

Solution to Study 0096

ASSIGNMENT

What is the implication of the Christian in the marketplace based on how he is described in the scripture text, for the fulfilment of God's purpose for him in the marketplace (*you may use the scripture verses provided, and others not provided*)?

- (a) A chosen generation (**John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-28; Romans 8:29; Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Jeremiah 1:4-10**)

Since we were chosen deliberately to fulfil the purpose of God for the redemption of mankind, as a result of His love for us, rather than because of our socio-economic status or position in life, it is our responsibility to accomplish God's assignment for us in the marketplace.

- (b) A royal priesthood (**Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; Genesis 14:18-19; Revelation 1:4-6; 5:9-10; Romans 12:1**)

Since we are priests arrayed in kingly robes like Melchizedek and our Lord Jesus Christ, our forerunner, who offer spiritual sacrifices (of ourselves) unto God, as well as prayers on behalf of other believers and intercession for unbelievers, we should not be found engaging in activities that are not royal and priestly, like offering sacrifices that will not be acceptable unto God (something that is outside of ourselves and that costs us nothing), idolatry, selfish prayers, no prayers, not serving God (just sitting in the church), etc.

- (c) A holy nation (**1 Peter 1:15-16; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:1-37; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17**)

Our conduct in all areas of life must clearly show the holy nature of God, and the distinctiveness of who we are in Him; and since we were deliberately chosen by God for divine purpose, we should consecrate ourselves before God (be set apart for holy use), be totally devoted to Him, and fully dedicated unto His service, while separating ourselves from the customs, traditions, and ways of the world. Therefore, ensuring that God will be working through them and with them in bringing unbelievers to Him, among others.

- (d) A peculiar people (**Exodus 19:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Acts 20:28**)

We were purchased by God with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, thus showing how much of a treasure we are to our God Who redeemed us, even though we were once undesirables! Therefore, we now are the glaring testimony of God's goodness and grace toward mankind, in changing undesirables who were only fit for eternal judgment, into special treasures who bring pleasure and praise to the name of God. And this is our mandate on the earth: to bring man to the knowledge of the salvation and transforming power of God in delivering them from sin's destruction, the influence of the flesh and the destruction of the world.

- (e) Strangers and pilgrims (**Hebrews 11:13-16; Ephesians 2:11-22; Philippians 3:20**)

When a stranger enters into a town, his ways and customs, and his speech will betray that he is indeed a stranger. Similarly, when a man goes on a pilgrimage, he does not go to become a permanent resident there. Therefore, as strangers and pilgrims, Christians must live on earth in a manner that is devoid of the fleshly lusts (desires, passions, ambitions, etc.) of the people of the world, and which sets them apart from the ways of the world.

Conclusion

One fundamental truth about the Christian in the marketplace is that he is an ambassador of Christ, and ought to conduct himself as one (**2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 11:29; Ephesians 4:17-24**)!