



The Prescribed Life

Devotional by Malcolm Henderson, MD

“Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? I robbed other churches by taking wages from them to serve you; and when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone; for when the brethren came from Macedonia they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so.” – 2 Corinthians 11:7-9

This devotional will have a slightly different tone than you're accustomed to as I am usually inspired to present a challenge in an effort to push us, as American Christians, to examine our Christian walks in light of the standards put forth by the Bible. As I was studying Scripture and read the above passage, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, telling me to relay to you what He was placing in my heart—which was an overwhelming spirit of thanksgiving!

Joy and I want to express our deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your faithful prayers and ongoing financial support of this ministry and our family. Without you, this ministry could not possibly function in a sustainable manner. As I read this passage, God told me that these words written by Paul to the Corinthian church could also be written by Joy and I to the Haitian church. Being a missionary is, many times, and in many ways, very different from being a pastor. A pastor is usually sustained and financially provided

for by his congregation. This is allowable by Scripture as seen in 1 Corinthians 9:14, “In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.”

Many pastors perform their ministries in areas where the congregants are capable of giving money to support the physical church and the pastor's family. However, many missionaries, like us, minister to people who exist in extreme abject-poverty in developing countries making financial giving virtually impossible for them. In these cases, American missionaries are forced to turn to their American brothers and sisters in Christ to support them and their ministries. So please understand that your support gives us the ability to preach the gospel to the poor and suffering of Haiti free of charge!

So, like Paul, Joy, the kids, and I are not a “burden to anyone” in Haiti as they hear and receive the saving words of the gospel

for free! You, and your generosity, are directly investing in Kingdom work in Haiti as your prayers and money are supporting the salvation of Haitian men, women, and children!! Additionally, it is so exciting and encouraging for Joy and I to daily open the Bible and see our lives, and this ministry, in the pages of Scripture! It is our prayer that you share in this excitement as you notice that what you are doing elevates you from a seated spectator to an on-the-field player.

Through your willingness to obey, you enter into the pages of the Bible as opposed to remaining outside of them as so many unfortunately and persistently choose to do. We are all soldiers in this continual fight against Satan and his demonic earthly agenda. Thank you all for choosing, not only to wear the armor of God, but to also step out onto the battlefield and work together with us in Haiti to defeat the works of the devil as countless Haitians are being reconciled to their Father in heaven through the salvation found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Stay strong, stay in the Word, stay motivated and driven, and keep your minds in warrior status as only we have the Sword that is capable of slaying the evil one—wield it for the entirety of your time on this earth as it is our right and honor to do so as sons and daughters of the Most High God!! We love you, and once again—thank you!

Thank you

With your support, we've helped our brothers and sisters below.

Joy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who so generously responded to the Haitian needs that we made known to you a few months ago. Your love for the people of Haiti and willingness to help them in their time of profound struggle greatly encourages Joy and I. We felt so blessed to be supported and surrounded by such dedicated and dependable brothers and sisters in Christ! You all enable this ministry to continue functioning in a complete and efficient way. Thank You for your ongoing faithfulness to God's Kingdom expanding work in Haiti!

"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." – Proverbs 19:17



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Baby Cayo and his mother



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David



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Jeff



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Oxeran's daughter



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Over the course of this last year through the bestowing of His grace, God has allowed us to witness the fruit of five long and difficult years of continual evangelism to the lost souls of vodou priests, priestesses, and their families in South Haiti. This ministry, which to remain effective must continue to be performed passionately by all of us, is conquering longtime geographic and ancestral strongholds of demons. It is within this rupture and destruction of demonic power, that those previously imprisoned in the infernal cages of vodou have now been released from their sin and reconciled to their Father in heaven through the power of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

This is something to celebrate! It must be remembered though, that victory today cannot produce complacency tomorrow. We must continue to battle persistently, pray passionately, go boldly, and support sacrificially.



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Missions is a labor of enduring love, and we, like Jesus, must love the lost enough to care about their eternity, and it is this fierce dedication to missions that will change the world! **Due to your support and love, the 15 men and women, in these photos, who were formerly known as vodou priests and priestesses have recently been saved by God and the gospel of Christ and are now living in the freedom of Christianity!** They have even made public proclamations of their faith through the burning of magic books and ceremonial robes, the tearing down of demonic temples, and the destruction of

charms, talismans, magic jewelry and other items used in the practice of witchcraft thus proving their total commitment to Christ with no plans to return to their prior lives.



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Their salvation has come at great physical cost though, and if their newfound poverty and loss of social status is allowed to persist, frustration will develop and progress with the eventual temptation to return to Satan. Please understand that your prayers and financial support are the means that God uses to stave off these potential calamities as these new Christians now have hope both in their eternity and in their temporal physical existence. Thanks to all of you, we have been able to make purchases that serve as vocational initiators such as: motorcycles, goats, chickens, cows, and a variety of items, such as clothing, food, toiletries, medicines, etc. used to start small street corner businesses.



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This is true Christianity, where the Church functions as a unit in which we support one another, pray for each other, celebrate successes together, and cry over losses together. You, members of the American Church, are joining hands to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters who make up the Haitian Church, and I can Biblically assure you that God is pleased with this. So please continue to join us in the ministry, and let us together defeat Satan in arguably his greatest stronghold on this earth—Haiti. We love you all and we hope that seeing the fruit of your prayers and giving encourages you to the same extent that it has encouraged us! God bless you all, and please “don’t grow weary in well doing!”

“If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.”
– Isaiah 58:10



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Mission Statement

Charis (Greek for God's Grace) operates in complete obedience to God, giving Him His rightful place in determining the path and goals of His ministry that He has, by grace, allowed us to perform. Charis primarily focuses on the unseen spiritual needs in Haiti, and secondarily on the seen physical needs, always remembering that our success is completely dependent on the will of God, the gospel of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit working effectively through us, His willing servants.