

# WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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## FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you June 2021 edition of "Watchman's Trumpet". This month, our theme is "Kingdom Service"

The nature of kingdom service must be well understood by every Christian. Lack of understanding makes many to be idle while others are working their hands to the bone with doing more than their own share of kingdom work. We must let every worker and member in our Mission agencies, fellowship and churches know that there is more than enough for everyone to do. We do not have to wait till we are ordained or given an official religious title before we become useful or get involved in the work of the Lord. Immediately after we become born again, we must begin to ask questions and find out where God would want us to serve.

Every member of the body of Christ are endowed with gifts they can use to serve God in at least one area of calling. There are areas where individuals can be useful personally. There are also group work areas. Besides, we can serve as suits our experiences in life, academic background and professional skills.

But as we serve we must keep in mind that acceptable service in God's kingdom is services rendered to Christ after we have accepted Him as our personal Lord and Saviour and not before.

We are expected to serve in the kingdom, serving Jesus as our Lord and master more than how servants serve their masters in the world. We are to serve in holiness, serve in love and serve by faith. It is service to God that meets all these criteria that God will reward. Others will be burnt up. The worker may even miss heaven. As we do the work of God, let us ensure that we remain in constant and intimate relationship with the God of the work. Personal prayers, daily devotion, daily Bible reading and quiet time is very important for us to maintain and retain spiritual life. As we do so, abundant earthly and eternal reward will be our portion in Jesus Name. Welcome!

## SERVICE TO THE LORD

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you". **1 Samuel 12:24**

"And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil". **Deuteronomy 11:13, 14**



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The Christian life and journey begin on the day we accept Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour after repentance and commitment to forsake all the sins we have confessed.

It is the day we pass from death to life and our names is recorded in God's book of life or Book of the living. Until that time no matter our position or title in the church we are serving a God we did not know. Such service may not be acceptable to the Lord.

On the other hand, those who are saved are expected to serve. Service is evidence that we have acknowledged and accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord. Jesus is not only the saviour of the redeemed, He is our Lord. He is the Lord whom we should serve willingly, voluntarily and whole heartedly.

We shall consider three points:

1. Accepting Christ as Lord
2. Serving the Master
3. Abiding while serving

### 1. Accepting Christ as Lord

"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house". **Acts 16:31**

*“A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is my fear?” saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?”* **Malachi 1:6**

Servants reverently serve their masters. Our service in God’s vineyard and kingdom cannot be acceptable unless it is offered to Christ as our Lord. The Lordship of Christ refers to him being our master and we his servants. We cannot serve Jesus effectively unless we first accept Him as our Lord.

Many Christians understand the concept of Christ being the saviour to all who received Him but the idea of his being our personal Lord, many only confess without practically applying its lessons.

Accepting Christ as our Lord and master imply that he will be the ruler and guide of our lives and affairs; we are under obligation to take our assignments and orders from Him. It means we should not do anything without asking Him. Christ being Lord also demand that we promptly and completely obey His words.

Servants honour their Lord. It means we will honour Christ in all that we do. If you have accepted Jesus as your saviour, have you accepted Him as your Lord?

## 2. Serving the Master

*“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”* **Colossians 3:23-25**

Those who have accepted Jesus as Lord are expected to serve Him as master.

Servants are expected to be loyal, obedient and faithful to their masters, so are we expected to be to Christ. Jesus described himself as Lord and master to his disciples.

He is our Lord and Master. He commanded us to love and serve one another. When we serve the brethren, we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 3. Abiding while serving

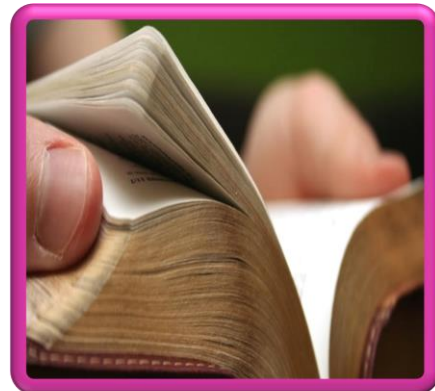
*“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”.* **Mathew 7:21-23**



In Christ’s kingdom, relationship and service should go together. We are expected to remain attached to Christ who is the true vine as we serve in the church.



Jesus prophesied that on judgment day many who refer to Him as Lord would lose out because while working, performing miracles, doing wonderful works in Jesus’ name and winning souls, the sins in their own lives renamed un-confessed and un-forgiven.



Some of them who confess sins did not forsake the sins they confessed. They did not care about holy living. They call themselves workers of Jesus but Jesus called them workers of iniquity and commanded them to depart from Him. It is therefore important for us to abide in Christ as we serve in His vineyard.





## ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

## WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



### *Prayer Points - For June 2021*

1. Thank God for the privilege given to us to serve in His kingdom
2. Pray that all who are working in the kingdom today will know the Lord and be genuinely converted so they will not labour in vain.
3. Pray for grace to live in victory over sin as we serve in God’s kingdom.
4. Pray that God will make us loyal obedient and faithful servants
5. Pray pray for grace to abide in Christ continuously as we serve in His kingdom
6. Pray that God will deliver us from all our enemies and empower us to serve in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives.
7. Pray that our service to the Lord will be devoid of selfishness, grumbling, murmuring and complaining
8. Pray for supreme love for God; and sincere, selfless, and sacrificial love and service to others and humanity.
9. Pray for faith and faithfulness as you serve the Lord
10. Pray for enduring earthly and eternal reward as you serve the Lord.

“..... *men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*” **Luke 18:1**

**May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!**

**Watchman Prayer Hour** holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us on any of our Social media platforms and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

## SERVICE OF SAINTS

*"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life". Luke 1:74, 75*

*"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord". Isaiah 52:11*

Those who have repented, who confessed their sins and forsake them; who have been cleansed from filthiness of all sins are called "saints" in the Bible (Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2). They are people who have sought and received sanctification as a definite Christian experience after salvation. They have forsaken all confessed sins and have dedicated the rest of their lives to the pursuit of godliness and holy living. God called sinners to repentance, but He also called those who have been converted to holiness. Dirty, corrupt, polluted life is inconsistent with Christian profession.

*We shall consider three points:*

1. The necessity of saintliness
2. The possibility of righteous living
3. The service in holiness

### 1. The necessity of holy living

*"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy". 1 Peter 15, 16*

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14*

The Lord commanded those who have become born again and are now children of God to be holy "Be ye holy for I am holy". Holy individuals maintain purity of heart that enables them to see

God at work in their lives here on earth and prepares them to see God in heaven at the end of their lives *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"*.

Sanctification frees our hearts from pride, envy, malice, hatred, worldliness and lust. It makes our intentions good and our motives pure. Holiness will make our service acceptable to the Lord. The sacrifices and prayers of the wicked is abomination before God (Proverbs 21:27). God commanded workers who bear the vessels of the Lord to be clean.

*"Without holiness no man (no worker) shall see the Lord"*.



### 2. Possibility of righteous living

*"And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation". Genesis 7:1*

*"Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand". 1 Samuel 12:3, 4*

*There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia; and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless". Luke 1:5, 6*

Testimonies abound in the Bible of people like us who lived righteous lives. God testified about Noah before the flood. The Bible testified about Zacharias and Elizabeth. Israelites testified about Samuel throughout the time he ministered as a prophet among them. Paul the apostle testified too about how un-blamable he behaved himself

among his converts in Thessalonica.

The life of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon both testified to the possibility of holy living. If indeed we believe and confess that with God all things are possible, then we must acknowledge God's ability to empower those who sincerely desire to walk in holiness to do so. If we confess that nobody is holy here on earth and nobody can be holy, we are contradicting the testimony of the Bible, we are calling God a liar and we are saying that nobody will live with God in heaven. These claims cannot be true. Men are daily finding this experience and living the life. You can too, if you seek God in prayer and if you are ready to entirely consecrate your life to God.

### 3. The service in holiness

*"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the Lord". Numbers 8:5, 11*

Purification ceremonies are performed for Levites before they are allowed serve in the temple in the days of Moses. This is compared to sanctification experience of workers today. Those who bear the vessels of the Lord are to do so with clean hands. Those who are qualified to climb the hills of the Lord and stand in His holy place are those with clean hands and pure hearts. We are delivered from our enemies (including Satan and sin) so that we can serve in holiness and righteousness before God all the days of our lives. It is only such service he will reward in the end.



## SERVICE IN LOVE

*“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself”.*

**Luke 10:27**

*“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”.* **Galatians 5:13-14**

The believer is commanded to love the Lord God with all his heart, soul and spirit. Our service to God should be from a foundation of whole-hearted love and affection for the Lord. Without perfect love for God and for the brethren we serve, our services will be underpinned by selfishness, grumbling, murmuring and complaining. We will be serving to please ourselves; to please men rather than please God. When the going gets tough, we will easily give up. Service of love, service in love is different. Love bears all things and endures all things.

*We shall consider three topics:*

1. Loving like Christ
2. Serving in Love
3. Eternal memorial of love's service

### 1. Loving like Christ

*“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another”* **John 13:34 - 35**

*“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”.* **John 15:13**

*“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels*

*of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth”.* **1 John 3:16-18**

Christ is our model in demonstration of love in divine service. Christ, as a result of his love, he laid down his life for us. We must also be ready to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Men's lives are defined in terms of time, strength, intellect and material resources. We must be ready to lay these down to help our brethren and serve God's children in our mission, fellowship and churches without murmuring or complaining.

Christ's love towards us is sincere, selfless, and sacrificial. He supports, He supplies and shows great sympathy to the weak and the hurting. We are expected to do the same in the church and to our neighbours.



### 2. Serving in love

*“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another”* **Galatians 5:13**

We are commanded to “*by love serve one another*”. Good works are explicit demonstration of Christ's love in the believer towards others. Christians are called to be good Samaritans in the world visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming and caring for strangers. Christ did all these while on earth but He is no longer in the world physically. Believers and Christian workers are His eyes, mouth, hands and feet; to do for others what He would have done for them when He was physically on earth.

Believer's ministry should be an extension of the ministry of Christ in the world. What God sent Christ to do in the world, the Lord has sent us to do. These include soul-winning and inviting others into God's kingdom by our lifestyle and our testimonies.

### 3. Eternal memorial of love's service

*“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me”.* **Mathew 25:34-40**

Christ owns all the service we render to the brethren in the church as being done for Him. He promised to reward us with eternal life and threatened to cast into hell all who neglected the responsibility of caring for others. That was the sin of the rich man in Christ's parable of “*The rich man and Lazarus*”. **Luke 16:19-21**

All that the love of Christ makes us do for others are written in God's book. Not one of them will be forgotten or lost. God will in the end abundantly reward our labour of love.



## SERVICE BY FAITH

*“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”.* **Hebrews 11:4-6**

The Christian life and journey is one accomplished by faith in God from the beginning to the end. We are saved by faith, walk by faith and live by faith. Christian service is not excluded. We are to serve God by faith. The history of service in God's kingdom had been that of ordinary, people doing extraordinary things for God and in Jesus' name. These are only possible because these people placed their faith in God. God in turn honoured their faith by giving them power to accomplish what He called them to do.

Moses was a stammerer, Jephtha was an outcast, and Gideon came from backstage. Esther was an orphan raised by an uncle. David was a teenage when he killed Goliath. Luke 2:24 The two turtle doves instead of lamb brought by Mary and Joseph when they presented Jesus at that temple clearly revealed their poor background, yet the savior of the world was brought up in their homes.

All these confirmed that faith in God works wonders, when we

understand God's place for us in His kingdom and service and whole heartedly dedicate ourselves to God and to service in such a place, great things will begin to happen in our lives and all around us to the glory of God.

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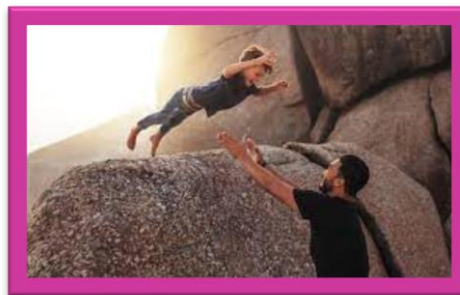
1. Meaning of faith
2. Deploying faith in kingdom service
3. Faithfulness of believing servants

### 1. Meaning of faith

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”.* **Hebrews 11:1**



Faith is to be sure of what we have not seen because God promised it will come. Faith is absolute dependence and reliance on the spoken word of God. Faith is trust, assurance and confidence in God. It is being sure of what we hope for because God promised it. It is being sure of what we do not see. Without faith it is impossible to please God because we will not come to Him unless we believe that He exists and He has sure reward for all who patiently seek Him. Our faith honours God.



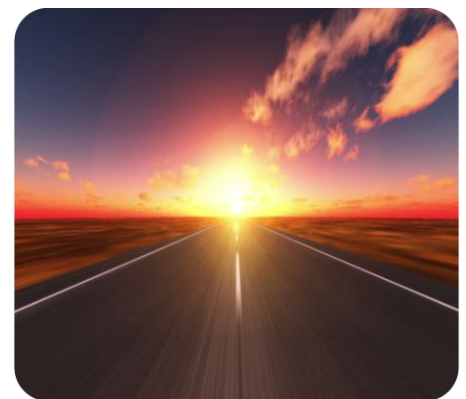
When we honour God by trusting Him, He becomes pleased with us and He in turn honours our faith by granting us the

things we believe Him for. Jesus commanded us and all men to *“Have faith in God”*. Mark 11:22

### 2. Deploying faith in Kingdom service

*“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went”.* **Hebrews 11:7-8**

Obedience and faithfulness are leading indication of a life of faith in God. Obedience is the response of faith to God's instructions and commandments. Part of God's commandment is that we should serve Him. We are saved to serve. Faith will make us serve God at all times; when convenient and when it is not; when we are appreciated and when we are not; with or without earthly reward because we will always see God as our employer who can reward us much more than any man.



We will endure insults, mockery and ridicule at duty posts, and look up to Him to supply everything we need to be effective at our post of duty. We will believe in the sufficiency of His power and presence to empower us to finish our tasks.

Believing men do not pray that God should not give them difficult tasks or assignments. Rather, they pray to become stronger men and women. They allow God to determine their tasks and give them the power that will make them equal to the task He has given them. Whatever area of ministry or church work we are assigned to, we should trust God to empower us and give us everything we need to succeed and prosper in it. He will.

### 3. Faithfulness of believing servants

*‘And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?’*

**Numbers 12:6-8**

*“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing”.*

**Mathew 24:45-46**

Faith and faithfulness goes together. Unfaithfulness is caused by unbelief. Those who are unfaithful in their duty post do not believe that God is everywhere and can see all that they are doing. Not only that, unfaithful people do not

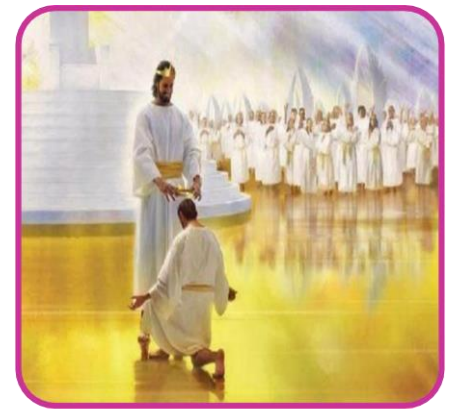
Believe in divine recompense and retribution for all that man is doing on earth; whether good or bad; and that there is a reckoning day. On the other hand, believing servants are faithful to God in everything they do. Faithfulness will make us do the right thing at the right time and in the right way because we know that God is watching. Whether man sees us or not, we will work with clean, clear and sensitive conscience. We will not want to do anything that will displease God. Faithfulness also has to do with transparency, accountability and honesty in handling God’s business and church matter; and in dealing with others.



Faithful servants do not steal, embezzle or mismanaged ministry, mission or church money. Faithful servants will not convert church properties or belongings to personal possessions. Faithfulness will make us discriminate between the holy and unclean. We will abstain from all appearances of evil. Believing servants do not join multitude to do evil.



They do not join in rebellion against church leadership. Rather, they hope for the best to come out of every adverse or unpleasant experiences and situation in the church. They trust that God would right all wrongs and redress every cheating, injury or insults that they might have suffered or might be suffering while working for God. They keep looking at Jesus who is the author and finisher of their faith. In the end, it is not how much work we have done in the kingdom that God will reward but how faithful we were in the little or much that he has assigned to us to do. *Mathew 24:45-51, 25:23*



**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

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**William Wilberforce** (24 August 1759 - 29 July 1833). He was the only son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilberforce of Hull, England. When William was only 9 years old his father died and he was sent to live with his aunt and uncle, Hannah and William Wilberforce at Wimbledon. He was placed in a private school where he remained for two years. He received early religious training while living with them.

After returning home he began to drift away from his faith and by the time he went to St. John's College, Cambridge he embraced a life of partying and excess. During this time he made contacts with people who, like himself, would become well-known leaders in England. One of the people he met in college was William Pitt who would later become Prime Minister.

When he was nearly through college his grandfather and his cousin motivated him to show interest in parliamentary politics. However, William Pitt was the one who actually provide the impetus for his decision to enter politics. He was only 21 years old when he was elected to Parliament for Kingston in Hull. Three years later he was reelected as a Member of Parliament for Yorkshire.

A turning point in his life came when he made a tour of Europe with Isaac Milner, the younger brother of Joseph Milner who had been the headmaster of the grammar school he attended. They had long talks as they traveled together. William was convinced to devote his life to Jesus Christ and to the cause of the abolition of slavery in the British colonies. He began to read the Bible and underwent a spiritual conversion. He determined he would use his public office to bring about social change, mainly the freeing of the slaves.

When William was 37 years old he met Barbara Spooner, a 20 year old woman and fell in love with her. They married after a very short courtship and within 10 years had 6 children. In the 44 years he served in Parliament he never lost an election, but the cause he espoused, through the Bill on Abolition of Slave Trade was defeated 11 times but was eventually

## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**WILLIAM WILBERFORCE**  
1759-1833



passed. The bill was passed by 283 votes for and 16 votes against. On 26 July 1833, after Wilberforce heard of government concessions that guaranteed the passing of the bill, the following day he grew much weaker, and he died early on the morning of 29 July at his cousin's house in Cadogan Place, London. Following the passage of the bill, thousands of slaves were rescued from ships where they had been imprisoned. William Wilberforce also worked for justice in other areas such as prison reform, workers' rights, and prevention of cruelty to animals, and education.

William Wilberforce was buried in Westminster Abbey on 3 August 1833 close to his friend William Pitt. The funeral was attended by many Members of Parliament, as well as by members of the public. In Wilberforce's home town of Hull, a public monument was erected in his honour topped by his statue. Wilberforce House in Hull was renovated by City Corporation in 1903 and opened as Britain's first slavery museum. Wilberforce Memorial School for the Blind in York was also established in 1833 in his honour. University of Hull established the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation in 2006 in a building adjoining Wilberforce's birthplace. Wilberforce University in Ohio, United States was founded in 1856 and named after him. The university was the first owned by African-American people, and is a historically black college. In Ontario, Canada, Wilberforce Colony was founded by black reformers, and inhabited by freed slaves from the United States.

### SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

" Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." 2 Chronicles 15:7

## SONG OF THE MONTH

### GO LABOUR ON

1. Go, labor on; spend, and be spent;  
Thy joy to do the Father's will;  
It is the way the Master went;  
Should not the servant tread it still?
2. Go, labor on: 'tis not for nought;  
Thy earthly loss is heav'nly gain;  
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;  
The Master praises, what are men?
3. Go, labor on; your hands are weak,  
Your knees are faint, your souls cast down;  
Yet falter not; the prize you seek  
Is near, a kingdom and a crown.
4. Go, labor on while it is day,  
The world's dark night is hastening on;  
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,  
It is not thus that souls are won.
5. Men die in darkness at your side,  
Without a hope to cheer the tomb;  
Take up the torch and wave it wide,  
The torch that lights time's thickest gloom.
6. Press on, faint not, keep watch and pray;  
Be wise the erring soul to win;  
Go forth into the world's highway,  
Compel the wanderer to come in.
7. Press on, and in thy work rejoice;  
For work comes rest, the prize thus won;  
Soon shalt thou hear the Master's voice,  
The midnight cry, Behold, I come!

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