SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

THE MISSION OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

27th February 2016 Sunset Hotel-Jinja Time: 7:30am to 5:30 pm

1A. THE GREAT COMMISSION: Before ascension to Heaven after resurrection from the dead, the Lord Jesus Christ Commissioned the 11 Apostles and his disciples to make other Disciples from all nations of the world. (Mathew 28:18-20)

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1B.The Mission for which Jesus Christ came down from Heaven and died in the cross was to save mankind from eternal death in the Lake of fire reserved only for Satan and his angels by reconciling man to God .(John 3:16, 2Corinthians 5:19).

¹C. He delegated the responsibility of preaching the gospel to mankind (His Disciples). The soul of man is very precious before the Lord. Just only one soul saved causes the entire Heaven to have a celebration (Luke 15:7, 10).

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The Bible says that a wise person invests in saving souls. (Proverbs 11:30). The most profitable and eternal investment is in souls of mankind.

Every disciple of Jesus Christ is responsible to God for the salvation of his or her neighbor. He or she is likened to a watchman on a tower charged with responsibility to warn the people in the city in case of any invasion. (Ezekiel 33:1-8)

2A: HOW IS THIS ACHIEVABLE?

Exemplarily living: The way believers conducts themselves is a gospel of its own. Non-believers do not read the Bible, but the lives of believers (Mathew 5:13, 1Peter 2: 11-13)

Verbal proclamation of the good news: To communicate the good news without shame to an unbeliever Luke 9:26, Romans 10:14 Participation by sending some one by giving resources Romans 10:

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2B: THE MANDATE: Jesus Christ has fully delegated His authority to his disciples for the task of rescuing man from the clutches of the devil.

Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Helper, the Holy Spirit before they could launch out on the mission Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit:

- (i) Energizes the Word and knocks directly in the heart of a sinner
- (ii) He convicts the sinner of his sinful condition and leads him or her into genuine repentance John 16:8" He destroys the caveat the devil has placed upon every sinner 2Corinthians 4:4
- (iii) He helps the sinner to be transformed (changed).

2C. AUTHORITY: He has given the authority to His disciples over the powers of darkness Mark 16:15-18

- (a) Cast out demons Mathew 10:1, Mark 16:17
- (b) Heal the sick Luke 9:2, Luke 10:9, and Mathew 10:8
- (c) Destroy the works of Satan 1John 3:8
- (d) Protection Mathew 28:20, Isaiah 54:17,

The disciple of Jesus Christ is not under the Jurisdiction of Satan any longer, but that of God Colossians 1:131Peter 2:9-10

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The devil thrives by:

- (i) Deception Rev.12:9
- (ii) Condemnation Rom.8:1
- (iii) Accusations Rev.12:10
- (iv) Intimidation 1Pet.5:8
- Know the Truth

Repent in faith and believe

- Keep a pure conscience
- Resist him steadfast the Lord

2D THE GOSPEL:

The gospel needs to be clearly identified. There are good things that resemble the gospel, but they are not:

These are some of the good things which can be additional blessings from the Lord, but they are not the gospel:

- (a) Message of prosperity and good living on earth
- (b) A good health and long life
- (c) Success in whatever field
- (d) Having influence and popularity

1Corinthians 1: 1 Corinthians 9:18

2E. THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Every one is a sinner without Jesus Christ. It does not matter how they try to be good by works. Jesus is the only way to the Father (Not religion, nor works, philosophy). Therefore every one needs to REPENT, forsake his or her way, and welcome Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. He will forgive their sin, cleanse them and usher them into the Kingdom of God justified as true sons and daughters.

If they reject the gospel of salvation though Jesus Christ, they will be utterly lost and destined to eternal doom in the Lake of fire, which is the second death. That is also the future of Satan and his demons.

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SALVATION AND SIN

The gospel, and the concepts of sin and redemption needs to be clearly understood.

God created man in His image to have dominion over creation. Genesis 1:27-28. God gave man the Garden of Eden to live in and operate from. Man disobeyed God's clear instruction through the deception of Satan, not to eat of the forbidden tree. After succumbing to temptation, man lost the following:

- (i) He lost the relationship and fellowship with God and became a slave to Satan; completely separate from God
- (ii) He lost the righteous nature of God and assumed the sinful nature of Satan. Genesis 3:7 He lost the dominion of the world; it slipped off to the devil. Luke 4:6
- (iii) He lost his place, the garden of Eden and driven out of it. Genesis 3:23-24

These can be summed as man died though he was still eating and walking around.

There was therefore need for "**reconciliation**" between God and man while taking into account of God's nature of "justice" and "Holiness." 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, *Hebrew 2:17*

God sent His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to satisfy His own Justice to pay for the sin of man. He became a ransom who died on behalf of man. Mathew 20:28, 1Timothy 2:6

Whoever receives Jesus Christ has all that was lost above restored:

- (i) The relationship and fellowship is restored. John 1:12 The righteousness is restored. The redeemed of the Lord and the righteous, but not the righteousness of their own derived from works, but the righteousness of God inputted upon them. 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans4:5 He is no longer under the jurisdiction or sphere of Satan's dominion, but transferred to the dominion of Christ. Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 8:17
- (ii) The Beautiful Garden of Eden is the paradise for the saints. Luke 23:43, Revelation 2:7
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2G PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE:

- (i) With Simplicity Acts 20:34
- (ii) With courtesy James 3:13
- (iv) Powerfully Acts 1:8
- (v) With discernment 1Cointhians 2:14
- (vi) Wisdom Acts 6:10
- (vii) Confidence Acts 4:13, 29,31

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2E. CAUTION

Caution must be observed because it is a battle with Satan. He fights back using defenseless points

- (i) Testimony 1Corinthians 5:11, Ephesians 5:3
- (ii) Carelessness or thoughtlessness Ephesians 5:16
- (iii) Unpreparedness, most especially in prayer, relationships etc Mathew 5:23, Mark 11:25

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3.A COMMON AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE BOUND AND BLINDED BY THE DEVIL 2CORINTHIANS 4:4

- 1. FAMILY
- 2. SEX AND RELATIONS
- **3. RELIGION**
- 4. FOOD AND DRINKS
- 5 CULTURE

6 MONEY

7 THE WORLD AND LEISURE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS:

1. FAMILY CATEGORY

Question 1.1: My parents or my family is not from a born again Church, and if I give my life to Jesus Christ against the will of my parents, don't you think my family will be offended? yet the Bible also teaches that obey your father and mother.

Answer 1. 1: The Bible does not say, "Obey your parents", but says, "Obey your parents in the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-3 *Children, obey your parent in the Lord, for this is Right, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise) SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."*

You can always obey your parents, leaders etc as long as what they are asking you to do is agreeable with Scripture. But when there is a clash, then you take the side of the Lord. If any one loves and obeys parents and leaders more than the Lord is not worthy of the Lord.

Mathew 10:34-38. Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to being peace, but a sword. For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HE MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; AND A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more that me is not worthy of me. And he who does not follow his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

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Question 1.2: I am still a student depending on my parents. My parents do not agree that I give my life to Jesus Christ. What should I do, because I do not want to loose my education?

Answer1. 2: To get saved, one does not need permission from any one including parents. In fact, the parents and relatives will turn against you if they are not saved. 2 Timothy 3:12. *Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

God will take over in your life if you rely on Him for help. 1 Samuel 2:30 Therefore, the Lord God if Israel declares, I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before me forever; but now the lord declares, far be it from me- for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me will be lightly esteemed.

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Question1. 3: My husband is not saved and hates salvation. When I get save, he will beat me or even divorce me, yet I love him and we have children together. What should I do?

Answer 1. 3: A relationship with God through Jesus Christ is far better than your relationship with your husband on earth. Mark you in Heaven where you will spend eternity, there is no marriage; people live like angels. Mathew 22:30. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Secondly, what does it profit you to gain the marriage and lose your life. Mathew 16:26? For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?



Question 1.4: I have more than one wife against the Bible teaching. I love them all. Can I also get saved? If I get saved, what happens to the other women?

Answer 1.4: Yes, you can saved and go to Heaven if you do not add more. Only you will not assume any leadership position in the Church. 1 Timothy 3:2, An over seer, then must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, Titus 1:6. Namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

You should not be tempted to send away any as long as they still want to stay with you. But if one or both decide on their own to leave you, then it is okay for you. 1 Corithians 7:12-13.But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. And a woman who has an unbelieving husband and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

Question 1.5: I am a child from a family in which one parent is saved and the other is not. They are fighting over me. What should I do?

Answer 1. 5: In your situation, you cannot please both parents if one hates salvation. Be a good witness to the one who is still in darkness: You can do that by loving and respecting the one who is still in darkness the same way you do to the saved one. Never enter into personal issues between your parents or take sides on personal issues. Mathew 5:9 blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called sons of God.

2. SEX, LOVE AND RELATIOSHIP CATEGORY

Question 2.1: I have a boy friend or a girl friend, when I get saved do I continue with the relationship?

Answer 2.1: No, the Bible does not encourage a believer to get married to a non-believer. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17 *Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; jus as God said, I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE, says the Lord. AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; and I will welcome you.,* 1 Corinthians 15:33. *Do not be deceived: Bad Company corrupts good morals,*

Amos 3:3 Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?

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Question 2.2: I am a mature man but without a job or good source of income, when I get saved, am I not supposed to have sex with a woman until I wed? How can I handle that?

Answer 2.2: Yes, you are not supposed to have sex (commit fornication) till you are married. 1 Corinthians 7:2. But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife and each woman is to have her own husband.

The Holy Spirit who dwells in you shall give you self control.

Pray and trust God to provide a wife to you. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 19:14 It's rising is from one end of the heaves, And its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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Question2.3: I am a single mature girl and I survive through help from my boyfriends, i.e. they pay rent and buy me food; when I get saved, am I supposed to continue with that life style, if not, How am I going to manage life?

Answer 2.3: For your salvation to be complete, repentance from the sins of fornication and prostitution is necessary. Ephesians 5:3 But immorality or any other impurity or greedy must not even be named among you as it is improper among saints; and, 1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

You have to ask God in payer to give you an alternative way of earning a decent living though hard work. Proverbs 28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of food, but he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty, 2 Thessolonians 3:12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you,

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Question 2.4: I have a baby with my boyfriend and for him to be helping with the baby, he has to have sex with me, when I get saved, can that continue; if not what can I do.?

Answer 2:4: No, you must not continue to sin because of your baby together to be helped. If he loves you and you too love him, and if he is single then get married. 1 Corinthians 7:2. But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

But then you have to know that he must give you liberty to be saved. 1 Corinthians 7:13, and a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. Question2.5: I am living with my husband as the second wife. The man loves me better than the other woman. We have children as well. If I get saved does it mean that I leave him?

Answer 2.5: No, you should not rush to the decision of leaving your marriage unless the Holy Spirit convicts you to do that. Many people have done that and have greatly regretted. Remain in the condition salvation found you. 1 Corinthians 7:20-21. Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called. Were you called while a slave? Do not weary about it; but if you are able also to became free, rather do that



3 RELIGION

Question3. 1: Which one is the best religion?

Answer 3.1: Religion is man-made, a works-based means of trying to reach God. Unfortunately there is no single religion that meets the requirement for salvation of man except through Jesus Christ only. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father but through me.

This is achievable by faith though God's own Grace. Good works are therefore a manifestation of Salvation as the Holy Spirit is active in the life of a believer. James 1:26-27 *If any one thinks himself to be righteous, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

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Question 3.2: I am a Catholic/Protestant and I love it because I was baptized there. When I get saved do I have to leave my religion?

Answer 3.2: In Heaven there is neither a Catholic, Protestant, Mulokole etc. People will be brethren and saints. These are man-made institutions which people may even cling to without a relationship with Christ Jesus. 1 Corinthians 3:3-5, For you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like a mere man? For when one says, I am of Paul, and another say, I am of Apollo's, are you not mere men? What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the lord gave opportunity to each one.

It is not bad to belong to any group of Christian believers as a foundation for growth and service. However, do not be imprisoned within the walls of your group and Judge others outside your group. Let Scriptures be the basis of your direction. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.*

Question3. 3: I am Muslim and believe in Allah. Why do you want me to change religion by getting saved yet we serve the same God?

Answer 3.3: Muslims and Christians do not serve the same God, nor are they headed for the same eternity. To a Christian, God can be contacted though Jesus Christ alone and the Bible is its source of information and instructions. To a Muslim, the Quran is the basis of instruction. The Bible and the Quran are quite different from each other. Not only do they differ in information, but in values and attitudes. So the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Israel and father of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be the Allah of Muslims. God cannot contradict Himself. *Malachi 3:6 For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed,* and Numbers 23:19 *God is not a man, that he should lie, Nor a son of man, that he should repent; Has He said, and will he do it? Or Has He spoken, and will he not make it good?*

Question3. 4: Why should I get saved when I see and hear of dubious things done by saved people including their pastors?

Answer 3:4: Yes it is true, some of the so called "saved" and their leaders are doing dubious things and will be judged by God for that. Mathew 7:21-23. Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, perform many miracles? And I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.

However, we are not judged as a group but individuals and standard of Judgment is based on scripture Note that it is curse to trust in man rather than God. Psalms 146:3 *Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation*. And Jeremiah 17:5 *Thus says the LORD, Cursed is the man who trusts in man kind and make flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the LORD.*

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Question 3.5: Is leaving your religion or a religion of your parent not a sin?

Answer 3.5 : It is not a sin to deviate from your parents ways, culture and religion to follow Jesus Christ. Mathew 15:2-3 Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. And he answered and said to them, why do you your self transgress the commandments of God for the sake of your tradition?

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4. FOOD & DRINKS

Question 4.1: I love and I am addicted to drinking alcohol, yet I hear that when one gets saved he or she must not consume alcohol. How will I manage life?

Answer 4.1: It is true that we are not saved by not drinking alcohol. However, alcohol is a kind of slavery that the Bible prohibits. Drunkenness is not allowed for the sons and daughters of God. Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, Isaiah 5:11-12, Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink, who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them! Their banquets are accompanied by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; but they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, nor do they consider the work of His hands. Proverbs 31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, is not for kings to drink wine, O for rulers to desire strong drink,

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Question4. 2: Why do saved people eat pork? Yet the Bible is against it.

Answer 4.2: In the New Testament dispensation (The church era) circumcision and the dietary restrictions which applied to Israel were abolished during the Jerusalem convention except eating of blood or dead animal. Acts 15:19-20 Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, But that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood.

It is not what a person eats which spoils a person, but the attitude within. Mathew 15:18-19 But the things that proceed out from the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, and slanders.

Question 4.3: I am a Muslim, and when I get saved must I eat pork?

Answer 4.3: It is not a must that all Muslim converts to Christianity must demonstrate their salvation by eating port. Eating and not eating pork or any other foods does not make us better or worse Christians. However, the Muslim convert is no longer under restriction from eating pork. 1 Cointhians 8:8 but food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

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Question 4. 4: What did Paul mean by telling Timothy to drink a little wine, and yet saved people completely prohibit it?

Answer 4.4: Apostle Paul advised Timothy to take a little wine for medicinal reasons. 1 Timothy 5:23 *No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.* At that time medical expertise had not grown to the extent it is today. Because of that limitation, wine, honey and salt were also used for medical purposes.

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Question 4.5: My parents/relatives practice witchcraft. When I get saved, should I still be able to enjoy foods and drinks associated with rituals?

Answer 4.5: No, you are not supposed to eat anything dedicated to idolatry (witchcraft): That sharing in the cup of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:20-22 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You can not drink the cup of the LORD and the cup of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger that He, Are we?

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5. CULTURE

Question 5.1: When I get saved shall I observe all the cultural rituals of my culture? How do I know that this ritual is bad or good? Are all cultural practices demonic?

Answer 5.1: Not all cultural practices are bad, but those cultural practices which contradict the inspired word of God must be discarded: Where there is a clash between culture and the inspired word, then culture must give way to the Bible. Mathew 15:3 And He answered and said to them, why do you yourselves transgress the commandments of God for the sake of your traditions? Mathew 15:6 he is not to honor his

father or his mother. And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

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Question 5.2: When I get saved, am I still subject to the "Dos" and the "Don'ts" of my culture?

Answer 5.2: No, you are no longer subject to observation of cultural "Dos" and "Don'ts" but the law of good conscience and the word of God must always apply. Colossians 2:20-23 These are matters which have to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

Question 5.3: How bout cultural practices associated with dead ancestors such as second funeral rites and appeasing the dead?

Answer 5.3: Anything associated with the dead is completely prohibited by scripture. Second, funeral rites appeasing the dead is prohibited; Consulting the dead is prohibited. Deuteronomy 18:10-11 There shall not be found any one among you who make his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcrafts, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

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Question 5 4: When I get saved, can still consult the witch doctors and visit shrines for cleansing, blessings and protection?

Answer 5.4: No, you are not to associate with the devil any more in any thing including witchcraft and visiting shrines. Leviticus 19:31 *Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God, Exodus 22:18, you shall not allow a sorceress to live.*

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Question 5.5: When I get saved, can I still use traditional medicines or items associated with witchcraft such as charms etc?

Answer 5.5: No, you are not in any way to use witchcraft items such as charms, talisman and traditional medicines prescribed by witch doctors or traditional herbalists. However, there are some common medicinal herbs or food supplements which have nothing to do with witchcraft or ritual attachment. Those can be consumed. But the guideline is not to stumble some one who will see you taking traditional medicine and feels condemned. 1 Corinthians 8:13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

6. MONEY

Question 6.1: I neither have a job nor am I educated enough to find one. I have been surviving through prostitution. When I get saved will I continue in that way?

Answer 6.1: No, when you are saved your body is temple of the Holy Spirit, and therefore not for sexual sin. 1 Corinthians 6: 18-20 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is out side the body but the immoral man sins against his own body.

You need find what you can do with your hands and meet your need in a descent way. There is always a way out. 1 Thessalonians 4:11, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If any one is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busy bodies.

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Question 6.2. I survive by brewing and selling alcohol; that is where I get my rent, food and school fees for my children. What will happen after I get saved?

Answer 6.2: The Bible prohibits the making of alcohol. Therefore an alternate business should be sought for as you wind up with alcohol business. Isaiah 5:23. Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!

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Question 6.3. My boss pays me very little money yet I work very hard. But I have also found a way of rewarding myself which he does not know. When I get saved, should I continue in that way?

Answer 6:3: No, you should not continue unless your conscience justifies you. The best is to ask for God's help to find something different and decent. Hebrews 10:12 But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my fore fathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.

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Question 6.4: My business is dealing in phonographic items / illegal items. What should I do when I get saved?

Answer 6:4: You will not continue is sinful and illegal trade. Salvation is costly, and therefore you have to destroy that business. Example in the Bible is of people who made huge profits from evil trade. Acts 19:19. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of every one; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

God has promised to bless such sacrifice made in His honor. Mark 10:29-30 Jesus said, truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for my sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age.

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Question 6.5: I have stolen/embezzled money or property which is known to me alone. When I get saved should I return it? Or what should I do?

Answer 6.5: There is no easy answer to that. Much as God requires us to pay back the wrongs we have done, but a lot of wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit is needed. Ecclesiastes 7:10 Do not say, why is it that the former days were better that these? For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this. Proverbs 16:20 He who gives attention to the word will find it good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

Question 6.6: I do not have a job but I survive though friends and relatives who hate salvation. When I get saved, I am sure they will throw me out. How will I survive?

Answer 6:6: You are not only a slave to sin but also a slave to man. Salvation should break the chain of slavery on you from man by becoming independent and meet your own needs.. 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you. Nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.

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7. THE WORLD AND LEISURE

Question 7.1: I love worldly music and Discos. Will I continue with that life when I get saved?

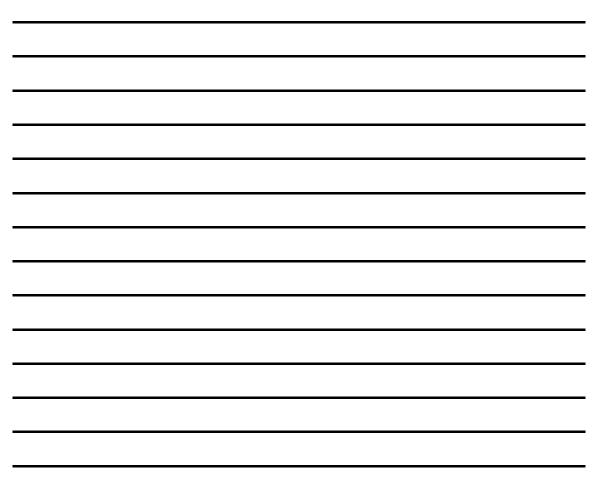
Answer7.1: Worldly music has a spirit behind it: The words, dressing code and the behavior of the singer depict immorality. As a child of God, it is wise to keep your self away from seeing and hearing information that could affect your thought life negatively. Psalms 119:

37 Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, and revive me in your ways.

Job 31:1 I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin? And Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD my rock and my redeemer.

1 John 2: 14 I have written to you, fathers because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

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Question 7.2: All my friends are not saved and I love them. Will I continue with them when I get saved?

Answer 7.2: No, the Bible teaches against friendship of a believer with non-believer. It is always easier for a non-believer to sway a Christian away from his faith than for a Christian to win him to salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness or what fellowship has light and darkness?

1 Corinthians 15:33, *Do not be deceived: bad company corrupts good morals*. Amos 3:3 *Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment*?

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Question 7.3: When I get saved can have a boyfriend/girlfriend as long as we do not engage in sexual sin?

Answer 7:3: It is not advisable for a Christian to have a boyfriend or a girlfriend because of two reasons:

- (i) It arouses love before the right time. Feeling of love are very strong and can ruin some one. Song of Songs 2:7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem. By the gazelles or by the hinds of the field, that you do not arouse or awaken my love until she pleases. Song of Songs 8:6-7. Put me like a seal over you heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, jealousy is as severe as sheol;
- (ii) It puts a person at a high risk of falling into sexual immorality and ruin God's temple which is the body of a believer. 1

Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee immorality. Every other sin a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

Boys and girls are supposed to treat each other as bother and sister with respect. Special friendship between boys and girls is worldly and it is the tactic of devil to destroy the church. Such special relations and friendship is for people with intentions to get married.

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Question 7.4: When I get saved, should I still attend parties in which alcohol and worldly music is part of as long as I do not participate in it myself?

Answer 7.4: My advice it that you should try to avoid it as much as it is possible. However, there are functions that involve our close relatives and your absence may spark a relationship crisis. In such cases you can attend and participate but wisely without ruining your conscience and reputation as a believer.

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Question 7. 5: When I get saved will I continue enjoying life as the Bible says "enjoy life when are you still a youth?" Why does salvation restrict people to living a boring life?

Answer 7.5: The Bible does not prohibit a believer, especially youth from enjoying life, but it cautions that life enjoyed outside the

instructions of scripture attracts Judgment. Ecclesiastes 11:9 Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleased with during the days of young manhood and follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know God will bring you to judgment for all those things.

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