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**"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE"**  
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Thank you Melvin!

A practicing Christian pays careful attention to those Gospel details, which are necessary in his daily life, if he expects to be a part of "The Rapture," when Jesus returns in clouds of glory for His very own. I am certain, television viewers, that if you are like me, you do not want to be left behind. You do not want to be counted among the multitudes, who failed to acquire their salvation through the simple act of water baptism in the name of Jesus. Therefore, it would be a great gain Spiritually, if you took this time to partake in the reading of God's Word during the presentation of my sermon, which i have entitled, **"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE."**

Have you ever sought help to overcome some monumental problems, and not found that help? Have you needed guidance and direction to do right in the eyes of God, that is, to live a life above sin? In these times of peril, have you wished for that special protection to sustain you, whether in or out of the House of God? Well, look no further. The answers to these questions are within your reach and are found in the many facets of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Join us in these weekly telecasts, and I'm sure the solutions will unfold before you.

As we go through our message for this morning, let us keep this thought in our hearts and minds, "A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice?" Lest we forget, we need to be reminded that (1) a Christian bears the name of Jesus; (2) our lives are always on view to others; (3) we, individually and collective, as the body of Christ, are the living examples that observant men and women praise or blame; and (4) our Savior is measured by the world, according to the example we set.

When you, television viewers, define the word; example, you will see that it means standard, sample, case in point. Our standard is the Word of God, which is above everything. Our sample is Jesus, for He is a divine example for all who will obey Him.

The following facts were gathered from a study of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible: (1) "The Scriptures contain 3, 586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, and 1,189 chapters; (2) The word 'and' occurs 1,855 times, but the word 'reverend' only once; (3) Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except 'J'; and (4) the longest verse is Esther 8:9, and the shortest in the English language is John 11:35." To all of this I say, "So what?"

Although it's wonderful to have such a deep interest in God's Word that we're willing to spend countless hours compiling this data, what good is gained if these facts are not

translated into acts? Our study does result in deeper consecration, vital service, and accomplishes what the Lord intends.

Saints, Friends, and TV Audience, we do not want to fulfill II Timothy 3:7, which says, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Therefore, viewers, I know that I would rather have you read one verse in the Bible and live it, than to have you memorize a dozen things about it only to take intellectual pride in your attainment. You are better off if you believe and understand one chapter than if you commit to memory a whole book and don't let the message become a reality in your life.

Do you want the Lord to speak to you, and use you? Then you need to read God's Word with a teachable spirit and then your Bible study becomes the means of producing truly Christlike acts rather than an exercise in the accumulation of facts. James 1:22 tells us, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The thought here is the Bible informs us and thru the power of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed.

Bro. Paul speaks of God's righteousness through us in Romans 12:12, "I Beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

At this time, let us proceed to "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God."

Yes, television viewers, we need the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, as Jesus Christ describes in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Reading on in John 3:3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." The word, "again," is inserted because God knows we were born once of our physical parents. Jesus Christ says in verse 7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Being, "born again," may sound strange to you. To explain this, let's see what the Bible has to say.. .for God's Word is very realistic. It teaches that no one can gain entrance into Heaven by good works, as explained in Titus 3:4-5, "After that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

There is none righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Our personal experiences teach us that we all have broken God's laws, and have not done the best we could do.

We, by nature, are described as being "dead in trespasses and sins, alienated from the life of God, or as having not life." Just as a body without physical life is declared physically dead, so a person separated from the life of God is described in the Bible, as being Spiritually dead. Being dead in trespasses and sins, we cannot hope to enter into Heaven. We need new lives, cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, and we need to be restored to fellowship with God.

We must be born into a new life. We must be born again. Jesus Christ came to bring us this new life as He says in John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

This means full joy and true happiness. When we are born again, we receive new life in Jesus Christ, which is happier and fuller than the life we had before.

We cannot bring about new birth by our own efforts, any more than a baby can cause its own conception. Rebirth is a new, Spiritual start that God initiates and completes. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus.. .and apart from the Spiritual rebirth, we remain outside of God's family.

The essence of being born again is addressed in John 3:5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

To be born of water is to be baptized therein, going down into the water, being buried in water, and then coming up out of the water. This is the Lord's way of being born again. The definition of the term baptism is to dip, to plunge or immerse. Therefore, sprinkling or pouring water over a person is not correct according to God's Word.

To be born of the Spirit, as found in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This refers to being baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in the unknown tongue, to signify according to the Bible that you have received the Holy Spirit.

The instructions in Acts 2:38 approve the true baptism, "Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is confirmed in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

We find that, 1) The name of the Father is Jesus...He said in John 5:43, "I come in my Father's name;" 2) The name of the Son is Jesus...Matthew 1:21 says, "Thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins;" and 3) The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus as confirmed in John 14:26, "...Whom the Father will send in my name."

According to God's Word, Jesus Christ is the only saving name. There is only one name, one baptism, one faith, one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one God, and Father of us all.

Let us now return our focus to today's sermon topic, "BE THOU AN EXAMPLE."

To the believers and Saints of God I say "yes, you may read and even believe "The Gospel," but what do others say, and what do they think of "The Gospel," according to you? Remember, you and I represent "The gospel of the kingdom of God" and bear responsibility for a Christ-like example. Let's read I Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

When the scripture says, "Let no man despise thy youth," it is referring to the fact that many believe because they might be young in age; they will react without thinking of the responsibility they bear. The Lord is no respecter of persons. He looks at the heart and knows the thoughts, intents, and the will of man.

Therefore, to every believer I also say, "Whether we be young or old in age, we must strive to be good examples. We should not allow ourselves to think that just because a brother or sister is young that he/she is incapable of being a good example. With God, all things are possible.

Bro. Paul further admonishes, "But be thou an example of the believers." This means that our goal should be that of a pattern in the righteousness of God. This is only accomplished through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and a willingness to keep the personal life right in God's standard of righteousness.

So much of what we learn is based on examples, and the Lord wants each of us to be good patterns for each other first, so that those of the world can see what God has wrought in us. Surely, we are a "peculiar people, zealous of good works" and we "speak and exhort" these things, and "rebuke with all authority (Titus 2:7-15)."

Bro. Paul was an educated and informed man of his time. Read for yourselves, viewers, what he had to say pertaining to this in Philippians 3:7-8, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

Bro. Paul is saying it like it is. Worldly ways are for a short season, then death. Excellency and great gain is found in the Lord's work and is the only way to eternal life. Is it any wonder that we are urged on to be an example "in word."

By choosing God's righteousness, everything else falls into its proper place, including our very own words from our mouth. We read Colossians 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness can be profitable when using the scriptures, which are the inspiration of God. This gives the man of God the opportunity to strive towards perfection and maturity and all the while being completely furnished for all good works (II Timothy 3:16-17).

It is the Word of God that will be used in the end as the standard by which the whole world will be judged. We can never thank the Lord enough for the gift of Holy Ghost: Who leads, guides, directs, and teaches us the fullness of the Word of God. Because we have the mind of Christ, we can know the depths of the Scripture.

Thus, being rich in wisdom, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are capable of teaching and admonishing because the Master of all gifts dwells within us and blesses us with our needs for the Gospel work.

Psalms, hymns, Spiritual songs, and singing with grace (heavenly assistance) in our hearts to the Lord is an important part of our worship and giving God the glory. The Lord loves to hear us "continually," offering "the fruit of our lips," giving thanks to His name (Hebrews 13:15), and blesses us with His joy because the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

In every word and deed that we do in Jesus name, be advised that the world is watching our example of that, which we do, all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

We are reminded by Bro. Paul to be an example "in conversation." The power of evil communication is greater than we realize at times. God's Word tells us that "a little fire can do a lot of damage." The tongue is the fire, and it can be a world of iniquity. Man has tamed every type of animal he can think of, but the tongue still remains ungovernable. In James 3:8, it reads, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

The challenge is before us to exhibit wisdom, understanding, good conduct, good works, a consistent life, and meekness. Truly, only the Lord can help us, because this is a great challenge (James 3:5-13).

Thanks be to God again, for the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within us and helps us, so that we can strive to be holy in all manner of conversation. The Lord wants us without spot or wrinkle because He is a Holy God, deserving of nothing but the best, a Holy People, as explained in I Peter 1:15-16, "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."

As Christians, Christ-like in everything about our presence, we are encouraged to be examples "in charity," that is love. The Bible description for charity is found in I Corinthians 13:4-7 and is as follows: (1) "suffereth long" which means patiently enduring all types of injury; (2) "is kind" meaning gentle and considerate in behavior; (3) "envieth not" meaning doesn't want a person deprived nor wants the object; (4) "vaunteth not" meaning not to speak boastfully;

(5) "is not puffed up" means that conceit, arrogance, and one's sense of superiority is not on display; (6) "doth not behave unseemly" means that proper and decent behavior is always exemplified; (7) "seeketh not her own," which means to be unselfish and self-sacrificing; (8) "not easily provoked" means not easily irritated, angered, or filled with resentment; (9) "thinketh no evil" is the same as having a clean mind and heart;

(10) "no joy in iniquity" means there is no happiness in violating right or justice; (11) "rejoiceth in truth" means the Word of God is Truth, and furthermore, that love enjoys being one with God Almighty; (12) "beareth all things" is refraining from an action, while exercising as much patience and self-control, as possible, with the help of the Lord; (13) "believeth all things" is faith, the gift that comes from hearing the Word of God;

(14) "hopeth all things" is the saving element in life for Romans 8:24 says, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" (15) "endureth all things" is best amplified by Matthew 10:22 which says to everyone, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Thus, if you want to be saved, then you must strive to perfection and maturity by letting the Lord mold you according to His standard of love, which is "the bond of perfectness," as found in Colossians 3:14, "And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Our lives depend on love and the Bible educates us to the fact that "Love is of God," for "God is love," and therefore, how much more must we "love one another" to be perfect in the Lord, as found in 1 John 4:7-8, & verses 19-21, Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

To be an example "in Spirit" we must have received the manifestation of the gift of the Holy ghost, which is the speaking in the unknown tongue, the only Bible evidence of God dwelling in an individual.

Now, TV viewers, you are empowered to "worship in Spirit and in truth" as John 4:24 says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." Think about this for a second. On things Spiritual, do you go to an auto mechanic? No! Of course not. All you now have to do is talk to the Living God, Jesus, who now dwells in you thru the power of the Holy Ghost, and you will be able to listen to the wooing of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says it simply, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

As the temple of the living God, we must not allow ourselves to be in complicity with idolatry because we are God's people; He lives within us, and he is with us everywhere we go. The Lord wants us to be a separate people, clean in His way, and then He will receive us as His very own.

This means that we now become His sons and daughters, and He becomes our Father, as found in 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

God's Word further teaches us that we must be an example "in faith." Let us read Hebrew 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This means simply that what we believe in, has been assured to us by the Word of God and will become a reality when we see Him.

A good example of faith is that we all believe there is a heaven and continue to work to that end; however, none of us have seen whether there is a heaven or not; we just take God at His Word.

Finally, in being an example, we must not forget "purity." Let's read 1 Thessalonians 5:21-24, which says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved, blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

The word purity is used to mean clean and innocent of any wrong whatsoever. The Spirit of God thru Bro. Paul backs this up by saying, "abstain from the very appearance of evil." In other words, viewers, when you see wrong, don't become a part of it. Stay away from it. Mark it and avoid it.

The world judges Christians by their words and actions, not by their pious wishes or good intentions. The Lord admonishes every believer to set a good example in all that is said and done. He knows that others would be influenced by our pattern of conduct.

It is true, viewers, you may be the only Christian in the office or factory or on the field where you work each day. Perhaps you are a housewife or student who must stand alone as a true water-washed, blood-washed, Spirit-filled, enduring unto the end, Christian in your home or classroom. Never, and I repeat, never, think that what you say or do is not important.

Put before the world a clean testimony that shines like the example you are by living according to God's will and His Word. The Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, will be pleased, and men will be influenced by your shining example. Philippians 2:13 tells us, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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