

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

I. IDENTIFICATION

Names : TWAGIRAMUNGU Denis
Age : 1964
Fathers' name : HISHAMUNDA Zacharie
Mother's name : NYIRANDAYAMBAJE Gaudence
Place of birth : RUSIZI District
Place of residence : NYARUGENGE DISTRICT
Gender : Male
Nationality : Rwandese
Tél : 0788845364
Marital status : Married (18 May 1996)

II. EDUCATION BACK GROUND

Year	ESTABLISHMENT	FACULTY
From 01/2018-To date	WMF World Mission Frontier	Divinity (Masters)
From 2009-2013	FATEK	Bachelor's in Theology
From 2003-2007	Kabuga High School and IBKi	A2 Human Sciences A2 Theology
From 1998-2002	Institut Biblique de Kigali	Broves
From 1971-1977	Primary school at Mibirizi/Rusizi	Primary level

III. EXPERIENCES

23/01/2018- To date: Senior Pastor of Gihogwe Parish
2013-2018: Senior Pastor of Kacyiru Parish
2012-2013: Senior Pastor of Nyarugenge Parish
2009-2012: Senior Pastor of of Runda Parish
2008-2009: Pastor in Nyarugenge Parish
2001-2007: Businessman
1994-2001: Police in Rwanda National Police
1984-1993: Businessman

IV. LANGUAGE SPOKEN

- Kinyarwanda : Excellent
- English : Excellent
- French : Excellent
- Swahili : Very good

V. CHRISTIAN MINISTRY - A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

My Christian Ministry began with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the first person I ever truly loved. I didn't know what true love was until the day I realized Jesus loved me first. He is the first person to ever truly love me with pure love ". Now, discovering more and more about love as I get to know Him, I try my best to imitate Him, trying to love Him and all that is in His image. I always thought that love was an emotion or an impulse. Now I understand that it's a decision. It is to decide to be selfless in any situation. Love is Joy. It is happiness that is not affected by circumstance. Love is Peace. It is the utter lack of contention within a relationship. Love is Patient. It is contentment while waiting. Love is Gentle. It never intends harm. Love is Good. Its intentions are morally perfect. Love is Faith. It trusts no matter what the appearance of a situation. Love is Meek. It surrenders and serves. Love is Temperate. It does not have a selfish appetite. I Love by seeking to be Joyful, Peaceful, Patient, Gentle, Good, Faithful, Meek, and Temperate in every interaction in every situation (Galatians 5:16-26).

However, as hard as I seek to love, my very nature is to not love. It is my nature to be selfish (Ephesians 2:2-3). The fulfillment of the desires of my flesh over any other consideration is natural and appealing (1 Corinthians 2:14). Therefore, I must overcome myself and purposefully choose to be selfless. To merely speak of Christian doctrine while not observing Christian love is hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is conscious deception and willful selfishness, and therefore contrary to God (Titus 1:16). Thus, actively practicing hypocrisy is contrary to Christian Ministry. God wants us to love in deed and truth (1 John 3:18).

Thus, my Christian Ministry is both to love God and man and to deny myself (Mark 12:29-31; Luke 9:23). It is my hope that eventually I will only choose to respond in love, as I am changed, until all I am capable of doing is loving (2 Peter 1:4).

The greatest blessing of Christian Ministry is to share the love of Jesus Christ with others, to teach them of real love - God's Love -- demonstrated to us fully in Christ's selfless death upon the cross for our selfish rebellion against God (1 John 4:9-10). Truly, to share the death and resurrection of Christ with others is to participate in Christ's death and resurrection.

I was saved in 1981, my father was sick and I was with him in the hospital at Mibirizi, Rusizi District, Someone who has also his father sick in the same hospital evangelized me and I accepted Jesus as my savior. I was 17 years old when I was converted, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1987 and I started preaching in small groups. In 2001 I was a preacher in streets, I was a driver and I preached in the bus, the people used to call that bus "the mobile church". From 2001-2008 I was the leader of married people in the all region and also I was a deacon until 2008 where I was ordained to be a pastor in Pentecost Church of Rwanda (ADEPR).

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