

Disciple
“Supportive of a World Vision”

Should a Disciple of Christ support a World Vision?

Many times, we are focused on ourselves rather than on the Body of Christ (World Vision).

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Luke 4:5-8 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me.”
⁸ Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

I. Given All Authority

Because of sin, in the Garden of Eden, authority was lost (handed over) to Lucifer.

What is Authority?

The power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.

Adam & Eve –

Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

Abram –

Genesis 12:2-3 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

The Church –

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

II. Therefore, Go!

God has a way to ask, then strongly request and then a command, “**Go**.”

It is believed that when Israel refused to “**Go**” God sent their enemies to them.

Genesis 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.
Going to different countries exposes you to different languages, sceneries, cultures, promotes respect and tolerance for people, food, customs, traditions (beliefs) it gives you a wider perspective of the world and the body of Christ.

III. Teach these new Disciples

When we come to Christ, there are habits, customs, traditions, and ugly ways of behaving that need to change.

Romans 12:2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV)

Teaching is based on repetition, which can be exhausting at times.

Some Examples of Teachers (mentors)

Jethro to Moses

Eli to Samuel

Elijah to Elisha

Naomi to Ruth

Mordecai to Esther

Priscilla and Aquila to Apollos

Paul to Timothy

Edward Kimball a Sunday school teacher mentored D. L. Moody, Moody mentored J. Wilbur Chapman, Chapman mentored Billy Sunday, Billy Sunday mentored Mordecai Ham, Mordecai mentored Billy Graham.

Billy Graham evangelized over 215 million people in over 400 Crusades.

IV. I am with You Always.

We are not orphans.

John 14:18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (NKJV)

V. Have a World Vision

Proverbs 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Romans 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

When we focus on the body, it brings a full picture, then just focusing one member of the body.