatoes into **spiritual power houses**, that heal the sick, raise the dead and plunder the strongholds. (Matt. 11:12,12:29; 1John 4:4; Rev. 21:8)

**TWO THINGS TO KNOW
AND TWO THINGS TO DO**

1. **I HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD** in thought, word and deed (action).

Illustration : When I stand before Holy God and He shows me the long list of wrong things I have done, what will He say? Guilty! And the punishment? Hell Fire, forever.
(Romans 3:23, 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)

But there is Good News for me:

2. **THE LORD YESHUA LOVES ME SO MUCH THAT HE DIED FOR ME.** (Galatians 2:20; John 3:16)

Now there are just Two Things to Do

1. **BE SORRY FOR THE WRONG THINGS YOU HAVE DONE** that with God's help you will not do them again. Instead of living your own life, doing what you want to do, God now wants you to live a life that pleases Him. It involves a change of mind, heart, will and lifestyle. Romans 12:1,2

God commands all men everywhere to repent. He has promised that if you confess all your sins and repent, then he is able to wash all your sins with His own blood and make you a new creation. (1John 1:7-9; 2 Cor.5:17)

You have a choice: To obey or disobey God? Are you ready **now** to obey? (Acts 17:30)

2. **RECEIVE YESHUA AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR.** Yeshua is at the door of your life. If you will open your heart, He will come in, to live within you. Are you ready **now** to receive Yeshua into your life? (John 1:12; Rev. 3:20)

IN PRAYER, thank God and promise Him, to love Him, live for Him, obey Him and serve Him all the days of your life in the fellowship of His Church. You must turn to God from idols to serve the Living and True God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9,10; Romans 10: 9, 10)

Five Things to Help you Grow in the Lord

1. **READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.** Just as a baby needs milk, so I need to feed on God's Word, each day, asking the Lord to help me to understand it and do what it says. Simple obedience to the Lord and His Word. (1Peter 2:2)
2. **PRAY EVERY DAY.** Yeshua prayed all the time and teaches us to do the same. The prayer He taught His disciples is a good model. (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4; 18:1)
3. **Have Fellowship** with others who know and love the Lord Yeshua. It is best to do it in your own home with your family. Read the Bible together, each one pray and help each other to grow in the Lord.
(Heb. 10:24,25)
4. **TELL OTHERS ABOUT YESHUA.** Start praying for your relatives, friends and neighbors. Ask the Lord to help you to tell them what He has done for you. Share with them Two Things to Know, Two Things to do. Pray with them and help them to receive the Lord.
(Matt. 4:19, 20; 28:19,20 ; 2 Tim 2:2)
5. **KEEP A PURE HEART.** By guarding it according to Your Word. I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:9,11)

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THE CHURCH MUST PASTOR

THE WHOLE CITY

1. During their Diaspora the Jews prayed for Jerusalem but God told them to pray for the redemption of Babylon the sinful city where He had brought them. (Jer. 29:7)
2. Yeshua cried and sighed for the sins of Jerusalem until the city would say; "*Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*" Soon the temple was destroyed but the city was saturated with house churches and became the City of Shalom. (Luke 13:31-35; Acts 5:28)
3. God commanded His angels of death to go and slay all the people of the Jerusalem city starting at the sanctuary, sparing only those who cry and sigh for their city. (Eze. 9:3-6)
4. God does not have a Baptist, a Lutheran or a Pentecostal Bride. He has only one Bride. God said that a city is blessed by the blessings of the righteous and destroyed by those who criticize and curse her. (Prov. 11:11)
5. Abraham pleaded with God for the sin polluted cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and God assured him that if there are ten righteous people in the city, then He would not destroy it. Sadly the cities were destroyed for lack of ten righteous people. (Gen. 18:24-33)
6. Paul wants everyone to go everywhere and raise holy hands and pray for those who have rule and authority. Jonah prayer walked throughout Nineveh calling the Gentile city to repentance. The word reached the king who proclaimed a fast and God saved that city. (1Tim.2: 8; Jonah 3:1-10)
7. Every day Yeshua went to villages and towns, where he healed the sick, cast out demons and preached the gospel. He instructed us to go two by two, bind the strongman, release his captives, find "persons of shalom" and plant a church in their house. (Heb 3:13; Luke 4:18, 8:1; 9:49,50; 10:1-9; Matt. 12:29)
8. Yeshua came to go, commissioning us to go to the ends of the earth. He came to destroy the works of the devil and to seek and to save that which was lost. He said that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous worshipping in the church on Sundays.(Mark 1:38, Luke 4:43;19:10; 15:7,10; 1John 3: 8; Matt.18:12,13; 28:19)
9. No one has the right to hear the gospel twice when ninety nine percent of the people of the city have not heard the gospel even once. The church must shoulder its responsibility of converting their sin polluted, idolatrous and dirty city into a Garden of Eden. (Rom. 15:20; Heb. 5:12-14; Isa. 9:6,7; 32:13-18)
10. Abraham, Job and David sat at the city gate and observing all comings and goings. Christians must get out of their religious islands. Rhetoric from the pulpit must translate into action plans to replace the secular, Godless, Babylonian system into a nation with kingdom values.
11. The church must not remain myopic and stay inside the box but rather work unfettered for a Christ centered city and anticipate miraculous accelerations because God hates heathen ruling over us. He is waiting for you to dislodge demonic power and replace it with his kingdom. (Rev. 5:10,1:6; Daniel 7:18,27; 1Peter 2:9; Joel 2:17)

WORSHIP/SACRIFICE/PRAYER

1. The first time the word ‘worship’ comes in the Bible is when Abraham takes Isaac to sacrifice. Isaac asked, **“We have the fire, the sword but where is the sacrifice?”** Even as a young boy, Isaac knew that worship required, sacrifice. Gen. 22:5-7
2. All OT Patriarchs, like Noah (7 clean animals), Abraham (4 altars), Isaac (1), Jacob (2), wherever they had an encounter with God, they built altars with locally available unpolished stones and worshipped Him with a sacrifice. Moses asked Pharaoh ten times to let his people go to offer sacrifice to God in the wilderness.
3. On the day of the dedication, God told Solomon that the Jerusalem temple would be **“A place of sacrifice (slaughter)”**. Solomon worshipped God by offering 22,000 calves and 120,000 sheep, and then he prayed and then God spoke to them. 2 Chron. 5:6; 7:5.12, 14
4. Twice a day, every day Jews **repented** by offering a Sin offering (*Chatat*); and made a **total submission** by sacrificing a burnt offering (*Olah*). They then **reconciled** with God by offering a Peace offering (*Shelamim*) and then presented a Gift offering (*Mincha*) as **thanks giving** to the King of kings.
5. Every Jew knew that worship took place at the altar of sacrifice, **“I will meet with you and speak to you at the door of the tabernacle.”** All the offerings were blood sacrifices except Mincha (Gift) which was a bloodless offering of grain flour mixed with oil and salt.
6. Yeshua said, **“I am the door, he who enters through me will be saved.”** Thousands of animals were sacrificed during the Feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacles. All the devotees knew that no one could appear before the Lord, at the gate of the temple, empty handed. Deut. 16:16. Exo. 29:42; John 10:9; Psa. 100:4
7. The High Priest offered a “Special sacrifice” once a year on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*=Covering); first for himself and then for ‘all Israel’. He sprinkled the blood on the Mercy Seat but the body was burnt outside the camp. Yeshua was sacrificed on the cross outside the camp and asked us to offer praises of our lips outside the camp. Hebrew 7:27; 13:11-15
8. This did not exempt the Jews from worshipping God by offering their own freewill gift of thanksgiving as often as they could and certainly during the feasts. Deut. 16:16
9. Animal sacrifice was a “shadow” of future reality that Yeshua turned into substance by offering his own body to be crucified outside the city as the final Salvation Sacrifice. However, His full and final sacrifice, offered for our atonement, does not exempt us from glorifying God with the bloodless gift (*mincha*) offering of a broken and contrite heart as a sacrifice well pleasing to God. Psalm 51:17; 96:8; Heb. 13:11-15; 1 Peter 2:5
10. The only Bible Yeshua had was the Old Testament and He fully believed in it, **“The Scripture cannot be broken.”** Today Jews gather at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem only to pray, as they know that God cannot be worshipped without offering a sacrifice. John 10:35

11. The priest in the OT did not baptize anyone nor did he serve the Lord's Supper or teach, as Rabbis did that. The priest's only function was to offer sacrifice at the altar.
12. The OT is the history of Jews. The OT and NT were written by Jews. The early church was Jewish. Yeshua was a Jew and he will return only when the Jews will say, "*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*" The Law will go forth from Zion. The Gentile church is a wild branch, grafted and sustained on the root and fat of the Jewish olive tree. We cannot grasp Christian faith without recognizing our Jewish roots. Rom. 11:17,24
13. In 325 AD, in the Council of Nicaea, Emperor Constantine forbade everything Jewish. Being a sun worshipper, he replaced Sabbath with Sunday and worship from house churches into church buildings and appointed salaried priests for worship. Since then the Messianic Jewish church withered and the pagan church prospered.
13. Today's worship "services" is a human invention grounded upon traditions of men; having no warrant in Scripture, such a worship remains repugnant to the Word of God. Mark 7:8; Col 2:8; Gal. 1:8; Prov. 14:12
14. Paul put it succinctly, "*As a minister of Christ, my priestly service is offering (prophora=gift, bloodless sacrifice) of sanctified Gentiles to God.*" Romans 15:16
15. Huge numbers of the sons of Ishmael are yet to come to His altar and glorify the house of His glory. Isaiah 60:6,7
16. The shift of the altar (the church) from the Jewish temple to the Gentile home for making disciples of the nations

was prophesied by the prophet Malachi, "*From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense (prayer) shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering (mincha, a bloodless oblation, sacrifice): for my name shall be great among the heathen, says the LORD of hosts.*" Malachi 1:11

16. God is now building His temple with living stones like you and me for offering up spiritual sacrifices, where we are the Priests. It is the fire of God (Holy Spirit) that sanctifies the sinner through His Word. 1Peter 2:5,9
17. Not academic tags but it is only the blood of the Lamb that makes us Royal Priests whose primary ministry is to worship God by first offering up our own bodies and souls as living sacrifice which is reasonable **service (latreia = worship)** and then offering up of other lost souls as sweet smelling sacrifice to our God. (1Peter 2:5,9; Romans 12:1,2; Rev. 5:9,10).
18. The altar was either made of mud or of unhewn stones. Hewing and polishing polluted the altar (Exodus 20:24,25). The church is now the altar, built with simple unpolished living stones like us to offer broken and contrite hearts as sacrifice, to worship God in spirit and in truth. (1Cor. 14:24,25; John 4:24; 1Peter 2:5)
19. The Lord is now crying out to us to give him back his church so that he can restore her as an altar of sacrifice, where repentant souls can be offered continually, from the rising of the sun to its going down, as living sacrifice and a fragrant aroma to God. 2 Chron. 7:12

PRAYER

1. We find none of the Patriarchs or Prophets of old, whether Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, or Elijah praying very much. Instead they built altars and worshipped God by offering sacrifices, and God spoke to them. Gen. 22:17
2. Daniel was the only prophet of old known for prayer. His prayer came from reading Jeremiah's book that seventy years of Diaspora in Babylon was over. He then started praying for an action plan for return to Israel. His defiant prayer started a spiritual warfare in the heavenlies and landed him in a den of lions. Dan. 9:2,3; 10:13.20
3. It is only when the Temple was built that the prayers were formalized by King Solomon. Even there, prayer was accompanied by huge sacrifices. Solomon offered 22,000 ox and 120,000 sheep. (2Chron. 6:12-42; 7:5).
4. The entire tabernacle was anointed with holy oil, made from sweet spices from many nations. The Tabernacle represented all the nations, Israelites were only the keepers of the temple; *You shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.*" Exo. 19:5,6; 30:2-27
5. The Temple had two parts, the Holy Place (*heykal*) and the Holy of Holies (*debir*). The entire temple complex and its rituals were only shadows or symbols of the reality that Messiah Yeshua brought.
5. The Holy of Holies is called, 'The oracle of God' (*debir*). *Debir* literally means "Speaking Place". The Lord spoke to Moses, *"I will meet with you there, and I will speak with you from above the mercy-seat..."* (Exodus 25:22).

6. The Holy Place had a table for the Show Bread that was replaced every Sabbath. Bread represents submission. Seed has to die in order to bring forth grain. It is then crushed, ground, kneaded and baked in an oven, then made available to be broken and eaten. Yeshua submitted himself, saying, *"I am the bread of life."* John 6:51
7. On another table, the menorah with its seven candles burnt continuously, a symbol of Yeshua *"I am the light of the world."* Light was symbol of the early church that was replaced with a cross, a symbol of death, by Emperor Constantine in 310 AD. John 8:12; 9:5; Rev. 1:20
8. The offering of sacrifices was not done haphazardly but orderly. First, the sin offering which represented repentance and purification. Next, the burnt offering, representing total surrender to God. Then, the peace offering symbolizing restoration of relationship with the Lord. Finally, the meal offering signifying the gift of our labor to the Lord.
9. After making their sacrifices the congregation went into the outer court, stretched forth their hands and prayed. Priests took fire which was soaked with blood and sacrifice from the brazen altar to the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place and offered up with plenty of incense. The smoke percolated across the veil to the Mercy seat, where God would hear and speak to them. Exo 25:22; 1Kings 6:19; Lev. 16:13
10. Any other fire, on which sacrifice from the fruit of one's labor not been offered, was called "strange fire" and was not acceptable to God. Nadab and Abihu, died instantly

for offering strange fire. Sadly this happened on the day Aaron, their father was ordained as the High priest. No one can mock God and get away. Num. 26: 61; Gal. 6:7

11. The High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year and sprinkle blood on the Mercy Seat, the earthly residence of God. During the time of Yeshua, the Ark of the Covenant was missing, having been taken away by Babylonians in 586 BC, so the blood was sprinkled on the rock where the Mercy Seat should have been. Lev. 16:11-19
12. The incense was made of several exotic aromatic ingredients which came from many nations along the Silk Road or other places, one being named The Incense Road. Thus the smoke of the incense that wafted across the curtain to the Mercy Seat, was prayer for the nations.
13. When his worship (sacrifice) was completed, the devotee would walk back with the remains of the offering, if it was not a burnt offering. He would then stand in the Outer Court and raise his hands and pray. Even today prayer at the Wailing Wall includes pleading for the Messiah to come.
14. Priests, altar, fire, sacrifice, sword, light, salt, bread, incense and the covenant box, all typified Yeshua Messiah. We are now that temple of the living God. (Ex. 30:34; Heb. 7:25:13:10).
15. Later at the camp, there would be a fellowship meal and hear instruction from the Torah and the Prophets as well as celebration.

16. Only the priests could go and pray between the Altar and the Porch. A designated priest went with fire from the brazen altar to burn incense upon the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place (*heykal*). This was a shadow of the Altar of Incense in heaven whence the smoke goes up to God with prayers of saints (who save sinners). (Joel 2:17; Rev. 5:8; 8:3,4; Dan. 12:3; Ps. 50:5)
17. At the Altar, the fire burnt continuously. Twice a day, morning and evening, “at the Hour of Incense,” burnt offerings were accompanied by congregational prayer. “The ninth hour” was probably today’s three o’clock in the afternoon. Zacharias, a priest and the father of John the Baptist was burning the incense “at the hour of Incense.” Peter and John healed a cripple “at the hour of prayer.” Elijah sacrificed and burnt oxen on an altar at Mount Carmel, at the hour of evening sacrifice, when the congregation was praying at the Jerusalem temple. Exo. 30:6-9; Luke 1:10, Acts 3:1-2; 1 King 18:36
17. Yeshua cried out his last prayer on earth, “*Father forgive them for they not what they do*” and died at the Hour of Incense (the ninth hour). Sadly many at this time left him dying on the cross and went to offer burnt offering and pray at the temple. Luke 23:34;44-46
18. In the OT, God called the temple as “House of Sacrifice” (Beth Zebach = House of Slaughter) while in the NT Yeshua called the temple “a house of Prayer for all nations”. Offering sacrifice and offering prayer were two sides of the same coin. Worship consisted of sacrifice first, followed by prayer. The one was incomplete without the other.(2 Chron. 7:12,14; Mark 11:17).

19. Under the Old Covenant, Israel offered four-legged animals (the shadows). Under the New Covenant, we offer two-legged, broken and contrite, repentant hearts (the reality) to glorify God and make our prayer fruitful. This is our sweet smelling, well pleasing gift to God. Ps. 50:5; 51:17;
20. The fire of God (Holy Spirit); the toil of man's hand (sanctified sinners offered as sacrifice) and the intercession of Saints (those who have made a covenant with God with a sacrifice), have the power to shake the world as nothing else. Rev. 8:3-6; Ps. 50:5
21. *"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."* Sacrifice of Thanksgiving was always accompanied with bloodless sacrifice, *"As an expression of thankfulness, he is to offer cakes of bread made without yeast, well-kneaded and mixed with oil"* (Heb. 13:15; Lev. 7:12)
22. All other offering have stopped except the bloodless Thanksgiving offering of lost souls which will continue until the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord. God will then hand over the kingdom, and the dominion and the greatness of the Kingdom to His saints. 1Cor. 14:24,25; Rev. 11:15; Daniel 7:18,27
23. In the closing chapters of the OT, God shifted the venue, timing, sacrifice, prayer and priesthood from the temple to heathen homes, *"From the rising of the sun even unto the going down my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense (Prayer) is offered unto my name, and a pure offering (sanctified lost souls): for*

my name is great among the heathen" Prayer must always be accompanied with an offering." Malachi 1:11

24. It is widely believed by the Jews that the Old Covenant was given to Israel in the wilderness on the day of the Pentecost. Pentecost is now the birthday of the church, when Yeshua gave his church a new Harvest covenant.
25. The continual Fire at the altar was replaced with Holy Spirit which came down like the tongues of fire. The steel sword for slaughtering the sacrificial animals was replaced with the two edged sword, the Word of God and the animal sacrifice was replaced with 3000 souls whose hearts had been pierced. This was the first worship in truth and in spirit where active participation of the Sword, the Fire and the Sacrifice, resulted in the birth of the church. (Eph. 6:17; Acts 2:1-3, 37-41)
26. The contemporary church recognizes only two sacraments, Baptism and the Holy Communion but it is time to reinstate the Third Ordinance of offering broken and contrite hearts as central to our worship.
28. **Warning:** God gave very specific instructions to Moses about the making of the tabernacle, which was to be the shadow the sanctuary in heaven and warned him, *"Be sure to make everything based on the pattern I showed you on the mountain."* We are now the holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God for building His spiritual house. This is to be done on the pattern shown to us and not through any manmade structures, lest it be mocking God by offering "strange fire." 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Heb. 8:5, Gal. 6:7

PARTNERSHIP

1. Christianity is all about relationship and partnership. Church is a community of Royal Priests, chosen not for private empire building but for serving corporately to usher in the Kingdom of God and reign here on earth. (1Pet. 2:9; 1John 4:7; Daniel 7:18,27)
2. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are our model of true partnership. (John 14:10; Math.12:28)
3. Partnership between Yeshua, Peter and John resulted in great catch of fishes. Being of *one accord*, the disciples saturated Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and beyond with house churches. (Luke 5:7; Acts 5:28; 5:12; 16:5)
4. The demonic kingdom of the evil principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and the host of demons, cannot be dislodged by celebrity preachers, lone rangers or loose cannons. Only the corporate church, flying in formation, praying in unity, can destroy enemy strongholds. Matt. 16:18-19; 12:25; Eph. 2:2; 3:10; 6:12
5. The church is the earthly Body of Christ, having many organs, all of which must work in harmony with each other if the Body is to remain healthy and fully functional. Malfunction of any organ can lead to multi-organ failure and eventually to death. Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27
6. Partnership of Paul, Timothy, Titus and others not only saturated the Gentile world, with churches but also equipped new generational leaders.(2Cor.8:23; Acts 17:6)
7. The nations can be healed only through corporate repentance, intercession, supplication and thanksgiving. 2 Chron. 7:14; 1 Tim. 1:1-4
8. One of the best models of partnership: First, Yeshua broke down the wall of separation between Jews and Gentiles in Samaria. Then Philip preached, cast out demons, healed the sick and baptized. Later Peter and John planted the church. (Eph. 2:14; John 4:9; Acts 8:5-8; 14-16)
9. Partnership prevents arrogance by creating interdependence, humility, mutual submission, transparency and accountability, to honor and encourage those who are involved in Kingdom expansion. 1 Cor. 16:16; Eph. 5:21; Rom. 12:10, 16; 13:8; 14:19
10. There are many kinds of partnerships: financial, mentoring, nurturing, prayer, and others. Partnerships help us share our resources with each other to finish the task of making disciples of the nations, and to remain supportive during persecution, sickness and other crises. Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35; 1 Cor. 16:15-16
11. Single leadership can lead to lopsided development and eventually to attrition. Multiple leadership consisting of Fivefold Ministry Equippers is a free gift of the Lord to His church for the equipping of the saints so that His Body remains united and edified. (Eph. 4:11-13)
12. To prove worthy of our calling as Christians we must endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, for we are one Body, having one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God the Father. To each one has been given the task of planting apostolic gardens and together we must finish the task of planting his kingdom on earth, so that the Gentiles will also have an inheritance with the saints, standing before His throne, worshiping him. (Eph. 4:1-7; Acts 26:17,18; Rev. 7:9,10)

KINGDOM OF GOD

1. Adam was a priest when he related to God and a king when he related to the creation. Although Elohim had commissioned him to rule over planet earth, Adam lost both his kingdom and his kingship, when he committed high treason by disobeying the KING of kings who had sent him as His ambassador on earth.
2. God later chose the descendants of Abraham to be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation that was to go possess the gates of their enemies, rule over them and be a blessing to all the nations of the earth. They miserably failed to do so. Gen. 22:17-18; Exo. 19:5-6
3. Yeshua shed His blood to restore that authority by making us kings and priests. Each believer is commissioned a king and given a dominion to reign over, until planet earth is restored like the Garden of Eden. The church is the Kingdom of royal priests, each with his own dominion under the KING of kings. (Rev. 5:10)
4. Yeshua came to destroy the kingdom of the Devil and replace it with the Kingdom of God. The church exists to subdue the demonic kingdom and re-establish the Kingdom of God by empowering others to be kings to possess new domains. (Matt. 16:18,19; Heb. 2:14)
5. The greatest threat to the earth is not from atom bombs, AIDS or terrorism but religion. Passionate peddling of packaged religion has killed more people than all the wars. Pulpit remains the greatest heresy and a major obstacle to the expansion of the Kingdom (king + domain), robbing kings of their right to rule over their God given domains by shrinking them into mere pew potatoes.
6. Even though God is the owner of all, He gave each one of us delegated rulership as vice-regents when He said, “*let them have dominion*”. He will not interfere in our domain unless we specifically ask in prayer, just as He did not interfere when Eve talked to the Devil. Not fulfilling our rulership obligations will result in our city and the nation becoming a habitation of demons besides the loss of our kingship. (Psa. 115:14-16; Gen.1:26-28; 2 Chron 7:14)
7. In Christ, we are all heirs. The Father has bestowed a kingdom upon each one of us, prepared before the foundation of the earth. We should stop miniaturizing the kingdom, quit pastoring one church, adopt nations and expand the Kingdom. Dominion does not include dominating people but only the earth and the demons. Rom. 8:14; Matt 25:34; Luke 10:19; 12:32,
8. God is interested not in religion but in kings, ambassadors and rulers, who will pray, proclaim and possess the land, installing His rule on earth. The *ekklesia* serves as the legal embassy of God. John 8:31-36; Eph. 2:19; Rev. 1:6
9. We are born to rule and not to be ruled. Unfortunately most Christians are kings without a dominion, ambassadors without a country and losers instead of conquerors. The first thing we need to make is a paradigm shift, a change of attitude from being a layman to serving as His Majesty’s royal priests. (1Pet.2:9; Rom. 6:37)
10. Remember the master punished the man whose sin was keeping his talent buried while rewarded those who multiplied their talents. Your domain may be your work site, a city or a region, which you are to transform into the Garden of Eden. God’s command to subdue the planet earth and have dominion over it, never went out of date.

THE APOSTOLIC GARDENS

1. Yahweh blessed the humankind and said, “*Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over it.*” The man was commanded to change the remaining barren earth into a Garden of Eden. Yahweh’s original Great Commission has not gone out of date (Gen. 1:28).
2. In the Garden of Eden (Delight), Adam’s (means mud) relationship with Yahweh, with his wife and with the creation, all was in perfect harmony.
3. Adam was commanded to keep the garden and guard it. Adam failed, allowing Satan to deceive Eve. (Gen. 2:15)
4. Yahweh put two trees in the Garden, the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge. Any fool would have chosen to eat the fruit of the Tree of Life and live forever. But that meant submitting to the will of the Creator. Adam chose to do his own thing and disobeyed (Gen. 6:3; Gal.6:7).
5. The moment Adam rebelled; the Spirit of Yahweh left him. His carnal eyes opened up and his spiritual eyes closed down. Both spiritual and physical death thereby passed upon all humans. Rom. 5:12; 6:33
6. Adam lost the abundance of the Garden for just one fruit. He also lost the relational equation with his Creator, with his fellow beings and with the creation.
7. Mankind’s relationship with the land suffered. He has to till the land, which produces thorns and thistles, and eat bread earned by the sweat of his brow. Gen. 3:17-19
8. The woman was cursed with painful childbirth. She is no longer co-equal, the man now rules over her (Gen. 3:16).
9. Yahweh made an animal sacrifice and clothed Adam and Eve. He blessed the woman that through her seed a savior will come. It was Mary’s seed that bore the Messiah.
10. Yeshua shed his blood and made us Royal-Priests to the nations. He has given each one of us a domain as our eternal inheritance to subdue it and bring in Yahweh’s kingdom. (Rev. 5:10; 1Pet. 2:9; Ps. 2:8)
11. The woman (the church) now needs to put on sack cloth and ashes and repent until the Spirit is poured out and replicate the Garden model, 1. Fountains of living water and the restoration of wilderness into fruitful garden. 2. Justice to the poor. 3. Righteousness, with right relation with a. The Father, b. With fellow humans and c. With the creation. 4. Peace and 5. Security. (Isa 32: 1,2; 9-18)
12. Yahweh’s end vision is to see the whole earth being restored in to the Garden of Eden with Kingdom values of love, joy, peace and justice. Isa. Chap 11:5-9; 65:20-25
13. Millions of those entering the kingdom are mired in poverty and its devastating effects. They require churches that serve as catalytic agents of holistic change.
14. “There is much food hidden in the land of the poor.” Break the curses and make fallow land drip with milk and honey. One of the best ways to love your neighbor is to send home grown fresh fruits and vegetables from your apostolic garden. (Prov. 13:23; Amos 9:13,14)
15. The history of the earth begins and ends in the garden. The most enduring sign of the Kingdom is a man sitting with his neighbor under the shade of his fig tree and sipping tea made from the healing leaves of the Tree of Life (Zech. 3:10; Rev. 22:2).

CULTURE CLASH

1. Yeshua went to the Samaria where he made His disciples eat bread, drink water and stay in Gentile homes. This was totally against their Jewish culture. He did not impose Jewish culture on the Samaritans but rather he taught His disciples to merge with the local culture. He also chose a characterless woman as the ‘man of peace’. John Ch. 4
2. Barnabas was a Jewish missionary to the Gentile church at Antioch. He went and brought Paul who knew Gentile culture. Some Judaizers followed them and tried to impose Jewish culture, which was not approved by the Jerusalem council. (Acts 15:20)
3. Churches are planted in the context of the local cultural worldview. Jewish churches were planted in the context of the expected Messiah, which meant nothing to Romans who worshipped Caesar as Lord. Indians are ‘Guru’ oriented and Yeshua must be projected as the ‘Sat Guru’ (truth teacher) to satisfy their quest for truth.
4. The indigenous tribals are animists who believe in spirits that exert ‘power’ over their lives. To them *salvation by grace through faith* means little. All the NT churches and most of the emerging churches in India and other countries were planted following a “power encounter”, such as a miraculous healing or deliverance from demons. To them, Yeshua needs to be projected as the “Super Power”. (Rom. 15:19; 1Cor. 2:1-5)
5. Hindus worship ‘*Ishta Devta*’ or “favorite god”; amongst many gods, but like the Jews they also believe in the “Most High God” whom they call *Mahadeva*.
6. The Great Commission tells us that we should make disciples of all ethnic and cultural groups. Every cultural group has its own marriage, family, government and social mores. No group has the right to impose its culture on others. Syncretism violates the Gospel. Paul accused the Jews of syncretizing their culture on the Gentiles, just like the modern churches impose their church culture upon others, which is nothing but Western culture.
7. Many people, especially women and youth cannot get baptized for sociological/economic reasons. Compelling such people can cause serious problems. The word ‘baptism’ needs changing to a more culturally acceptable term like ‘bath of purification’. Western ‘church culture’ is a major obstacle to conversion, resulting in millions of non-baptized, real believers in the world. It is not the lack of baptism but contempt for baptism that condemns.
8. The word ‘Christian’, which was a derogatory word, should be substituted with local word like ‘*Yesu Bhakta*’ (Worshipper of Yeshua) or follower of *Baliraja* (King who was sacrificed), or *Sat Guru Margi* (Follower of True guru). They should be taught to follow indigenous forms of worship which includes “bridges” from their sacred texts. Originally Christians were known as the ‘People of the way’. (Acts 9:2; 18:25)
9. Even the word “church’ can have a negative, Western, colonial connotation. Good, local, replacement terms include *jamaat* (gathering) and *sat sang* (Truth gathering).
10. We are not here to destroy their worldview but to project the gospel into their existing context, just like Paul did when he told Athenian intellectuals that he had come to tell them about their own Unknown God.

REASONS WHY NEIGHBORS ARE RESPONDING

- 1. Through the original gospel.** If you think that all sons of Ishmael are violent fanatics unresponsive to the gospel, then you are living in the past, for God says, “*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*” Isa. 43:19
- 2. Through the NT.** Many Muslims are seeking and finding the truth in the Injil (Evangel or Gospel) of Isa al Masih (Yeshua the Messiah): “*You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.*” John 8:32.
- 3. Through dreams and visions.** Allah spoke to Mohammad through angel Gabriel in dreams and visions, but now Isa Al Masih is speaking to them directly through dreams and visions. Nearly 25 percent of Muslim believers have come to faith through dreams and visions.
- 4. Through manifestation of the power.** Powerful miracles of God come through answered prayers. One *imam* (Islamic priest) complained that we cannot compete with Christians anymore, because they are raising the dead. According to *Al Jazeera*, nearly six million Muslims come to Christ every year in Africa alone.
- 5. Through media.** The power of technology via the Internet, satellite TV, DVDs and radio is secretly reaching to the remotest parts of the Islamic world. Translation of Quran in some 200 languages is helping Muslims to understand its real content in their own languages. The Quran exalts Jesus more than anyone else.

6. Through heart languages. Every year about 10,000 came to faith in Isaa in Algeria, about 45,000 in Morocco, tens of thousands in Kyrgistan, and in the last decade nearly 50,000 in Saudi Arabia. In Cambodia Muslims have gone from 250,000 to none; Russia had 24,300 mosques in 1927 and 20 now. Iran, a hardcore country where conversion is punishable by death, is now saturated with the gospel in local languages through electronic media; with about 50,000 coming to Christ every week, Iran now has over one million believers. Ayatollah Khamanei, the Supreme leader of Iran has declared that the house church movement is their greatest enemy.

7. Through suffering. Muslims love religious rules (*sharia*) and are willing to die for their faith as suicidal *jihadis*. They are looking for salvation (*nejat*), and when they find it in Isa al Masih, many carry their faith with the same passion and willingness to suffer persecution.

8. Through Christian example. Raised on a blood soaked religion, many disenchanted Muslims are attracted to the life-style of Christian believers who love one another and forego revenge have a very powerful effect on them.

9. Through Wars. God is even using wars to bring Muslims into his fold. Many get confused when defeated in wars with Christians and Jews, for they had reasoned that Allah was on their side and they could not be defeated. Defeat translates in their minds to Allah being defeated.

10. Through the Quran. What prevents Muslims from coming to Christ? Their doctrines that God cannot have a son; Jesus is not God; Jesus did not die on the cross;

Trinity is impossible; the Bible has been corrupted; Christianity is decadent Western culture, and more. Interestingly all these objections can be readily answered from the Quran, by approaching it with fresh understanding and perspective.

11. Why are they then coming in unprecedented numbers?

- (a) As an answer to an avalanche of prayers for the Muslims.
- (b) Evangelism contextualized in their heart language.
- (c) Harvesters equipped with culture-specific disciple-making skills with focus on a few to reach many;
- (d) Focus on disciple making, rather than on church planting in below the radar, invisible small gatherings (*jamaats*).
- (e) Winsome love that does not vilify Islam. Phil. 1:9,10

12. Through discipleship. The challenge of making disciples of new converts is often greater than that of winning them to Christ. The focus must be on maturing them into disciple-makers so that, *“They will spread everywhere the fragrance of His knowledge.”* 2 Cor. 2:14

13. Through worship. God is waiting for the 1.2 billion Muslims of the world, *“all the flocks of Kedar and Nebaioth (Sons of Ishmael) shall come up on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory.”* Isa. 60:6-7

14. Through promise: I will bless Ishmael and *make him a great nation* because he is Abraham’s seed. Arabs who bless Israel will be blessed and those who curse will be cursed. Peace will come when Jews and Arabs, become followers of Yeshua Messiah. Gen. 12:3; 21:13,18

THE DIGITAL CHURCH

MEDIA AS THE PLATFORM

1. There will be 8.5 billion people on earth by 2020. Even as traditional methods of evangelism take the back seat, there are now staggering possibilities to be used as the best “platforms” for viralizing CPMs that range from personal witness to small group discussion to mass evangelism. *“Yeshua came preaching the kingdom”* Math. 4:17
2. Film, radio, television, internet, cell phone, iPod and iPads, etc. are now being used extensively for evangelism and discipling. *“Yeshua was anointed to heal the broken hearted, deliverance to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and set at liberty those who are crushed and preach the gospel to the poor”* Luke 4:18
3. Cell phone technology – Two million people search the internet daily looking for truth, meaning, love and God. Many are responding to evangelistic messages sent through FaceBook, Twitter and phone technologies. India has more cell phones (800 million) than toilets. Evangelistic messages are tearing down strongholds. *“Yeshua came to destroy the works of the Devil’* 1John. 3:8
4. Technical companies are getting ready to launch 16 geosynchronous satellites called the O3B Plan that stands for the ‘Other 3 Billion’ people, not currently connected to the internet. By 2015 there will be no place on earth that is not covered. *“Yeshua came to seek and to save the lost from every place”* Mark 1:38; Luke 4:43; 19:10

5 Internet – Global Media Outreach is seeing a million people every month indicate a decision to receive Christ. About 400,000 people per day come to one of their 102 Websites. About 15% of these leave their contact information so they can be followed up by 5,000 e-missionaries. www.greatcommission2020.com. “*Yeshua came to give life to all... and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.*” John 10:10; Heb. 11:6

6. Already there are innumerable e-disciplers while millions more are required, even youth and housewives, working from the comfort and security of their homes and engaging totally unknown people and saving souls, making disciples and planting digital-churches across the globe. “*What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived, the things God has prepared for those who love him.*” 1 Cor. 2:9

7. Even in media sophisticated countries, people are moving away from printed books and depending on TV and internet for their education, called ‘secondary orality.’ This calls for a completely different strategy for engaging the unengaged so that, “*Those who have not been told about him will see and those who have never heard about him will understand*” Isaiah 52:15

8. Internet is both, a broad band to destruction and a narrow gate to salvation. It is for us to meet them at the digital window. The big challenge is to make them not only hearers but doers of the word and, “*have their names written in the Book of life*” Math. 7:13,14; Luke 10:20; Jms 1:22

THE DAY OF THE PENTECOST

GLOBAL DAY OF HARVEST OF SOULS

1. It is nearly 2000 years since the church (*ekklesia*) was born on the Day of the Pentecost. Her birth marks included:
 - a. Ten days of dedicated prayer.
 - b. Anointed preaching in at least 16 diverse languages
 - c. Apostolic teaching with a call to repentance and the promise of anointing for our families and others.
 - d. Baptism of 3,000 souls
 - e. Their flocking, maturing, rapid growth, multiplication and scattering through a house-church movement.
2. The seeker-driven, New Testament *ekklesia* kept up the process of making disciples through baptizing, flocking, equipping and mentoring multi-ethnic, multi-generational believers. Multitudes were added “every day” such that the *ekklesia* grew in faith and in numbers daily.) These are the “greater works of the Holy Spirit” that Yeshua promised. John 14:12-17; Acts 2:46-47; 16:5
3. Yahweh said to Adam, “Be fruitful and multiply, subdue the earth and have dominion over it” (Gen. 1:28). In complete rebellion to Yahweh’s command, Nimrod built the tower of Babel so that they might not be scattered abroad. Many suffer from “Nimrod syndrome” and build their own towers that keep church members in bondage.
4. The events at Pentecost changed everything. Yahweh poured out His spirit on all flesh, on men, women, Jews, Gentiles,

Parthians, Medes, those from Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, from every tongue, tribe and nation under heaven. They broke bread from house to house with one accord with no gender, class, social or racial asymmetry.

5. Thousands of new believers went to the ends of the earth, preaching the gospel, making disciples and planting churches. Mary, Lydia, Pricilla, Phoebe, Junia, Nympha and other women helped fuel the explosive growth of the gospel. Since Jewish orthodoxy did not allow priests to look at or touch women, women baptized each other. Acts 1:14; 2:5-11, Matt. 5:28

6. The American “Pentecostal” revival of 1906 was started by an African American woman named Neely Terry, in a church led by a woman pastor named Julia Hutchins. Later, it shifted to Ruth Asberry’s house until it collapsed and shifted to Azusa Street. Its leader, William Seyamour, spoke in tongues for the first time in Ruth’s house church. After his death, his wife, Jenny, became the pastor of the Azusa Street church. Men, women, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Chinese, rich and poor freely worshipped as one Body. There were no choirs, musical instruments, sermons or collection boxes. Hundreds came every day.

A core group of eighteen African American women led the movement. It may now be amongst the biggest, fastest growing churches in the worldwide Pentecostal and Charismatic movement of some 500 millions. Women’s empowerment remains a key to rapid acceleration of saturation church planting movements.

7. The Father’s will is that none should perish but all come to know the truth and be saved. Sadly, millions of

Christians are stuck in the wilderness of Prayer cells, Bible study classes, endless meetings and fruitless church programs. What use are all these activities, if they do not move to the next level and convert the harvest into lasting fruit? The Father has promised land and people to each believer to subdue and rule over. We believers need to repent and replicate the Pentecost model by converting unfruitful Christians into champion disciple makers and baptizers. Only then can the four billion unwashed of the planet be saved from everlasting Hell. John 15:16; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4; Psa. 2:8

8. Yeshua was accused of baptizing more people than John the Baptist. Peter opened his account with 3,000 baptisms. Yahweh baptized 600,000 families in the Red Sea, knowing that they would backslide and be destroyed in the wilderness. Israel was baptized on the basis of faith in the great works of Yahweh, not because of listening to great sermons of Moses and Aaron. Exo. 14:31; Exo. 12:37; John 4:1; 1 Cor. 10:1-5

9. To delay baptism is unbiblical, for everyone in the New Testament was baptized on the day of their accepting the Lordship of Yeshua. Yeshua, Peter and Paul, relegated to their juniors the performing of baptisms. In the NT, no believer was ever baptized by a priest in a baptistry. Yeshua was baptized in a river, the Ethiopian treasurer in a pond, and the Philippian jailor in the prison tank. Mark 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:14-17

10. Many Diaspora merchants and craftsmen who were present on the Day of Pentecost went back and evangelized a great part of the East, travelling as far as Persia (Iran), India and China via the Silk Road. Arbela and Edessa in northern Mesopotamia, Urfa in Turkey, Baghdad in Iraq

and Cananore in India were all trading cities that provided a strategic springboard for the spread of Christianity. By 225 AD, there were twenty bishoprics throughout the lands of the Magi (wise men from the east). The Western Jewish Persia (Iraq) converted to Christ until Khadija, a merchant woman, married Mohammed, the founder of Islam, in the 7th century AD and changed the religious and political landscape. Acts 2:5-11

11. The Orthodox Syrian church insisted on using Syriac, a Semitic language, rather than using local languages. Because of its orthodoxy, ritualism, intolerance and ruthless exploitation, Islamic Sharia Law came as a relief, after the sons of Ishmael (Muslims) then overran the Bible lands, including Jerusalem in 638 AD, decimating the followers of Isa Bin Maryam (Christians) for a millennium. Hab. 1:5-11
12. Praise Yahweh that the Bible lands of Abraham, Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, Joseph, covering Iran, Iraq, Mongolia, Turkey, Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Bangladesh and many others, are once again on the boil as myriads of children of Ishmael, the son of Hagar, are now seeing dreams and visions and becoming followers of Isa al Masih. It is time to bless the other sons and daughters of Abraham descended through his wife, Katura, and his concubines whom he sent eastward to India, China and beyond. Gen 25:1-6
13. India presently gives a Bath of Purification to 5,000 every day and must increase that to 100,000, whilst the rest of the world needs to “diptize” a million every day instead of its current 180,000 — in order to catch up with the birth rate and the backlog.

14. Pentecost (fifty days follow Passover) is the name given by the Christians to the festival that the Jews called Weeks (*shavuot*) or, more appropriately, the “Feast of the harvest” (*Hag ha-Katsir*) based on Exodus 23:16. “You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.” Thousands gathered in Jerusalem from all over the world, bringing animals, grains, oil, wine and fruits to offer in sacrifice on the day of the Pentecost.
15. Jews believe that Yahweh, whom they now call The Name (*ha-Shem*), gave the Law (Torah) on the day of Pentecost on Mount Sinai. The Book of Ruth is studied all night as her life was related to the gleaning the harvest.
16. Yeshua had promised that he would not leave us alone but would send us a Helper. On the day of Pentecost, Yeshua poured out his Spirit on all flesh and changed Pentecost into a day of reaping an harvest of souls. After being anointed with the Holy Spirit, His disciples did not stay inside the building praying, shouting Hallelujah and speaking in tongues; rather they went out to lost souls in the city, brought them to repentance and baptized by tens of thousands. John 14:16; Joel 2:28
17. They shared the gospel in their heart language, brought others to repentance and baptized them in nearby pools, all on the same day. Yeshua gave the Holy Spirit to the *ekklesia* to “reap and gather a rich harvest of souls.” Sadly many churches continue in the old dispensation by selfishly gathering an harvest of money.

18. Yeshua did not ask us to go get baptized to decorate the pews. Rather, He commanded us to go make disciples and baptize. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.” Matt. 28:18-19
19. Every seeker-driven church and, indeed, every believer should celebrate the Day of Pentecost as the Global Day of Harvest of Souls, making and baptizing thousands of new disciples.
20. Pentecost is a special harvest day when tens of thousands of others like Ruth, a despised Moabite Gentile, should be saying to us, “*Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.*” Ruth 1:16
21. God told the new generation, “*You have stayed long enough in this mountain. Break camp and advance. See, I have given you this land. Go in and possess it.*” The Hebrew word *shevet*, means to stay, sit, remain or dwell. There is a time to stop sitting in one place, get up and move forward in faith and ministry. (Deut. 1:6-8)
22. "The salvation of one soul is the “greatest miracle” of all. All of Heaven rejoices when one soul enters the Kingdom of God. The Good Shepherd personally goes out to find one lost soul. We are commanded and commissioned to win souls daily." Luke 15:7.

There is no blessing which is greater than being a blessing to others.

Shalom.