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### TEAM WORK

For teams to work effectively, in other words, achieve the set goals they must make sure they follow some fundamental principles of teamwork:

### Cooperation with each other – set aside personal differences

For a team to run smoothly the members must work together in an effective manner. This means putting aside personal differences so that overall aim can be achieved. They need to cooperate and collaborate with each other. If there are conflicts then these need to be resolved by using principles as set out in the Bible.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James Ch.4:1 NIV



Many people, including some believers of God, live only to make a good impression on others or maybe they live to just please themselves. This type of selfishness can cause problems when working in a group. Paul therefore encourages the believers to have spiritual unity with each other and then work as one for the main purpose.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians Ch.2:3-4

Believers need to work as a team, caring for the problems of others as though they were our own problems. With this Christ like attitude the team of God's workers will experience unity.

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he often faced prison and incarceration / but that only strengthened his determination

he said he would make every sacrifice / but that he would never kill or take a life

he used his heart instead of his fist / and he taught non-violence as the way to resist

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mind / to fight for the rights of human kind

but not just people, animals too / and his basic teaching "God is Truth"

## *Making god world our own*

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This series of studies, and the sermon which accompanies them, is an exploration of what it means to be the people of God in the world that God made. We who believe are not individuals doing our own thing, free to live our lives in whatever way we like. Those who have been redeemed by Christ as slaves of Christ, bought with a price, whose lives are not their own. Nor are we living in a hostile world. This is God's world, and despite all that is wrong in the world, it remains God's possession and God rules over it as sovereign Lord. But what does this actually mean for us in our everyday lives? That is what we are here to discover.



## What does it mean to say this is God's world?

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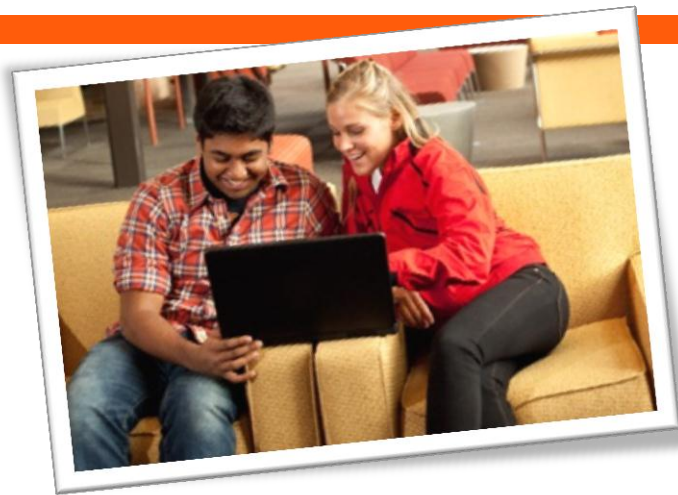
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# What does it mean to say this is God's world?

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Our world belongs to God. We say this in full knowledge that the world is at present not subject to God, and that the forces of darkness are evident in many parts of the world. Warfare, famine, strife, prejudice, immorality, all these things give proof of the fact that God is not recognised by a great many of the world's people.

Many Christians also see the world not as God's possession, not as God's good creation entrusted to the care of human beings as God's stewards, but the dominion of the devil. We all too often see the world as the enemy's territory, and think that we

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will not really be safe from the devil and the powers of darkness until we are in heaven.





Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Hebrews 11:1-3

Word of God states that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23b). Some people refer to the expression "blind faith," but our faith is not a blind faith; it is faith in a very real person, Jesus Christ. We were blind before our eyes were opened to His love and forgiveness, but now we see Him and a new life and world belong to us.

than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of His gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Why was God pleased with Abel and not with Cain? Cain's heart was not right before God, thus his works were evil therefore his offering was rejected. "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous" (1 John 3:12). Today, many people are doing the same thing, yet expecting God to honor their faith astray. We must learn to obey Him even when we do not see or understand how He is leading. In the process, we begin to learn what the Bible says about faith.

Romans 12:3b says, "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." We are then to allow the Holy Spirit to move in our lives so that our faith might grow in Him. For faith to grow and for God to honor our faith there are several principles we must follow in the Word of God since faith alone cannot produce our prayer answers.

## THE TRUTH FAITH

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The above verse states very plainly that faith is a reality, something that gives "substance" to things before they become visible to the natural eye. 2 Corinthians 5:7 declares that we walk by faith, not by sight. When we are "born again" we are given spiritual eyes to see things and understand things that otherwise we could not discern without the Holy Spirit. When we are submitted to the Lord, He then begins to guide and lead us by His Spirit; we follow Him in faith knowing He will not disappoint us or lead us The

Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." We must know the Word of God for our faith to increase. Many times, we take only a portion of His Word and quote it and expect answers, when we must learn other portions that work along with the portion we are quoting. An example would be if we do pray a prayer of faith, yet do not obey God, our faith would be in vain.



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Let's look at Hebrews 11:4 for an example of this: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice



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What does it mean to be God's people?

Many Christians have little grasp of what it means to be God's people, but this is one

of the central themes of the Bible. In the Old Testament God set out his plan to call a

people to be his own. He chose Abraham from among the pagans to be the father of a

new nation. Abraham was led to Canaan, the land in which the new nation would be

based, and from his descendants came the people of Israel. This nation was called to

be a nation of priests, the ones who would be the witness for God in the world of the

new life that he was bringing about for those who would leave their rebellion and

place their trust in God. But the priests themselves rebelled, and as a result, God chose

from among the Israelites only the tribe of Levi to be his priests. But the whole nation

was still commanded to be the witness of God in the world. The laws they were given

were to enable them to live as God had intended all people to live, laws which would

ensure that their society would be wise and just to all. Those laws provide a picture for

us of what a just society would be like; in the context of the times and their

geographical situation. We cannot live by those laws today, but they can teach us what

a just society would be like: a society that cares for the poor and the widows, the sick

and the aged, the foreigners and the workers, the land owners and the tenants, the

borrowers and the lenders. We too can have a just society, if we also would study the

laws that God has given to portray to us what that society would be Like.

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Building trust

In looking at these definitions, we can take a test and see if we really are trusting God with our lives. Test question number one: Do we rebelliously question what God is doing in our lives? Do we ask God such questions as, "Lord, when are you going to do this thing in my life? How much longer am I going to have to wait for my answer? Why haven't you answered my prayers, God?" All of these questions, if posed rebelliously, are just the opposite of faith as they gender doubt and are questioning what God is doing in our lives. Also, we are referring to people in this test who have made a total commitment to God and are trying to walk in His will. If we have not surrendered to God, there are things that happen to us that are not His fault because we are in the devil's territory.



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## How can we live as a distinctive community of believers?

Christian life is something more than just individual commitment. The church today has little conception of what it means to be a community, although it is communal life and not individual life which is the focus of Scripture. We will be looking at Christian living, the communal task of God's people in God's world, from the perspective of the community and not of the individual. We are not a collection of unrelated individuals, but a people moulded into one by the Holy Spirit, joined to Christ to be members of his body.

Human beings are created in relationship to each other, to God and to the world around them. They were called to care for the earth as stewards in the service of God. They are to have children and to raise them to share this task with all humankind in a community of loving relationships, encompassing other people,

## What does it mean to live as a Christian?

Living as Christians in a secular society means that we are at odds with the world around us. What we believe about life, human nature, our place and task in the world, the source of direction and order for society, all these things and more, place us outside of the mainstream of contemporary society. The main difference between Christians and non-Christians in such a society is that Christians acknowledge the sovereignty of God over all things, while the rest of society does not. Christians also see their place and task in the world differently to the non-Christian, and as a result they lead a different life. What is that Christian life all about?

In order to recover a Biblical perspective on life, one which calls us to obedience in everything that we do, we must recognise that everything we do is equally important to God. We cannot undertake any activity in life lightly, for we will be held to account for it at the day of judgement. Everything we do is rooted in our basic heart commitment, either to God or to an idol, and we are serving one or the other in our tasks. Since we have failed to give recognition to God in most areas of life, excluding them from our Christian vision, we have by default been seduced into serving the idolatrous spirits of the world-system, and have been alienated from God in many of our tasks in life. It is only as we recognise our failure to submit to God in everything that we will find forgiveness and renewal. If we continue to deny that Christ has any Lordship over the so-called “secular” areas of life, then we will continue to serve false gods in addition to the true God.

We were created to serve God in the task of caring for the earth and

developing it for his glory. If we will not serve the true God then we will serve false gods. But there is no escaping from the fact that human beings are created servants and must serve something. We are not in control of our lives, we are in subjection either to God or 15 some illegitimate spiritual power,





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*In the tradition of The  
Screwape Letters, three  
demons conspire to  
persuade the world not to  
believe or not care that the  
resurrection of Jesus ever  
happened. Their  
commentary sounds  
remarkably like the  
negative rhetoric of this  
election season.*

*Self-Control Taming the  
Tongue:*

*Say, "There are really two  
problems when it comes to  
hurtful words. First,  
somebody gets hurt when  
we lose control of our  
mouths. Secondly, no  
matter how hard we try, or  
how "sincere" we may be,  
we CANNOT take back what  
was said.*

**PEOPLE IN TROUBLE**

*Wrap Up:*

*Everyone single one of us  
has been hurt by someone  
else's words at some point  
in our lives. They might  
have lied to us, gossiped  
about us behind our backs,  
or said something that was  
just plain mean. Sometimes  
those words cut really  
deep, and we carry them  
with us for far too long.*

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