

ROMANS 1:16

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TAKING CHRIST TO THE MARKET PLACE

An open Bible with a blue cover is resting on a weathered wooden stump. The pages are slightly aged and the text is visible. The background is a dark, blurred forest with warm, golden light filtering through the trees, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

**Romans
1:16**



- Every believer in Christ has a duty to share the gospel with others in the marketplace.
- Taking Christ to the marketplace is the call of every Christian, and the mission to share Christ's love is a faithful one.
- It involves bringing God's presence, power, and purpose into the marketplace whether as an Employee or Business owner, Student or Housewife.



Point 1: Witness Through Your Testimonial Life

Matthew 5:14-16

14 “You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others,

so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



a) Paul's mission of taking Christ to the marketplace of the world

Acts 18:2-4 ESV

The Apostle Paul in Corinth...

2 “And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome.

3 And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.



*a) Paul's mission of taking Christ to the marketplace
of the world*

Acts 18:2-4 ESV

The Apostle Paul in Corinth...

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every
Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.



b) We too have a mission of taking Christ to the market place.

c) Paul's example of taking Christ to the market place encourages us to go forth and share the gospel with those around us.



d) We must be prepared and ready to share the gospel.

Ephesians 6:15

“and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace”



The Whole Armour of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this



Ephesians 6

**present darkness,
against the spiritual forces of evil in
the heavenly places.**

**13 Therefore take up the whole
armour of God, that you may be able
to withstand in the evil day, and
having done all, to stand firm.**

**14 Stand therefore, having fastened
on the belt of truth, and having put
on the breastplate of righteousness,**



Ephesians 6

15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God



Ephesians 6

18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



Ephesians

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15 but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame.



1 Peter 3:15-16



“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

MARK 16:15

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



MATTHEW 28:19-20

Point 2: Take Practical Steps to share the Gospel in your Marketplace

a) We must share the gospel in love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

4 “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.

5 It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.”



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1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

"Let all that you do be done in love."



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John 13:35

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”



b) We must share the gospel in all humility and service

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



b) We must share the gospel in all humility and service

Philippians 2:4

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”



Slaves and Masters

5 Slaves,(Workers) obey your earthly masters(bosses) with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,

6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,



**Ephesians
6:5-9**

8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave(worker) or free(volunteer).

9 Masters(bosses), do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master(Lord) and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



Ephesians 6:5-9

Point 3: Engage in Your Vocation as a Christian

Colossians 3:17, 23-24



17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

You are serving the Lord Christ.



As believers, it is our duty to take Christ to the marketplace and share with others the good news of His love for us.

Sharing Christ in the marketplace involves witnessing through personal testimonies; engaging positively within one's vocation; and taking practical steps to bring God's presence into our daily work lives.

Let's discover how each of us can be used in the marketplace to serve God through serving others.

Conclusion



We must be ready to share the gospel, share it in love, and in all humility, being prepared to share the gospel and using our life, testimony, words, actions, gifts and talents, professions and position to bring God's kingdom to earth.

May we be faithful to do so and bring glory to His name. Amen.

Conclusion

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