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WEEK OF EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION TUCASA STU 2022

Introduction

The true intent of education should be carefully considered. God has invested to each one capacity and powers that they may be returned to him enlarged and improved. All his gifts are granted to us to be used to the utmost. He requires every one of us to work hard on our powers and to be able to attain in the highest possible capacity for usefulness, that we may do noble work for God and bless humanity. Every talent that we possess, whether of mental capacity, more or influence is of God, so that we may appreciate as David that all things come from God and is the God who owns it.

Themes

- a. My profession (why this profession?)
- b. How the bible says about my profession?
- c. Is my profession helping others?
- d. How can I use it in the society to reflect the real picture of Jesus?

Summary of the contents

“Once Mama White said that, true education means more than pursuing a certain course of study”. It has to do with the whole person within the whole period of existence possible to human beings. It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual power (Colossians 2:3)”.

- ❖ For question/ theme number one it should be answered by the way of discussion, so every TUCASA member must be aware about the course he/she choose to pursue within the specified year and the reason to choose the said course must be explained within the discussion.
- ❖ For the question/theme number two all TUCASA members should consider the following;
 - a. Proverbs 2:6 (all true knowledge and real development of the mind have their source in the knowledge of God)
 - b. There are some courses in which the prophets revealed to be unreasonable for every Christians which are those courses?
- ❖ For the question/theme number three



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The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of the heavens, showing that the message is to go forth throughout the length and breadth of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever given to mortals, and all who connect with the work should first feel their need of an education, and a most thorough training process for the work, in reference to their future usefulness, and there should be plans made and efforts adopted for the improvement of that class who anticipate connecting with any branch of work.

What's more, true education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements, but above information it values power, goodness, above intellectual acquirements, character. The world does not so much need men of great intellect as of noble character but it needs men in whom ability is controlled by steadfast principle.

- ❖ Also, due to the fact that character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings and never before was its diligent study so important as now, then it is important for all of us to continue reading our year book (Mind, Character and Personality)
- ❖ And for the conclusion we may talk about the school of the hereafter.



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WEEK OF EDUCATION SERMONS TUCASA STU 2022

DAY 01: 14/11/2022

SERMON: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR PROFESSIONS

“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12: 3-4

The Holy Spirit is the first promise made to mankind after Jesus left. And that is the true Spirit that the world did not receive. **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** (Acts 1:8 NIV). We can never have the strength to use our professions without the Holy Spirit. Through him we are guaranteed three things, **“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:”** (John 16:8 NKJV)

The first power we get through the Holy Spirit is assurance **“of sin, because they do not believe in Me;”** (John 16:9 NKJV) being an agent of God through your profession you should make people believe in Jesus Christ in your life (through your life) so that the truth is revealed. Never let people see selfishness and pride in your life that will make them lose their faith in the God you believe in. As a Christian, avoid greed for money and corruption, but be an example in your speech and actions.

The second power is assurance **“of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;”** (John 16:10 NKJV) Through your profession and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, you will build hope for those around you in Christ who ascended to Heaven and that justice can be found only in Him. And to confirm his death he who is without sin.

The third power is assurance **“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.”** (John 16:11 NKJV) The great work that Christians are facing in this period is that of confirming the world through the Holy Spirit about the coming judgment. The truth is that there has been a difficult time in speaking about this because we ourselves have not shown that we are ready for this matter (for the judgment to come). We live a life without direction on what is coming to the world, we live in darkness as if people do not see any light in our lives that would indicate the second coming of Christ and his judgment. So, it has been difficult to talk to them about this message, but it is certain that the hour has come and now exists when the real worshipers will worship God in Spirit and truth. Through your profession wherever you are you will live in the direction of the End of the world, people around you will realize that you are a Christian who is waiting for his second return.

The Apostle Peter in his first epistle gave a call which is also our call **“That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—**

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when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.” (Peter 4:2-5 NKJV) The hour has come when we need the Holy Spirit in abundance to guide us in all truth and to do God's will. There are many things we have done now that is enough, we need to be proven in every situation in our words and actions, our appearances glorify God always.

THINGS TO TAKE TO GOD IN PRAYER

Make a circle then pray for the following

- Holy spirit our greatest need
- Our studies at large
- You may add other needs that you have at your branch

DAY 02: 15/11/2022

SERMON: HOW TO DO GOD'S WORK THROUGH OUR PROFESSIONS

“Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.” Mark 1:17-18

We are called to be God's agents through our professions. God has never left us without understanding anything in using professions to reach others. Jesus Christ as our model used his disciples to show them the way that through their service (fishing) they can do the best service to bring others to Christ. Jesus usually gathered his disciples due to the various professions they had. Among them were fishermen and tax collectors.

Although there are not many highly professional and educated people in that group, even in religion, this is for a reason “The Lord decided to take humble people... so that they could announce the truth that would shake the world” (MM p.12). There are things that the Lord needs so that we can be human agents in carrying the message. Through our professions each one of us is required to be humble as God's character for us which would lead many to know him.

The truth is that most of us have professions that we chose or were chosen and studied in our educational institutions, after those studies many Christians find challenges in how to use them. The Bible says **“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** (2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV). This is how we will be able to work efficiently and effectively. No one should ever try to place himself in a high status as a scholar or a low status as an incompetent. But our words,

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our behavior and our appearance should be an example for everyone who looks at us, this is the first and most important thing.

The second most important thing is this **“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”** (1 Peter 5:6 NKJV) Humility is one of the greatest qualities in Jesus' ministry here on earth, however, he wished for it to be present for his disciples and followers as well. The goal is for them to be able to reach everyone and serve them in any situation. So, if I am a lawyer, engineer, doctor, nurse, planning officer, teacher, psychologist, urban planner, diplomat, human resources, supply chain, communication specialist, etc. it is clear that humility for you is the weapon to reach others.

To cost Jesus to change his disciples from being fishermen to becoming fishers of people, from collecting income in the Roman government to gathering people for Jesus. Self-denial was the great step he led them to, **“Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”** (Luke 9:23 NKJV) It will seem to cost you in using your profession for the Lord because it is possible to have few benefits and sometimes a complete loss, but your reward is great in heaven.

Finally; Your profession exists for your salvation and the salvation of other people **“For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”** (Ecclesiastes 12:14 NKJV) Pay attention to the word every WORK and your profession is your work; the question is how have you used it in doing your work?

THINGS TO TAKE TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

Please select two people to represent you in the following prayers

- God teach us on how to use our professionals to bring many to christ
- Let us use our professionals for the glory of God
- You may add other needs and wants

DAY 03: 16/11/2022

SERMON: BEING USED FOR OTHERS

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45 NKJV)



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From the beginning, when God created the world and its contents, he gave him the responsibility of preserving it by cultivating and tending the garden. Not only that, they were also instructed to rule with divine authority. This would be a sufficient teaching for man about what God needs as the quality of glory and gentleness. But it was not like that, because man needed to be served by that person. Even Christ before speaking said **“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”** (Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV) This message aimed to direct the human spirit towards Christ when he cares for others.

Unity in Diversity—It is the Lord's plan that there shall be unity in diversity. There is no man who can be a criterion for all other men. Our varied trusts are proportioned to our varied capabilities. I have been distinctly instructed that God endows men with different degrees of capability and then places them where they can do the work for which they are fitted. Each worker is to give his fellow workers the respect that he wishes to have shown to himself. — Letter 111, 1903.

The Minds of Men Differ—Why do we need a Matthew, a Mark, a Luke, a John, a Paul, and all these other writers who have borne their testimony in regard to the life of the Savior during His earthly ministry? Why could not one of the disciples have written a complete record, and thus have given us a connected account of Christ's life and work? 2MCP 423.3 - 2MCP 424.1

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Although at first the followers of Christ were not ready to understand what was in front of them, they longed for honorable positions and a good position in society. Even they personally failed to understand each other thus leading to a situation of wanting to know who will be the greatest among them. Not only that, others secretly followed Jesus in order to consolidate their position in the administration. Indeed, no one wanted to be humble and humble, but the truth of Jesus was completely opposite to their thinking. Because you revealed the character that sin lost, that selfishness and pride had to die first and then the Lord would use you.

It was not an easy task to do so, hatred and conflict arose in the journey where it led Jesus to continue his message that would change their thinking. This is a sufficient manifestation of what today's Christians and scholars are going through, we look more at the world and its success than looking at God. Jesus said this **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”** (Matthew 6:33 NKJV) His purpose is not that he wanted the rest to be left but that every action should be asked about its place in God's kingdom, although God also knows our needs and will not stop multiplying Blessings and Grace as much as He likes.

Each Has a Distinct Individuality—The gospel deals with individuals. Every human being has a soul to save or to lose. Each has an individuality separate and distinct from all others. Each must be convicted for himself, converted for himself. He must receive the truth, repent, believe, and obey for himself. He must exercise his will for himself. No one can do this work by proxy. No one can submerge his individuality in another's. Each must surrender to God by his own act and the mystery of godliness. —Manuscript 28, 1898. 2MCP 423.2

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

- Holy spirit our greatest need
- Pray for our studies
- You may add some more things to pray for



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DAY 04: 17/11/2022

SERMON: OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PROFESSION

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

In these endings towards the closing of the world's history, there have been many things and many events that must happen. **“But most of that is built on selfishness and self-love. The Bible says But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy”** (2 Timothy 3:1-2) All these things have led to the loss of stewardship in serving God, but since God is loving, He will give us gifts and even accept us as we have served many through our professions. But selfishness eats away at us until we fail to share his love with others. And through our professions we can convey God's Grace to others as well.

It is certain that we have a great responsibility to use our professions in serving others, regardless of our personal interests. Of course, we should continue to remember that without the Holy Spirit and self-denial we will not be able to. But continue to realize that **“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers.”** (1 Peter 4:7) therefore, we should have minds that are based on God's wisdom, minds to live while forbidding the times and seasons to be eaten. More if we show the love that in the eighth verse he says **“And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.””** (1 Peter 4:8) The truth is that there is a great mystery in love and sin. You will understand this only if you understand Jesus well about his love for us while we are still sinners. It is clear that the love of Jesus came to cover the guilt of sin for the sinner, that is why we can approach the throne of grace confidently.

We do not consider it appropriate to misuse our professions for our own benefit, we should always serve others with love and care. And this love is the heavenly love of loving your neighbor as yourself, that is, being ready to sacrifice yourself for others and use the gift you have been given. Attention is to remember that the time we have is not ours and the end of all things is near.

God will accept the youth with their talent, and their wealth of affection, if they will consecrate themselves to Him. They may reach to the highest point of intellectual greatness; and if balanced by religious principle they can carry forward the work which Christ came



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from Heaven to accomplish, and in thus doing be co-workers with the Master. The students at our college have valuable privileges, not only of obtaining a knowledge of the sciences, but also of learning how to cultivate and practice virtues which will give them symmetrical characters. They are God's responsible moral agents. The talents of wealth, station, and intellect are given of God in trust to man for his wise improvement. These varied trusts He has distributed proportionately to the known powers and capacities of His servants, to everyone his work. FE 48.1 - 48.2

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

- The power of the Holy Spirit in our lives
- Unity in service
- May God guide our studies
- Fellowship among ourselves and others
- Faith should grow
- Let us be a light to others

ABBREVIATIONS

AA: Act of Apostles.

FE: Fundamental of Christ Education.

2 - MCP: Mind character and Personality.