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**OH, GOD HELP ME TO  
NUMBER MY DAYS THAT  
I MAY APPLY WISDOM IN  
PERFORMING ALL MY  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

# EDITORIAL

## UKUNQOBA NGOKUTHULA

Siphila impilo yencwadi, siyafundwa. Futhi siyasolwa kodwa ke noma kunjalo asifakazeni ngezenzo zempilo yethu.

Bakwethu abantu bayabona futhi behlulele kahle ngelinye ilanga umntaka-Nhliziyo ungumphathi emaguswini wabona izimanga. Umntanakhe watshaya umntaka-Cebekhulu, wamephula izinyo. Wo! lendoda yakoCebekhulu lwalungasulaka. Lwaluthi luthi bhee!

Khonokho nje wahle wahloma. Waseqonda ensontweni. Uthe efika enkundleni eyendlu yenkonzo, wathola inkonzo isingenile. Khonapho phandle kwakuhlezi isalukazi sakoMasina sifunda iBhayibhili laso. Wasibingelela savuma njalo samphilisa laye wasibuza izilalo. Kodwa sathi, "Wela mfana uhlomeleni na?" UCebekhulu wathi, "UZinja ungaphi?" Wayaphambili wathi, "OkuliBhukudwane lokhu lamhla kuzangibona." Waphetha ngelithi ngingoweNtekeleni mina ngizakuphohloza ngitsho uLozinja ecansini. "Ekhuluma lamazwi amehlo akhe ayesebomvu gebhu. Futhi wona lawo amehlo ayesithi lokoloko njengawo mhambaphansi ususeduze ukutshaya okuyinyoni okuhlezi esihlahleni. Sathi kuye, "Wena Nsonso sukalapha ulani kanti awuboni ukuthi kusendlini yenkonzo lapha? Selula sathi ngithi hamba khona manje lizakhuluma ngekhhaya uyezwa? Iaso sasithukuthele simsondelela uCebekhulu.

Kodwa wathi atshi babakazi angisoze ngilwe ngiza kubuza okulibhukudwana lokhu." Wasesuka sengathi uqonda ngale kwendlu yenkonzo. Kanti usesiyamhlalela emnyango. Awu! Sukabo! Kwavela kuvelile.

Lonela ukuthi phutshu ibandla seliphuma endlini yenkonzo, uCebekhulu wayesejamile emnyango lapho. Wayakhonapho uNhliziyo ayezaphuma khona. Kodwa kwasekuphuma uninazala kaCebekhulu kulowo mnyango. Uthe ethi gaga wabona esininazala lamanye amanina. Wasehlela. Khepha esezizwa eselamanhloni. Loba kunjalo wamdinga uNhliziyo owaye semi lamanye amadoda bexoxa. Bona babephume ngomnyango kazulu.

Ababemi laye bambona uCebekhulu esebambe uNhliziyo ngeyembe kodwa esithi, "Yeyi lokhu umntanakho ulimaze umntanami.

Ngiyakubhodloza khathesi." Esitsho la amazwi esemhlabe ngenduku esiswini. Khepha uNhliziyo wathi, "Phepha malumami." Isenzo sikaNhliziyo sabonisa obala ukuthi yena wayemthanda uCebekhulu Bonke abantu bezwakala bexoxa ezindleleni besithi uNhliziyo likholwa ngempela. Owe-satshwa nguCebekhulu. Ubufakazi ngezenzo yiyo obuswelekayo. Njalo buyinkomba yentobeko yomuntu okholiweyo. Oba kwakunguwe wawuzathini njengoba uNhliziyo wayefuna ukulinyazwa phambi kwebandla na?

## WE MASOLA!

nguS.S. Ndimande

Abakithi abozalo bathi, "Imizi mihle ngaphandle." Ngale inkulumbo baqonde ukuthi ingaphakathi yomuzi ingcolile loba imizi leyo ikhanya kuhle emehlweni ethu. Kanti akunjalo.

Ezikhathini ezinengi yithi esingcolisa imizi yethu loba ibandla lethu ngemilomo yethu, langezenzozethu. Siyakhuluma kakhulu ngabakhokheli bethu. Njalo asifuni ukuthi ke sibone into eyodwa encane enhle eyenziwa nguMfundisi uMazibuko. Ngalezi izenzo siyalakha yini ibandla njalo siyayithwala yini imilandu yethu njengebandla. Loba uMfundisi uMazibuko eyisoni, kukhona okunye akwenzayo okuhle okumele simbonge ngakho.

Abanye abantu bebandla baphilela ukusola kuphela impilo yabo yonke. Basola uMfundisi omkhulu, basole izikhonzi, basole izikhonzi baze basole labomkabo emehlweni abantwababo. Nxa sisenzenje, ibandla kanti ngubani na? NguMfundisi omkhulu loba ngumtshumayeli wezweHamba na?

Ibandla nguwe lam. Pho-ke senzani sizidilizela into yethu. Abanye abantu bebandla haveza obala izinqumo zebandla ebantwaneni bengxenye. Senzelani lokhu na? Abanye njalo sebesola ibhodi baze baze basole lomhlangano omkhulu.

Bakwethu ngenzani mina ebandleni na? Yikho ukusekela ibandla lakithi ngokusola konke lengikuvumileyo mina kanye. Iengoma ezihlatshelwayo ngiyazisola. Futhi angikwazi lokuhlabelela belo. Nxa sisiphila impilo enjengale ephilwa yimi labanye ebandleni, kuhle sazi ukuthi silomlandu wokuphazamisa umsebenzi we-

Nkosi. Okwebandla ngokwebandla singahambi sixoxa ngakho. Lapha ngitsho ulutho olunje: uMaNdlovu wehlulekile ukuthi abhabhathizwe ngoba uMathusi uthe etshe-la ibandla wathi uMaNdlovu ulamadoda amabili. Omunye owebandla wayamtshela ukuthi, "Uvalelwe nguMathusi."

Kambe limqotho elithi uvalelwe nguMathusi na? UMathusi uthe ekhuluma wathi, "Ngikhuluma kwabakwethu, ibandla belo." Nango-ke omunye esechitha isenzo sebandla lonke atshi uMathusi. Ake siye-kele ukusola into yonke yebandla, kunjalo nje lanxa singanikwa ithuba lokthi lapha sithini na? Awulawo amasu.

Okwakho yikusola. Kambe lonke ibandla liyaphambanisa? Ukusola okunje kuyingozi ngoba uze usole kanye labantu abatsha.

Umlandu wethu sonke yikusizana. Atshi ukusolana.

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## IZIPHO AZIFANI

nguMkhululi Mathonsi

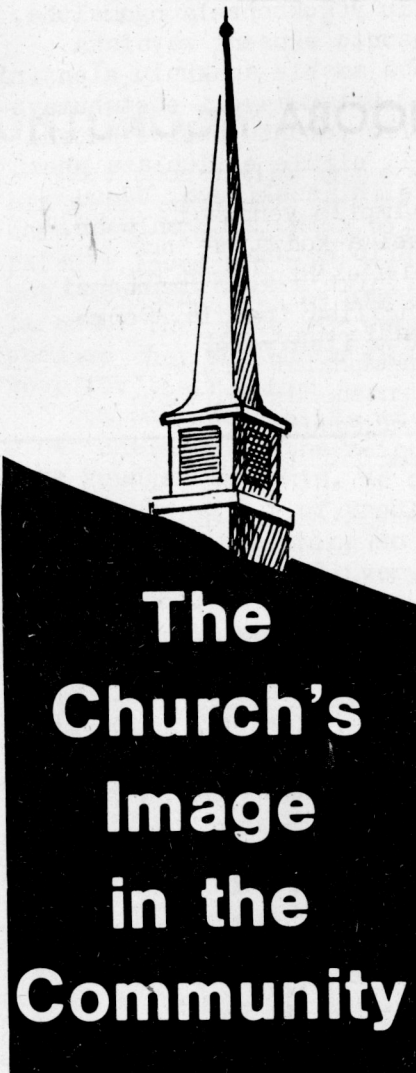
Imilandu yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu minengi kakhulu njalo yonke ibusisekile.

UMaNzima owayekhonzela ebandleni okwakuthiwa Ekhukanyeni wabayisibusiso kakhulu. Umama wayesekhulile nje njalo egcinwe ngabantwabakhe. Wayesaqinile esanelisa ukugebha esivandeni sakhe.

Wayelamaluba amahle kakhulu. Indlu ayehlala kuyo yayihlanzekile kakhulu njalo icecisiwe ngamaluba amahle impela. Abanye amaluba wayewalungisela abantwabakhe labo abasebelezindlu zabo. Abangane bakaMaNzima babemcela ukuthi abafundise ukuhlanyela amaluba noma ukuwalungisa.

Ngenye insonto uMaNzima waya endlini yokukhonzela. Wafisa ukuthi enzele uNkulunkulu enye into kodwa waswela ukuthi wayengenzani. Abanye wayebabona besexukwini lokuhlabela (ikwaya), abanye befundisa esikolo sekuseni ngenzonto abanye njalo besemakhomithini atshiyeneyo. Kwamzwise ubuhlungu uMaNzima ngoba ebona engenzi enye yalezi izinto.

Wafika ngekhaya wathancaza kakhulu. Kwaze kwafika umcabango wokuthi kumbe aye esikolo seBhayibhili kodwa waphinda wabona ukuthi sendala.



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Kwathi kayecela kuMtshumayeli ukuthi aqoqe omama babe lomthandazo bethandazela ibandla, lokhu lakho wabona kungasilutho ngoba babehlangana ngoLwesine bakhulekele zonke izicelo.

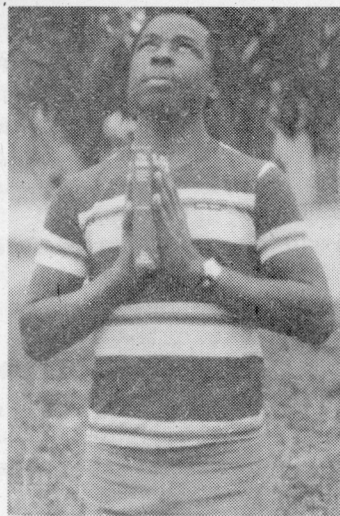
Wanquma ukuthi azinikele ukuthi afundise isikolo sekuseni. Waye ngazake afundise njalo lamehlo akhe ayesemhlupha. Kodwa wathi uzaphongukuzama.

Ngensonto elilandelayo waya njalo endlini yokukhonzela. Wahle wabona ukuthi indlu le itshiyene leyakhe. Kwakungani kulothuli. Kwakungelaluba lokucecisa le indlu. Khonokho watshaywa luvalo. Kwangathi uNkulunkulu uthi kuye, "Kanti yindaba ucecisa eyakho indlu kodwa eyami uyiyekela inje na?" Wayiswela impendulo uMaNzima.

Inkonzo yaphuma esethwele nzima. Wafika ngekhyaya wakhuleka njalo. Ekukhulekeni wabonga uNkulunkulu ngokumupha umlandu wokucecisa indlu yokukhonzela ngamaluba.

Kwathi ngensonto ekuseni wayafaka phambili amaluba amahle amakhulu elenjini elimhlophe nke! Umtshumayeli esetshumayela wathi, "Impilo yomuntu ozelwe kutsha unjengeluba leli elihle eliluhlaza phezu kwelembu leli elihlanzekileyo. UJesu uhlanza inhliziyo zethu zibe mhlophe. besesiphila impilo entsha."

UMaNzima wazinikela kulo umsebenzi wawenza okwamangalisa ibandla. Sonke silemilandu kodwa itshiyene.



### UMnumzana UNgula Moyo

UMoyo lilunga lebandla leSilozwi elidala. Usebenzele iNkosi yakhe kakhulu njalo kulo umfanekiso simbona exwayisa abatsha emva kwenye inkonzo. Uthanda ukuthi achasisele njalo exwayisa abatsha ngamandla kaNkulunkulu asewabonile kuyo yonke impilo yakhe.

Emfanekisweni silona ujabulani Mabhena owesikolo sobuhlakani eMatopo Mission

The devil will never give up. He is ever armed and always shooting. He has a number of weapons at his disposal. Let us look at some of these instruments of evil and condemnation.

**Demons:** Just look at our society today. How many people are demon possessed? How many today invite demons into their body because they believe that by so doing they will be lucky? How many of these people boast of the power of the devil? They say he gives them money wealth and others look for demon empowered charms (intebe) to protect them. Sometimes the devil comes to the people as an angel of light. He pretends he can do good things for us through the demons. Jesus used to cast out demons. They tried to beg him and proved that they knew who He was but He rebuked them. Just look at what the demon possessed man said, "Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." Mark 5:7b.

The devil shoots diseases at Christians and many of us have fallen victim to this vicious arrow. Some children of God have suffered from incurable sicknesses. This is the evil one who is fighting righteousness. The Bible says, "Is any

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## The Saved Are The Ones Who Testify

There are many people today who even do not know if they have a responsibility within the church or without.

Those men and women folk who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour have a responsibility. They ought to share their joy of sins forgiven to the unsaved. They ought to be lovers of sinners and they should have a burden upon their hearts for those boys and girls who have not met the Saviour. This is foremost in the life of a true Christian.

If a boy fell into a flooded river and fortunately was seen by an elder who quickly saved the little boy from drowning. It is not the old man who will speak about the happenings. The little boy will sing a song unforgettable about the person who saved him from the jaws of death.

Christianity or faith without works is dead. James 2:20. Those of us who do not know whether we have a responsibility within the church, should ask themselves these questions; (a) have I been born again? (b) Is there love in my own heart for those who are outside the fold of Christ? (c) Is there any life that pays as the life of Christianity? Christians

have peace in their heart more than ever they do not die but they sleep in Christ. What about sinners? They die before death falls upon their lot because they are afraid of death. As such our responsibility can hardly be described in words can only be perfected in our daily surrender to the Hand that taketh away the sins of the world. Jo.29:36.

Some people are still not sure of their responsibility in the church because they have not had the experience of Him and Him alone who baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. Brethren and sisters have we had this giant Baptism that is in the Gospel of St. John? If not, why? Why don't we pray for His inception upon members of our church?

Our responsibility can easily be revealed to us, after the Holy Ghost has had His way in our lives.

by S.S. Ndimande

## Spare The Rod, Spoil The Child

-Nokuthula B. Sibanda.

Once upon a time there was a man and his wife with only one child by the name Tom. Tom was six years old. His parents loved him very much. This child got anything that he asked for from his parents. They gave him everything because they wanted to demonstrate their love for their son.

Tom was not polite at all. He hit other children of the neighbourhood who were younger than him. He caused his neighbours a lot of problems. However, his parents did nothing to correct him. They said he was still very young and he was innocent.

One day his parents decided to take him to the museum so that their child should have at least a good idea about different animals. Whilst they were watching these animals, Tom came across a snake with many colours. The small beautiful looking snake was put in a bottle. Tom wanted to have that snake for himself. He cried and demanded that his parents buy the snake for him. They tried to divert his attention by promising to give him other more beautiful things but the boy cried louder. He threw himself to the ground and screamed louder and louder. Finally his mother suggested that the snake be bought for Tom. His father also agreed.

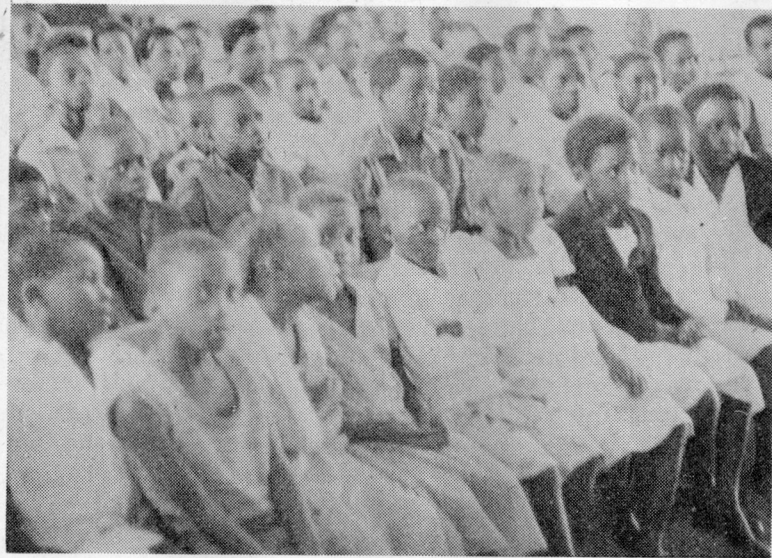
They bought the snake for him and this made Tom very happy. When he got home he played in his bedroom with his new friend. But as he was busy playing the bottle fell from the bed and broke. The snake was outside now. He tried to pick it up but the snake bit him on the left arm. Tom did not tell his parents and when he had his supper he hid his left hand. It was not long before Tom told his mother how the snake had bitten him. After a short time, Tom died.

In Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should grow so that when he is old he will not depart from it." Had this boy been brought up well he could have not died. Children need our parental guidance.



Izwi lithi vumelani abantwana beze kimi.  
Ngokuba umbuso ungowabanjalo. UMathewu  
19:14.

Abafundi besikolo seHayikhili laba-  
ntwana beZwehamba emhlanganweni wezi-  
ndaba.



Kulo umfanekiso sibona usapho lwethu.  
Igunya lebandla lalamhla lakusasa.



## Ukukhula Kwebandla

ngokaMnqineki

Ibandla elikhulayo ngeliphilayo,  
Singalilinganisa lesihlahla,  
Sezithelo esivandeni.  
Iikhula ngokuhlakulelwa ngelizwi,  
Langokuthelezela ngemithandazo.

Impande zalo ziyikukholwa kwalo,  
Kusweleka zitshone phansi emhlaba-  
thini ukuze zigxile zimelane  
lezivunguvungu zalapha emhlabeni,  
Kumele njalo zizike, zijule  
ziyephansi ngokholo ukuze ukumunya  
ngokugcweleyo emthonjeni wegazi lemvana.  
Kazingabi ngezindanda phezu komhlabathi  
ngoba zingakhuba abanye abazalwane  
zibedukise ekukholweni kwabo.

Uluthi lwalelibandla luyiminikelo yalo  
eyiyona ethwele izingatsha ezehlukeneyo  
zemisebenzi vebandla.  
Aluba loluthi luzacile imisebenzi le  
izalusinda ludilikele phansi .  
Izingatsha zalo ziyikusabalala kwale  
imisebenzi yebandla, Ubuthingithingi  
balezingatsha bupha isithunzi.  
Kodwa phela umbhalo uthi "Qaphelani ukuba  
lingazikhukhumezi phambili kwabantu  
ngezenzo zenu ezilungileyo lisenzela  
ukubonwa yibo lifuna umvuzo kaYihlo  
cseZulwini." Matt.6:1.)

Izithelo zebandla elilungileyo yizithelo  
ezimnandi kumninilo lakwabezizwe-izithelo  
zokumesaba uNkulunkulu, Zothando lwaba-  
zalwane; Zokubekezela lokuzehlisa.

Kayisizo ezimunyu zokuziqakisa. "Yenzani  
isihlahla sibe ngesilungileyo lezithelo  
zaso zibe ngezilungileyo." (Mat. 12:32b)

"Ngakho-ke ngithi kini: Izakwemukwa  
umbuso kaNkulunkulu unikwe isizwe esiza-  
thela izithelo zawo" (Mat. 21:43) Aluba  
lingalinakakeli ibandla likaNkulunkulu.

AKULATHEMBA LOKUTHI IZULU LIZABAKHONA  
LONYAKA. ABANTU ABANENGI BANGATAHLEKELELWA  
YIMPILO KANYE LAKHO KONKE ABALAKHO  
NXA UKOMA LOKHU KUZAQHUBEKA. UYAKE  
UNAKANE UKUTHI UNKULUNKULU ANGEZWA  
IMITHANDAZO YABANTU NXA BEKHALA KUYE BECE-  
LA IZULU: KHANGELA KUZIKORNIKE ZESIBILI  
7:14.

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF

## CHRISTIANS TO THE GOSPEL

-Fred Zulu

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of  
Christ: for it is the power of God unto  
Salvation to every one that believeth...  
Rom.1:16. These were Pauls words to the  
Roman Church.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good  
news of Salvation to men. People must  
hear about the love of God through Jesus  
Christ. They must know that it is  
important for them to see the goodness  
of the Gospel.

It is true that millions and millions  
have heard about this gospel. Others have  
heard and on the basis of the gospel of  
Jesus Christ, formed cults or other  
religions. There have been good preachers  
whose sermons have shaken the world. Exc-  
ellent literature has been written to  
reach men with the gospel of Christ.

I believe there is no difficult in talking  
or singing or writing about Jesus Christ.  
The difficult is living as the gospel  
says. There is a temptation of being asha-  
med of living as Jesus Christ lived.

He fasted for 40 days and forty nights  
in prayer. He refused to be this world's  
ruler and chose the cross. Mat. 4. His  
whole life was very simple. One day He  
said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the  
air have nests; but the son of Man hath  
not where to lay his head. "Is it not  
surprising to see that people claiming  
to be followers of this Jesus have more  
wealth than most business men? Take for



example one minister had two houses which had five rooms each. He was not staying there himself. He lived in one which had six. He had a very large farm.

He bought 90 herds of cattle in less than six months. He was the richest man in the community. People were wondering if this man was a Christian at all. How was he accumulating all this money?

I do'nt know of any man who fasts or who has fasted for forty days and forty nights. Instead of ever thinking of fasting, Church leaders like eating and others would even drink beer in addition normal meals which are also extravagant.

Christian leaders struggle by all means to be a better class? We have refused to serve but do all we can to be served. This is contrary to the teaching of Christ.

We have a duty to prove that the gospel is true and powerful. These days we must live and talk less. We are faced with a challenge to do what Jesus demands us to do. Our everyday life is the one that is responsible to the gospel. Those who know us, must see Christ in us.

Christians have been challenged by other religions. "Christians say this and then do its very opposite," one said. This is a painful thing to hear. But we are the ones who give this reputation by the way we live. Is it not true that while we do'nt drink beer or be involved in polygamy, we hate each other? Are we not guilty of witchcraft, pride and jealousy?

Some ministers of Christianity have defiled the gospel by their unquestionable quest for personal advancement. We should not delude ourselves by believing that we can appease God if we merely preach. We should bare fruits with acts of love.

A Christian organization employed a certain man notorious for his wicked heart. When the man got into the office, some people commented, "I cannot go there now, that man is very cruel. He hates people." This is an unfortunate situation for the gospel we preach. We should and do as the Bible says. That is our responsibility.

Jesus commissioned us to preach the gospel to the whole world. We must carry out this responsibility. Those who listen

to what we say must see us doing it. Let us not continue to defile the holy gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel gives life everlasting to those who receive it. To be able to carry out our duty, Jesus Christ must be all to us. We must discover his importance and value him more than everything. Then we won't be ashamed to be poor or rich for His Name's sake.

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## Kuyini Lokhu Na?

nguMgezelwa

Izinto ziyenzeka bakwethu. Emzini womfokazana othile kwakuledili. Inyama yayiphekiwe njalo inengi. Kwakukhona abadala labantwana.

Umunzana Nqindi Ncube wayecelwe ukuthi anike abantwana ukudla. Lakanye wabamisa belandelana ebaqhubela amaqatha amabili ngamunye.

Okungokhekhe okwasekuzuzile owakho kwakuzwakala kugegedeka kusiya ngaphansi kwesihlahla lapho okwakumele kudlele khona. Abantwana babebanengi njalo inyama yayilokhu iphela.

Emzileni kwasekulabantwana abathathu. Omunye wayengowomzawakhe kaNcube. Omunye engokamakhelwana. Uthe efika okamakhelwana uNcube wamupha amaqatha amabili. Wasesithi, "Ungahambi mfana wami. Mana khonapho." Umfana womzawakhe wasefika. Wamnika amaqatha amakhulu. Wasesithi kokamakhelwana. "Inyama isiphelile kodwa phana lo owomzawami lawo amaqatha engikuphe wona. Wena noma ungayacela ebanganini bakho."

Umfanyana watsha amathe kodwa wenza njengokutsho komdala. Umntanomzawakhe kaNcube wabalamaqatha amane. Okamakhelwana kazuzanga lutho. Kuyini lokhu na?

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LALONYAKA KUKHANYA UKUTHI IZULU ALIKHO.  
UKUBABAZA AKUSOZE KUSINCEDE. KUMELE  
SIKHULEKELE UKUTHI IZULU LINE. USOMANDIA  
UYEZWAZA. IZIKHORONIKE ZESIBILI 7:14.



Nxa kulemihlangano  
emikhulu abantwana  
kuthiwa bahlale  
phandle. UJesu wathi  
ofuna ukubona umbuso  
weZulu kafane lalaba  
abancinyane. Kambe  
kulula yini khonokho?

## Emfanekisweni sibona uMabhena owesikolo sobuhlakani e Wanezi Mission

nguFred Zulu

NgoMgqibelo mhla zimatshumi mabili lesikhombisa kuNcwabakazi uMfundisi L. L. Keefer wanika ubufakazi bakhe ekhuluma ngokuthi wagwaliswa njani ngoMoya oyiNgcwele.

Wathi yena wayengakholwa imfundiso ethi umuntu kumele agwaliswe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele. Umalumakhe wayengumtshumayeli njalo wazama ukumxwayisa ngoMoya oyiNgcwele. "Anginika amaphetshana aye-khuluma ngobubi bale imfundiso," watsheIa umhlangano uMfundisi Keefer.

Kuthe ngomnyaka ka1933 wabangumtshumayeli welinye ibandla leFree Grace Brethren In Christ Church. "Ngaba ngumtshumayeli okweminyaka elitshumi ngingagwaliswanga nguMoya oyiNgcwele.

Ngo1943 nganxuswa eCanada emhlanganweni weHoliness Cant. Ngafika ngatshumayela khona kanye. Kusisa ngathandaza ngicela ukuthi uNkulunkulu anginike intshumayelo. Ngathandaza, ngathandaza, kodwa ngehluleka ukuthi ngithini.

Emva kwesikhathi ngithandaza ngezwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyangibuza uthi, "Ungaqamba yini lesikhathi lapho owagwaliswa khona nguMoya oyiNgcwele na?"

Lesi saba yisikhathi esinzima kakhulu kimi. Loumbuzo wabalukhuni kakhulu ngaze ngacela ukuthi uNkulunkulu angigcwalise ngoMoya oyiNgcwele. Khonokho ngabalombono. Ngabona intaba eluhlaza. Entabeni le kwakulesiphambano sikaJesu Kristu. UJesu wayelenga esiphambanweni leso. Igazi lakhe lalijuluka lisehla ligeleza sekuze kungathi ngumfula. Kwathutsha indoda encinyane nje ifuna ukukhwela entabeni le iqonde esiphambanweni. Yahamba-hamba ngiyikhangele. Ithe isiseduze legazi eligelezayo ngathi kulindoda, "Wena ndoda, nxa ufuna ukuqansa intaba le kumele uchaphe umfula wegazi lo." Khonokho ngagwaliswa ngoMoya oyiNgcwele.

Ngesikhathi ngilwisa ukuzuza intshumayelo abantu basebuthene endlini bebuthanela ukuthi bezwe intshumayelo engangingakayizuzi. Sengigcwaliswe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele ngagijima ngisiyatshumayela.

## A Debt To My Brethren

-Ian Dumakude

When I was baptized the Minister asked me some questions. "Are you willing to carry out your responsibilities to the church and to your fellow Brethren? If you will say yes." "Yes mfundisi I replied. Will you treat your Brethren according to Mt. 18?" And again I replied "I will Mfundisi."

Then just a few months after my Baptism one church member got pregnant. What did I do? "Rozi is pregnant. Did you know it?" I told Raphael. The next day I saw the Sunday School superintendent. "We hear that Rozi is pregnant. Have you heard it?" I asked her. In the afternoon, the same day I met Qinani who is not a Christian and I asked, "Qinani did you know that Rozi is pregnant? Yes she is. "But Rozi is a Christian, how come that she is pregnant?" Qinani inquired. And I replied, "This is a very bad thing. What Rozi has done is embarrassing."

The next day I met Rozi. "Hellow sister Rozi! How do you do? After a short conversation we parted. I never mentioned to her anything about pregnancy. On Sunday I whispered to somebody, "Look at her. They say she is pregnant." In less than a week the whole community is spreading a rumour about Rozi."

What have I done to help my beloved sister? Nothing. But I have added nail in crucifying her. She has a problem. That is true but why do I want everyone to know that she is a wicked person? Is it my duty to expose other members' sins without helping them? What is more helpful, to encourage her to return to the Lord, tell her that God forgives every sin confessed in true repentance, than to go about saying how evil she is?

A certain old church member heard that a youngman who once fell into sin had been elected to be a full time pastor by another church. The young man had repented, confessed his sin before the congregation and apologised. It was four or five years then. But this church elder

rushed to the minister in charge and said "So and so should not be a full time pastor because he once did this and that. What a funny attitude! He had never talked to the youngman about it.

Who must help the weak? Are we not the ones? Can a man who is right with God, humble enough to see his own mistakes fail to talk to the Brethren but choose to spread bad rumours and lies? Honestly I discover how often I fail to identify my responsibility to my brethren to the Church and to God.

This common practice of spreading rumours, truths, half-truths and lies comes from loveless hearts. Hearts full of egoism, self-righteousness and Godlessness. Paul says, "Who am I to judge another man's servant." James 4:12 Who am I to spread failures of fellow Christians? Jesus said, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." If one ever fools himself, believing in his own righteousness, then that person is unfortunate. "...and all our righteousness - our deeds of rightness and justice are as filthy rags or a polluted garment ----" Isa. 64:6. It makes no sense to go about talking about evils of other people while we are also exactly like them.

I have a responsibility to my neighbours and to Christian Brethren. If as Christians we get to an extent of spreading evils of our church members, we are surely destroying the body of Christ. But how many times have you wanted others to know the evils or sins of your fellow brethren? "A new commandment I give unto you; That ye love one another, as I have loved you -----". By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples ...."John 13:34-35.

These years people wear outward uniforms, some preach openly, others publicly carry Bibles. Others are performing miracles. Many people therefore believe that these are signs to show that they are Jesus' disciples. That is far from this truth. Jesus said people will know that we are his disciples if we love one another. Whose disciples are we if we hate each other? The answer is very clear. We are the devil's disciples.

You and I are responsible to our brethren. We must pray for each other. We must correct, advise, warn, and encourage each other. We must come to the aid of our brethren who have been wounded by the devil. Condemning them or spreading rumo-

urs about them is being loyal to Satan and his angels already condemned to death for their disobedience to God.

THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THERE WILL BE RAINS AGAIN THIS YEAR. ANOTHER YEAR OF DROUGHT WILL CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE TO ANIMALS AND PEOPLE. LET US ALL PRAY FOR RAIN. II CHRONICLES 7:14.

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## Helps For The Personal Worker

### ● Handle With Care!

Personal work should be done with a delicate touch. This does not imply hesitation, but tactfulness, gentleness, and care.

### ● The Natural Approach

Let the approach be as easy and natural as possible. Avoid the appearance of a studied artificiality on the one hand, and a blunt, hammer-and-tongs abruptness on the other. Experience will enable the personal worker to know when, on occasion, a surprise attack is in order. See e.g. John 3:3; and compare with John 4:7 and Acts 8:30. As a rule, the approach that rises out of the circumstances naturally is the one to use.

### ● Keep It A Conversation — Don't Preach

Do not let the plea become a speech rather than a conversation. Cultivate the "conversational tone." Ask questions designed to "draw out" the prospect.

### ● Try, Try Again

Rely more on persistence than on force. The continual dropping of the water will wear away the stone. More than a few have been won after many gentle but frequent nudges in God's direction.

### ● No Pious Pose

Avoid the slightest suggestion of a holier-than-thou attitude, unless you want to arouse bristling resentment and stiffening resistance! And don't "talk down" to the prospect. As a matter of plain fact, many unconverted people are living quite decent and honorable lives outside the Church, and our efforts to evangelize them must be accompanied by humility.

### ● Watch Your Step!

The personal worker must strive to live up to his Christian profession and ideals if he would be effective in his witness. Remember . . . "Let your light so shine before men . . ." (Matt. 5:16). The cannon must be heavier than its projectile. And the Christian must live a life consistent with the message he is delivering.

### ● Keep The Door Open

Never press the prospect to the point where he can say no with such finality that the door is closed. If it becomes apparent that he is not ready or willing to make the right decision now, conclude the visit in such a way as to leave the way open for another time.

### ● Don't Fight!

Never argue with a prospect. Discuss, analyze, explain, persuade, to the best of your ability; but do not argue. Men are not usually convinced by argument — especially if it becomes heated! Keep your poise; hold your temper; be courteous always, even if you should be reviled (1 Pet. 2:20-23).

### ● You Are God's Agent

Keep ever in mind the fact that you are engaged in God's work. Do it with dignity and sincerity, and in reliance on His interest and help. (What a powerful "secret weapon" we have in prayer!)

### ● You Are On Weighty Business

Remember that this work involves interests, values, and issues that are vast and eternal. We must not do it with flippancy or carelessness. If we do it with earnestness and care, then we may be sure that even our mistakes will be overruled by Divine providence and somehow made to further the Divine purpose. — Prepared by W. T. Strong.

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pick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray for him anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord.."

The devil also uses fear to discourage the elect. Just ask yourself this question, "How many times have you heard an inner voice telling that if you obey God you may be in trouble?" The devil whispers cunningly, "Don't try to do it. You are not capable. That is what people like Mr. Moyo do and not you." If you hear such a voice it is not from God. It is the devil's voice driving you away from God.

Doubt is another common weapon that Satan uses to attack faithful Christians. Some Christians hardly believe that God is hearing them when they pray. Some people repent but continue to doubt that they are saved. This is what the devil wants. The Book of Hebrews says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6.

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