

# Agape Life



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# **Ambassadorship 101**

***A Practicum for Ambassadors for Christ***

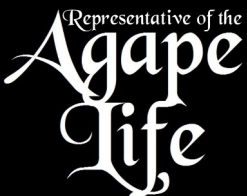
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## **Light for a Dark World**

**Week 3**

**May 5, 2024**



# Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,  
What we know not - teach us,  
What we have not - give us,  
What we are not - make us,  
For your Son's sake,  
Amen.**

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## Ambassadors for Christ?

**An ambassador for Christ is a citizen of The Kingdom of God who represents God's interests in the foreign kingdom - The World.**

### Christian Ambassadorial Duties

- 1. Represent God and His Kingdom**
- 2. Build and maintain relationships**
- 3. Negotiate agreements**
- 4. Provide information and advice**
- 5. Protect the people of God's creation**
- 6. Manage relationships within embassy**
- 7. Report back to God all things**

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## Assignment 1

**Action Plan – Develop a list of people in your concentric circles of concern who do not know the Lord.**

## Assignment 2

**Pray for those people.**

## Assignment 3

**Talk to those people.**

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**You have to talk.**

**In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

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**Cat got your tongue?**

**Why are we hesitant to talk about spiritual things?**

**Is our faith a private issue that should remain so?**

**How much of our reluctance to talk about Jesus is tied to our own insecurities?**

**Have you ever been confronted for speaking about your faith?**

**What do we do about these issues?**

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**1<sup>3</sup>Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? 1<sup>4</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, 1<sup>5</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to *give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.* 1<sup>6</sup>Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. 1<sup>7</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.**

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**Know who you are in Christ Jesus. (15)**

**Develop relationships by doing good things for people.(13)**

**Eliminate fear by trusting God to put words into your mouth.**

**(14) (Luke 21:12-15)**

**Look for “teachable moments” in everyday conversations.(15)**

**Use “teachable moments” to share the hope that is in you.(15)**

**Be humble. Be gentle. Don’t be holier than thou or gung-holier than thou.(16)**

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*R.S.V.P.*

*Respond Please*

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## Assignment 3

### Talk

**Watch for the “teachable moment” and say what you have to say – what you know must be said in that moment – but do it with gentleness and kindness as guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.**

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**An Ambassador for Christ must develop relationships with all of the people within his/her concentric circles of concern.**

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**A US ambassador provides safety and security for US citizens both within the embassy and those passing through the foreign county.**

**AND**

**Provides temporary refuge within the embassy in the form of short-term protection from physical danger when the danger is both immediate and exceptionally grave.**

**An Ambassador for Christ provides safety and security in the form of salvation through Jesus for all people and in so doing provides permanent refuge and eternal protection.**

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**An Ambassador for Christ MUST strengthen his relationship with those within in the church and those who are living in the land of darkness with no light to guide their way.**

**So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

**Galatians 6:1**

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**We must share light with all people.**

**People within the church are living in a world of darkness.**

**People outside the church are living in a world of darkness.**

**Within the church we must remind each other of the light that dwells within us and do the work – oil filling and wick trimming, etc. – to sustain that light. Then when we step out of the church we must carry that light into the darkness to dispel it.**

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

**For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.**

**Isaiah 9:2, 21b**







# **You are Ambassadors for Christ!**

**“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

# NEXT WEEK

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## Praise Him in the Storm

### WHEN LIFE FALLS APART

A STUDY OF JOB



May 12, 2024

