



Special points of interest

- Legacy is all about leaving behind Positive Values
- Legacy is all about Redeeming generation from Evil One
- Legacy is all about children's & Youth's healthy development
- Legacy is all about developing Christian Culture in raising children
- Legacy is all about being revealed in difference, within dark world; illuminating it
- Legacy is all about Biblical world view in defining the contemporary world
- Legacy is all about serving in Love
- Legacy is all about echoing Goodness of God from generation to generation with non-stop until Jesus comes back again
- Legacy all about serving in Love



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“The Quiet Time with God”

Introduction

The main objective of this QT message is to give emphasis on the need to humble ourselves (as Christians), in seeking the Face of God to strengthen our relationship with Him and grow in our discipleship life.

The Basic Biblical portion used for this article is **Mark 3: 13-14**. In this portion of the Bible we can read Jesus going up into the mountain and calling unto Him the ones He is to ordain. The twelve came unto Him and the primary objective of for Jesus call in this context was that they **‘Would be with Him’** to send them out for ministry of preaching, healing the sick, casting out evil spirits, etc.

The twelve ordained to be with Jesus were from varying life backgrounds and trades. They had varying challenging behaviors that needed shaping. As it can be noted in the Gospels and/or Bible, there was an outgoing person among them, there was a doubter, there were activists and energetic persons, etc.

When their trade is considered, there was a tax collector among them as well as fishermen. According to the standard of the day, as can be noted in the comment onlookers had given regarding them in Book of Acts, they were not much educated; one can say they were peasants in most cases. In common language, one can say, they were crude with regard to religious affairs and were not belonging to the clergy of the day. From the questions they raised regarding politics just before ascension of Jesus one can note that they had concerns regarding the colonial rule of Romans. The implication was that they were looking for a redeemer from their exploiters. This also further indicated that they were powerless in that area except that one of their colleagues (Simeon) looks to had concern as activist. Economically it looks most of them were in subsistence living such as in fishing which did not always show success (as can be noted from certain incidences in the Bible). One of them,

A tax collector, though looking good economically, was branded as ‘Sinner’, implying that he took more than expected from his customers. In general, such people were not much appreciated by the common people since they were regarded as agents of exploiters, in this case, Romans.

Bringing together all those concerned from various backgrounds and outlooks, Jesus’ main focus, was to shape them in His own way so that they can be instruments of blessing to others, in advancing the Kingdome of God while He was around in their midst, physically and even after His ascension.

Jesus wanted to see His image to be branded in them in the advancement of His Kingdom. He was looking for trustable or faithful people who can take responsibility with purpose, representing Him on earth, as He promised them regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit, especially after His ascension..

Legacy Vision

Harmoniously Inter-connected,
Inter-guided, Inter-caring
generations in which Goodness of
God is exhilarated and echoed,
positive value heritages threaded,
life and holistic human
development sustained.

Coming back to the objective of this message, we need to discuss the Quiet Time, in our specific contexts. Quiet Time is a spiritual experience of setting specific time, specific place to be with God through reading, reflection and getting meaning from the Word God and time of payer based on the insight received from the Word, in the main. This brings us to the initial experience of coming to the Lord for salvation, justified by faith, where the journey of Christian life begins. At that stage, a believer is considered righteous, sanctification for maturity yet to be a process.

This is like a newly planted 'seed' in the soil that needs cultivation so that the 'seed' can sprout out of the soil. It calls for diligent care so that the plant can grow to acceptable stature to the extent of bearing fruit. When a plant comes to the level of bearing fruit, it is natural that the mature fruit is edible or usable by others. This is exactly the same outcome that was expected from the twelve disciples, ordained, after they were with Jesus. Being with Him was evident to others as indicated in the Gospels and book of Acts. It is impossible to hide after being with Jesus as a disciple. Image of Jesus can reflect in such a disciple.

Such a disciple has a capacity to minister to others because of being with Jesus.

As a believer in Christ, it is only possible to be useful to others in society, church, nation, etc. after spending valuable or quality time with Almighty God. A newly born again Christian is expected to naturally grow to maturity to the extent of being of blessing to others. This cannot happen by wishful thinking.

This message has a focus that Quiet Time can be a tool to grow in discipleship of Christ that leads to mirroring more of His image. Quiet Time or Quality Time* with God is all about making a decision, with love and commitment, to spend special time at a quiet place using Bible reading and prayer as central for the practice. It is all about delineating oneself from world of commotion to have peaceful reflective or meditation time with the Lord. In short it is time to talk to the Lord through prayer and also time for God to speak to a believer's heart as His child through His word. It is a two way communication that encourages meditation on the Word of God and getting the guidance in our holistic daily life.

Motivation and desire to grow to stature of Christ need to be intrinsic in the child of God to crave for experiencing Quiet Time.

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* As one University Christian Fellow Coordinator
Remarked

In 1st Timothy 4:7-8 it can be noted that training oneself to fit in the physical body is useful temporarily but training oneself (exercising) in the true godliness especially by spending time with the Lord is both useful for this present age and for life eternal.

Let us crave for more wisdom to indulge ourselves in Quiet Time, regularly, not as legalistic activity but loving relationship time with God.

N.B. The writer of this article has experience of Quiet Time for more than 40 years and can attest the benefit it has in building discipleship positive habit especially to get sustainable guidance from the Lord in daily holistic life.

Legacy Update

(October 2018 – December 2018)

Third quarter had focus on conducting 'hands on' Training for Youth, Parents and Leaders at Injibara Mulu Wongel in Awi Zone of Amhara regional state.

Content of training for Youth included Challenges Youth are facing in current situation and possible solutions. The five spiritual Pillars for Youth and The Quiet Time was part of the delivery. Maximum of 65 young persons have participated in the Youth Training.



Youth Trainees at Injibara

Parenting Training at Injibara had deliveries in Biblical Child Raising and The Seven Spiritual Pillars for Parenting with a theme of being delivered from Evil one to deliver others (children). Maximum of 53 parents participated in the sessions.



Parenting Trainees at Injibara

Church leaders had a challenging message with a theme that 'Non God fearing Children may not emerge'. This is a call for church leaders so that they can give attention to young people in serving them diligently with love. In session were 21 church leaders and ministers.



Injibara Leadership 'Bell Wringing' Session



Injibara Leadership Trainees group Photo

Later in the process Video documentation was carried out in areas where training had been conducted before. Interviews were made to get feedbacks on impacts of the trainings at Dangila, Debre Markos, Injibara, Harer and Adama. Purposive sample target group are Church Leaders, Youth and Parents. In addition to their impression regarding the trainings they took in the past, changes that may have occurred as the result of the training had a focus. The crude information collected will be organized for learning and promotional products.

This is a fourth Quarter for Legacy Ministry. It was a time of preparation for closing smoothly and getting prepared for 2019 budget year, too.

Trainees feedback from Injibara Leaders, Parents, Youth Training (Paraphrased & Translated)

Church Leaders Remark

"I have understood that I should serve the generation in love as the result of the training I attended".

"The contemporary situation shows that the young generation is diverting away from fathers' values; legacy ministry is intervening at the right moment".

"As a church leader, I have noted we need to give space for children and youth".

"Parents have primary responsibility to train their children in Biblical lifestyle so that they can stand against globalization Challenges"

Parenting Trainees Remarks

"We need to strongly express to children that we love them; when we parents reveal love to our children, they will be more open to express the condition they are in".

"Children need Biblical instruction from parents in their age context; if children are shaped with word of God, it is a blessing for family, church and nation".

"I have grasped from the training, especially from 7 pillars of parenting, that I can teach small children at my custody using play style in their age context".

Youth Trainees Remarks

"The Five Spiritual Pillars' for the Youth have given me direction to get prepared to shoulder responsibility"

"I have learnt to redeem my time by not using technology for waste of time; in the positive, I have learnt to use technology for the Gospel"

"I have got input from the training, to strengthen my Quiet Time with the Lord"

Looking Ahead

Legacy will conclude the 2018 Budget year and is to commence 2019. In this regard, Reporting and Auditing of the 2018, planning and budgeting for 2019 will get focus. This implies that Board and General Assembly is to make official meeting to give shape completing and new Budget years. In the process, Training sites are to be identified to smoothen the coming year's work.

Preparation is to be made for Parenting and Youth training at Sebata and Parenting Training of Trainers (TOT) in Akaky/Kality area.

Crucial generational Issue for Reflection & Conversation

Currently, there is a general media discussion and informal talks, in Ethiopia, regarding a concern that we have 'lost a generation to a Misconduct behavior'. This is a common phenomenon in urban and rural setting.

At writing of this reflection paragraph, the writer, has witnessed three adults (waiting for bus at Bishoftu) remarking that it will take about 30 years to restore positive behavior of the following younger generation back to 'societal' norm or expectations. Their discussion also reflected that it is difficult to mend the currently observed misbehaviors in Ethiopian society; with an understanding that 'the tree is already out of shape'. The writer of this reflection paragraph has not heard concrete recommendations being aired on how to reverse the situation in the following generation, though

The 'dirty insults' oozing out of the mouth of the current generation against each other, in the public, is shocking for the preceding adults generation, who are in age group of late 30's or higher. The issue in most cases is related to the ones born in the last 27-30 years. .

*There is a need for creation of informal discussions regarding the issue; **what is wrong? who is responsible; what do we need to do to reverse the situation not to repeat same mistake in the upcoming younger generation? what do we need to do with the current, so called 'spoiled' generation? are there remnants who did not join the 'spoiled party'?***

Dear Readers:

Please discuss this issue at coffee ceremony or create Face Book Social Media on how we can best create a culture in a generation that can loudly say, "I hate misbehavior!!!".

This is an Ethical issue that cannot be ignored and may lead to anarchy if not arrested. This may be worse especially in situations where various strata of generations are not listening to each other.

Readers, let us save the generations!!

Appreciation

Legacy International Spiritual Ministry, at this junction, would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude towards local churches in various parts of the country that have opened their doors for partnership to work together.

Legacy is all about developing Christian Culture in raising children

Invitation to Membership

Time is running; we cannot afford to delay more. Legacy invites new members to be part of this historical and timely ministry to redeem the Generation from Evil One. Legacy is registered as interdenominational and Spiritual Ministry. It is non- political entity that promotes Biblical/Christian and Fore fathers positive Values.

A basic criterion for membership is alignment with Our Core Values. Anyone who shares the values can be a non-regular member.

To be a member only 25 Birr per month (USD 25 for Diaspora) is required. It can be sent to Legassi Alem Akef Menfesawi Agelgilot Bank Account # 2600010008458 at Berhan Bank in Ethiopia. Diaspora can visit the web site to donate. In general, special onetime donation or love gift is also encouraged.

Clearly writing donor name and keeping the deposit slip for further recording/follow up is a requirement. The deposit slip can also be sent to P.O Box 192/1070 Addis Ababa or call can be put in place to collect by staff/volunteer.

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