

A Guide for Ministry During Medical, Social and Spiritual Pandemics

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Guide part 1

1 Romans 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Some mind transforming truth:

A. God created every person and every race

Job 31:15 "Did not He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?"

Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a gift of the LORD;...

Isaiah 64:8 ... all of us are the work of Thy hand.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — The Declaration of Independence

B. Every person and race is created in the image of God

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

² He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God He made man.

James 3:9 With it (the tongue) we bless *our* Lord and Father;
and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

C. Every person and race is created from Adam

Acts 17:26 ... He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation...

D. Every person and race is loved by God and to be reached with the gospel

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

¹⁵ Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

Titus 2:11 the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,...

E. Believers from all races will be in heaven

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

¹⁰ and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

F. Believers from all races are one in Christ

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

¹⁸ for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

⁴ And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;

¹⁰ in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

¹³ Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

G. Every person and race is to be honored

1 Peter 2:17 Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

² to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

James 2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.

Luke 10:36 (*The Good Samaritan*) "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?"

³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him."

And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." (*see also John 4:1-42*)

Guide part 2

2 Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy.

3 Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

4 ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

5 ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation,

6 devoted to prayer,

7 ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

8 ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.

9 ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another;

- 10** do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly.
Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 11** ¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.
- 12** Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 13** ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 14** ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written,
"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
- 15** ²⁰ "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink;
for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- 16** **13:1** Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities.
For there is no authority except from God,
and those which exist are established by God.
² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God;
and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil.

Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good,
and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good.

But if you do what is evil, be afraid;

for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God,
an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath,
but also for conscience ' sake.

17 ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God,
devoting themselves to this very thing.

18 ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*;
custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Conclusion

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.