

Good Health and Human Flourishing in Accordance with God's Plan in 3 John 1:2

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Abstract: So many people are dying in Africa due to poor health conditions. The rich are depending on other developed countries for proper health care. Many masses in Africa cannot afford simple medical care due to poverty and lack of proper orientation. There is need for a theology of care and a political will to change the narrative of how the masses are suffering hardships and dying daily in Africa, due to lack of care.

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1. INTRODUCTION

“Health is wealth” is a common saying in the human society, because of the importance of it to humanity “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” (3 John 1:2). Health and human flourishing are needs for every human society in general. Discussion will be made from Christian perspective where human health and human flourishing are part of the gospel. Jesus did not separate the gospel from human needs and burdens. Jesus in his mission statement mentioned clearly that his mission is for the spiritual and physical needs of the people “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18). It is therefore the duty of church to combine both the gospel ministry and the physical needs of the people.

1.1. Statement of Problems

In Africa, there is no good health and human flourishing as it is expected in 3 John 1:2. The African Political leaders lack the international standard of social security for the masses, by providing them with basic social amenities for restoration to *shalom* (peace).

Christian: Clintok, (1402:16) notes that, “Those who believe that Jesus is messiah. I define it as those who believe Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.

Health: Encarta Dictionaries (2009) asset that, “General physical conditions of the body or mind especially interm of presence or absence of illnesses, injuries or impairments.”Health could be the general assessment of a human condition physically or spiritually to know the fitness or otherwise of it.

Flourish: Adam Gadsby and Micheal Randell (1995:538), define it as “To grow well and be in health.” To prosper physically and spiritually.

Human: Morris G Watins and Lois/ Watkins (1992:324), define Human as “person, man woman or child.” Being created in the image of God male and female.

2. HEALTH AND HUMAN FLOURISHING IN THE AFRICAN CHURCH

The general assessment of good health and flourishing in the African church and society is poor. Many African Christians and non-Christians are poor in health as well as suffering from economic poverty. Stephen Adei (2006:788), says; “Poverty is a recurring theme in the Bible. It is also the experience of many Africans, for half of those in the Sub-Saharan Africa live on less thanUS\$1.00 a day.”

Sulaiman (2011:11), also described poverty in African as “absolute poverty, a condition of life so limited by malnutrition, illiteracy, disease and high infant mortality.” In fact, in South Sudan. I saw what was really know as absolute poverty. In South Sudan Christians are in the majority, concerning the health condition of the people in the church is really bad. C. Jea Garland (2003:11), affirms that “AIDs are real and is in our church, often we are not keen to admit that it is the church, often we think that the church should not become dirtied or contaminated by involving ourselves with those with AIDS.” It is a fact that the African church is not flourishing in good health or good economic standard. There is need to reposition the African church to face the spiritual, medical and economical standard of the church and the society head long, in fact, I am of the opinion that, a state of emergence should be declared since these issues are critical both in the church and the society.

3. INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY ON HEALTH AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

Christianity is all about caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the people. There should be reflection on the whole Christian enterprise of achieving and sustaining a good relationship with God and humanity. Spirituality is a life experience that afford to apply or carry out relevant elements in the disposing of Christian faith and character to the guidance of men and women toward their spiritual growth, progressive development, health insurance and economic wellbeing of the people with proportionate increased in resources, joy and to obtain salvation. If the church is only focusing on the spiritual well-being of the people without attending to their social, economic and health situations, then the church may end up achieving little or nothing. The general purpose of Christianity is to make people relevant in the kingdom of God and the human society. There is a saying that “A hungry man is an angry man. The wholistic approach to the gospel in a contextual manner is necessary for the gospel to have impact in the lives of the people. African missionaries and the church should learn from the western missionaries who brought the gospel to Africa.

They established schools, hospitals, farms and other businesses that improved the social and economic lives of the people. Pauline Cere (2013:173), says” For a holistic ministry to the people, Cooper missionary set up a dispensary. This aspect of the missionary’s ministry greatly attracted more natives of Tarok people in langtang to come out to the light. Cooper in his holistic approach, reported that he often preached the gospel message to the teeming population at the Dispensary before dispensing drugs to the patients.”I am in absolute agreement with Cooper’s approach in presenting and propagating the gospel to the people in such a manner.

Jesus himself exercised constant care of the people in his ministry of preaching, healing and teaching the people including providing for their social needs. Jesus went teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel and healing all kinds of sickness and diseases (Matt. 4:23). Jesus provided food for the five thousand (Matt. 14:21) feeding of the four thousand (Matt. 15:38).

The early church took care of the widows (Acts 6:1). Paul instructed that good should be done to all (Gal. 6:10). The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:33).

4. THEOLOGY OF PASTORAL CARE FOR CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Taking care of People in the contemporary Church and Society is difficult but it is very necessary, thus, there is every need for Biblical teaching about taking care of the poor and needy in society. A leader knows what is the basic needs of the people. He moves with his people from places to places visiting them. Consequently, the leader may be considered as wild in the eyes of the world but his motive is for the protection of his subjects. He prefers to suffer for his people than to lose them.

From the forgone, masses should clearly see that the 21st century political and Church leaders are models for people to learn from them as good examples. The leaders are to be clothed with the spiritual weapons that are necessary for spiritual warfare as provided in Ephesians 6:10-18. In summary the spiritual weapons include truth, faith, righteousness, assurance of salvation, gospel of peace, the sword of the spirit (the word of God) and prayer. The word of God is the pillar that the political leaders and pastors need despite their theological training or political orientation. They are to be filled with the Holy Spirit and the word of God in Oder to distinguish what is right and wrong. Integrity is very important for every leader to be truthful and faithful. Leader that can change the situations of the poor and needy in Church and Society for better, should be ready to make some sacrifices. There is no iota of doubt that every leader is urged to be an informed leader on what the

people like and what they dislike. He is to be self-sacrificial, available and ready to protect the flock of God in which he is entrusted with. In times of crisis or persecutions the leader is to be as wise as serpent, harmless as dove. Thus, the leader should learn from the herdsman. A true leader has a heart burnt for his people especially in the area of leadership. There should be Biblical and ethical principles to direct both the Church and the Society in the direction of peace, unity and development. There is serious need for Biblical foundation for the leadership both in Church and Society, so that leaders can lead the people with the fear of God. Proper understanding of the plights of the people is fundamental, for any meaningful achievement to take people to the right direction.

Consequently, the great and the good leader is Jesus Christ who ever remains the role model for leaders to learn from. In all generations, people should learn from Jesus Christ. His style of leadership is worthy of emulation to every political leader and minister of the gospel. The Lord's principles of leadership could be sum up in love, and humility. Hence, good relationship with people in Church and the society is a necessary tool in providing leadership to the people in every position of leadership, everywhere and at all times, both in times of adversity, prosperity crisis, persecution, tribulation, peace to mention but a few. In other words, the leaders should thrive towards cultivating good rapport with God and the people. He is to desire peace and tranquility as he serves the people under God during crisis period and always. Thus, the leader needs to be upright, sincere, transparent and honest in dealing with people. 21st Century is here with diverse understanding of the personality, work and office of the leader in the world that is more enlighten. People know their fundamental human rights and privileges and are ready to fight for them. Some people see leaders as people who are beyond reproach, living righteously. But that is not the case with many African political and traditional leaders. They are highly corrupt in their ways of doing things.

Visionary Leadership: The vision of every good leader GCMN is to help build spiritual movement everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. A spiritual movement consists of nature of disciples of Christ who are winning, building and sending others generation after generation. A visionary leader stands for visionary leadership core value. Visionary leaders understand at least three fundamental issues. Where does vision come from? How does vision inspire people? And how do leaders communicate vision? Bauta Motty (2016:35-36) adopts J.P Kolter, He states that:

Leadership has a vision, communicates the vision and has the ability to get people to follow; such leaders can recruit and motivate people to work the vision of inspiring and directing them. Vision is the ability or a God-given gift to see things that do not exist as becoming reality. Leaders are those who influence the future, leaders have a deep dissatisfaction with what is a search for what could be leaders dream the desired future, with vision life has a direction.

GCMN as an organization should be focused to follow her vision without allowing challenges or distractions to kill her vision of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ at all cost.

Culturally Relevant Evangelism: The two-hour documentary on the life of Jesus, commonly called Jesus' film, from the gospel of Luke, has been translated into over 120 Nigeria languages. This good and effective act of evangelism is in line with the leadership core value of culturally relevant evangelism in mission. St Paul says "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the Jews, to them that are under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law" (1 Cor. 9:19-200)

To preach the gospel to the people in their local context can easily gain clear understanding, acceptability and adaptation. People who hear the gospel in their languages receive the gospel as their own. To see Jesus speaks in their mother's tongue is to accept Jesus as part of their community person. Therefore, contextualization is the best method or model of propagating the gospel to people in the 21st century.

The purpose of contextualization is mainly or principally to bring the sound Biblical message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them within their culture and worldview. However, the gospel truth and integrity should not be lost or compromised in the process of contextualization. The Jesus film ministry of GCMN seeks to promote the gospel propagation to people locally. Louis J. Luzbetak, S.V.D(1993:69). defines contextualization as "The various processes by which a local church integrates the Gospel message (the text) with the local culture (the context). The text and context must

be blended into that one God, intended reality called Christian living.”¹⁷ Every culture that is in harmony with the scriptural principles should be contextualized to be part of the gospel. However, any culture that is contrary to scriptural principles should be rejected. Notwithstanding the gospel message seeks to shape wrong and sinful cultures for the sake of transformation. That is to say that gospel transforms culture by the power of the Holy Spirit. GCMN should therefore advance the contextualization of the gospel at all times and in all places in mission for productivity, profitability, acceptability, adaptability and for accountability.

Multiplication of Leaders: It is the duty of godly leaders to train and equip other leaders for the work of mission and church management. GCMN is already involved in training or building leaders and sending them for mission work. This special core value of multiplying. Leaders should be encouraged more in GCMN for more effective mission work of expanding the kingdom of God on earth. That is the divine desire of God in every generation. Jesus trained his disciples, Matthew 5:1-48, John the Baptist also trained his disciples. Paul also instructed Timothy to train faithful men and women who will in turn train others. (2 Timothy 2:2). Maxwell (2007:252) in one of his twenty-one irrefutable laws of leadership namely the law of explosive growth says “To add growth, lead followers to multiply, more followers and leaders who are actively seen in the church of God and in the mission field of winning more souls to Christ, by training others for the same lead leaders.”¹⁸ Maxwell opines here that good leadership must encourage growth both in followers and leaders by multiplication.

The church and mission should be taken by devoted Christians who are ready to lead and to prepare others for leadership. The church cannot be independent without leaders leading her. There is urgent need for more leaders who will administer the church accordingly. To have more leaders in the church and mission is a commitment also for the society to be transformed through their leadership roles.

Leaders are the products of change in societies, church and missions at all times. Therefore, having more leaders is necessary for transformation generally both in the church and society. It is the duty of senior leaders to train and develop other leaders. Developing new leaders implies that some leaders should make commitment to share their visions and mission with other leaders that will be motivating factor for them to accomplish their leadership roles effectively. It is necessary for encouragement, enlightenment and team leadership. The purpose is for the leaders to succeed in their leadership. Christian leaders bridge the gap between God and his people, for the people to know the will of God through them. Making more leaders is a motivation for more work or church management and mission. It also involves motivating people and guiding them to the right, ministry and supporting and supervising them as they minister, many churches who train leaders, have abundance of leaders and are satisfied.

They did not lack proper guidance and leadership, leaders who are properly equip are motivated to have the job desperately done. The church has a long history of using leaders for church management and mission, using men and women to meet institutional needs. Human resources programs that consist of a seminar, some tests and an interview with a leadership skilled in personal management, such opportunities help leaders to identify their interests and gifts and look for ways they can use them for church management and mission. To tap talents is to ask a group to identify specific talents among leaders for appropriate ministration in the body of Christ; some leaders are ready to admit their talents and to use their talents accordingly. God is in the business of bringing new converts to his kingdom through dedicated leaders who will always continue to raise new leaders for the mission of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Leadership controls a central stage in mission, in influencing people, to submit truly to the lord of Jesus Christ. It a process that is dynamic for an extended period of time from one generation to the other. Leadership shared a global coverage views and values in every society and culture. Christian leadership shares much with local secular leadership in term of values and pattern of life generally. The use of spiritual power and accountability of Christian leadership is depending upon the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Proper understanding of Christian leadership has influence in political, economic, social and religious issues. How biblical leadership needs to be properly applied upon a societal leadership for adequate results, understanding the value of leadership provides basis for action to produce and develop more leaders. Multiplying leaders also could be for setting a standard in leadership. David set the standard of dynamic leadership by asking others who can go courageously to be become leaders.

“David had said whoever leads the attack on the Jebusites, will become commander in chief. Joab son of Zeruiah went up first and so he received the command (1 Chron. 11:6) multiplying leaders does not just suggest that there should be more leaders in position of affairs in the church or missions. There should be more or additional competent leaders who can cover wider areas in terms of church management and missions. In the real sense of leadership, those who are leaders, are those who are committed or ready to work hard for the benefit of those they are leading and not just those who are in position for their selfish interests. Leaders should not be choosing subjectively, but objectively. Some leader's main interest is to perpetuate themselves in leadership position. Leader selected or added to other leaders, should be leaders with proved competence to lead people without fear or favour. There comes a time in the leader's life, that he needs other leaders to advice or counsels him. But only leaders with standards that can accept wise counsel.

How Jesus raised leadership is a model for leadership today. He was a leader but raised some other leaders called the disciples; there were other 72, and 3000 respectively. The act of multiplying leaders is the act of reaching more souls with the gospel. “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few” (Matthew 9:3). That is an invitation for more leaders to lead tasks of reaching the unreached with the message of the gospel of salvation. We are called to serve and we serve to glorify God and to give some people the opportunity to hear the gospel by themselves. “How shall they hear without a preacher” (Rom. 10:14).

There is need for evangelical churches to release members for ministry. By so doing they will unleash the massive talents, gifts, resources, creativity and energy lying dormant without use. The method or model of multiplying leaders will bring the spirit of reawakening some who are leaders, but in one way or the other are not leading. Multiplying leaders is a task that will bring more strength and growth to the church of God or mission becomes active due to presence of dynamic leaders who are driving the purpose and will of God within it. “We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10) to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12)” God has great expectation for Christians to lead in the mission of propagating the gospel to all Nations on earth without exception. They must ensure that the leaders raised are spiritually and morally sound so as to convey the true message of God by example. You are the light of the world.

Stewardship: Leaders are to be mindful of stewardship of time, resources, gifts or talents and other opportunity as God can offer them. Every GCMN staff is a steward of the organization in different dimensions. All these God's given tools or instrument are targeted at promoting the works of the kingdom of God faithfully, is requirement for proper productivity, profitability and accountability as recorded in (Matthew 25:14-30)

Stewardship is a practical act of taking care of others. Jesus humbled himself and served the disciple. Humility and self-service are important for mission work both in church management and mission outreach for soul winning. Humility is stewardship which gives a Christian person the enablement to come to terms with every situation good or bad, simple or complex and to address it accordingly. Jesus Christ indeed is a practical example of stewardship or servant ship model for both Christians and non-Christians to learn how to willingly, devoutly, faithfully and committed to service of God and humanity. The kind of servant leadership or stewardship should exist and operate within groups in the local congregation (1 Cor. 12:4-6) Groups should be given leadership opportunity to encourage them base on their talents and gifts for the growth of the church which will generate caring support and redemptive fellowship in Christ. It will also promote faith, which will encourage and bring spiritual and moral transformation to individual as well as corporate life of an organization. By so doing, the Christian community will attract even outsiders. The love of Christ should freely flow throughout the community liberating people, at the same time uniting them as people of God within the same kingdom. Since every Christian has some level of stewardship, members in the church should be given some opportunities for service of God. That will enable persons of varying interests and abilities find avenues through which they can personally serve Christ and the church at different levels of servant leadership. The scripture tells us of varieties of services and working for Christ that are all inspired by the Holy Spirit. He the Holy Spirit inspires every service of God both in the church and missions outside the church. God takes the glory and people are blessed both physically and spiritually. Such services by individual should correspond with the character of Christ which is the

main task of the church to serve God in spirit and truth. Throughout history of the church, group leadership have been effective in organization. Each organization needs to have a leader, leading her. There groups or organization have different agendas, that will bring to the community a special aspect of the ministry, without that the organization will lose particular contribution of the group. With all the leadership contribution of groups or organizations, the entire church congregation or denomination will have clear focus on missional activities or endeavours. Pluralism can be a source of freedom and creativity in the church or otherwise. But inspired pluralism is for building the body of Christ. In the direction that people may have a common confession and a common desire to serve God faithfully. This will enhance effective witnessing for Christ. All the activities of leaders of the gospel should be coordinated. There is need to submit to stewardship obligation faithfully, Jesus said to Peter, feed my lambs, tend my sheep and feed my sheep. One in servant ship or stewardship position must endeavours to sacrifice for others because of Christ. The problems encountered by the stewardship, should not hinder him or her to take care of others. Given much and taken little. To spend and be spent for the sake of the Gospel is what a steward is out to do for the sake of others. It is a task that must be accomplished both in simplicity or difficulty. The steward must stop fighting against his or her circumstance at the expense of the gospel task of taking care of others. A servant leader should be focused and committed to the service before him or her irrespective of things that are obstacle to the gospel of Christ and Christianity. He, who calls us to service, will provide the enable environment for us to operate effectively and sufficiently to his glory. A steward should be separated for stewardship tasks.

A stewardship or minister approved of God by special calling to service (Rom. 1:1) empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). There is endowment of spiritual talents and gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-7, Eph. 4:7-11). There is also manifestation of God's will and purpose for calling him (Acts 9:3-16, 2 Cor. 12:1-4). Approval by dynamic ministry results and achievement (Acts 3:1). There is divine commission to serve God in spirit and truth (Rom 1:1). God gives leaders and stewards the leadership responsibility and the authority to carry out those responsibilities effectively (Luke 11:18-19). True leaders or stewards are given the recognition by God, that they are his. The local church can have the feeling of them as true ministers of God (1 Tim. 4:14). The true minister of God. There are qualities in those who are truly called by God as stewards; therefore, they should put in their true seal of divine grace and ministerial authenticity in church management and missions. The church will openly see and recognize the divine approval of what they are doing and respect the credibility of their ministry. Paul was model and living example of a speaker in the New Testament. Paul throughout his ministry claimed divine approval of God upon his life and ministry. It was manifested in his calling, since, and he claimed to be servant of the gospel of Jesus Christ and also his apostleship is from Christ (Roman 1:1:1&5). Paul affirmed in all his epistles that he was in the ministry by the will of God (1 Cor. 1:1&2, 2 Cor 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Col. 1:1). Jesus states the difference between a steward or a shepherd with a hireling "I am a good shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not be holdeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth and the wolf snatched them, and scattered them; he fleeth because he is a hireling and careth not for the sheep (John 10:11-13). A steward gives his best in the service of the master. He protects and defends the flock of God under him from danger of religious wolves and the satanic attack of the enemy. The constraint of the love of God makes the steward does extra ordinary things which an ordinary person cannot do. Indeed, servant ship or stewardship ministry is a service of love and self-sacrifice. Those who lack love and self-sacrifice cannot be stewards.

Steward is a light Bearer: He is not lacking in spiritual fire sight to direct both himself and the flock under his leadership. He understands God purposes for his people. The members know Him as the one who truly cares for them and he is ready to show them the way out of the problems, and he is interested in their physical and spiritual well-being. He is a guide to those that are spiritually blind and a light to those in darkness. He instructed those who need instruction on matters of faith (Rom. 2:19-20). In history and track record of Christianity, Christians have always been agents of moral and spiritual civilization, not only in their communities but in and around them, are testimonies from non-Christians. Stewards are both Human and Nation Developers. Where Christianity has existed before or is existing, legacies of peace, love, sound ethics, good philosophy, positive worldview, sound education which fosters co-existence unity and the general survival of the people. That is why Christianity dispels moral and spiritual darkness, and creates moral consciousness in the heart of all

men. Jesus gives eyes to the blind and legs to the lame (Job 29:15) the steward through his life style, is a light to the people. He provides by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the enabling environment for people to see their soul's need for both salvation and spiritual growth. He also provides educational platform for intellectual development and moral transformation of the people, most especially those who are Christians. The good implication of a steward is that, he is a light bearer for physical productivity in the lives of the people.

The respective ministry of a true steward is the ministry of fruitfulness. He cannot compromise his sanctification and dedication to the service of God with manmade philosophies and worldly models of life undertaking under cultural ideologies or worldview. He is crucified with Christ, in the sense that he identifies himself with Christ's death unto sin and to every form of ungodliness (Rom. 6:2-8, Col. 2:20). The minister or steward may have the historical account of Jesus Christ through the scriptures, but he is the one who directly encounters God in the area of personal salvation and experience of true fellowship with God daily, God has touched and transformed his life. The life he lives is for the services and glory of God. He is no longer interested in sinful pleasures of the world, rather he grieves and mourns over dark attitudes and prays for God's grace and mercies. He is a chosen vessel meet for the master's use; therefore, he is for special tasks of proclaiming the gospel. Although ministers and stewards are specially called and separated for the service of God, does not mean that they are necessarily more-superior than other people who are not specially called, neither does it mean that their spirituality, devotion or dedication is more superior than others, it is just the legal divine right of God to choose whoever he wants for a particular kind of service to his glory. The separation introduces us to the realm of spiritual usefulness, bringing to the context whereby God bestows upon us the great responsibility of directing us to practical ways of serving him in different dimensions, busy supervising the work of God and still been used as instrument of creating the factors for more spiritual growth in the church, there is a general calling as a factor for salvation (Titus 2:11) but there is a special call for service. A (Jer. 1:5). Steward is a spiritual physician who knows how to rightly diagnose men's spiritual cases with right medication of the word of God to their spiritual needs. Jesus has his special experts and specialists in the church. A steward is one of these specialists or experts. The steward has high shepherd's expectancy on him. As sheep count of the shepherd, so also God's people count of the steward for their spiritual needs. He is expected to provide medicine for their sicknesses, knowledge for ignorance, light for darkness, conviction for confusion, counseling for misbehaviors, comfort for sorrows, balm for their wounds, eyes to the blind, love for hatred and gives direction to them in their daily journey in life. That is how a steward should provide the services of Jesus Christ to the people. He who is privilege to occupy the position of a steward that is sensitive, must indeed cultivate close relationship with God. Or else he will be a failure and may not end well.

He begets souls for Christ Jesus through preaching of the gospel. A steward is expected to be known by the flock under him by names and needs. Ministerial parenthood calls for an unlimited commitment to the wholistic development of God's people. A steward does not cease to care for his sheep. Stewardship is all about accountability, therefore every leader should be accountable to God and the organization faithfully and diligently.

Integrity: Integrity of a leader is a very important core value in leadership. It is also a requirement for every leader in GCMN to succeed in his or her mission or ministry. A leader without integrity in like a container without content. To train leaders for leadership both in the church and society is to train men and women of integrity. Those are the men and women God is seeking for to lead his people. People of integrity live Holy lives, accountable to God and the church, which is the body of Christ. Integrity provides moral confidence to lead people without doubts, fear of accusation or failure. Integrity encourages growth in an organization, church management or mission work to the glory of God. Integrity has an authority in itself in the life of a leader for leadership.

Demonstration of integrity on the part of a leader, will make people trust him with leadership position. They will believe in him whatever he does or say. Men and women of integrity are the people that are respected both in the church and society, since they do whatever, they say they will do, and fulfilled whatever promise they made. They are custodians of truth. When men and women of integrity are in leadership. It is practical that positive changes exist for the betterment of the people and the glory of God. Leader of integrity does not sabotage the efforts of the organization, church or mission work. But he or she promotes every aspect of leadership accordingly. To Lamido Leader of integrity does

not give himself for instance, to bad moral attitudes and so on. He is truthful and honest. Noble cited some wise sayings concerning integrity models. For leadership to be effective and dynamic, integrity must be cultivated as a habit or character in the life of a leader. It is in integrity that the leader can nourish the followers and watching them grow both spiritually and physically, thereby bringing out their gifts and their talents in the church, mission work and the society at large. Leadership responsibly is resting on integrity. A leader without integrity cannot function well or be reasonable and responsible. Integrity is what motivates a leader to do what is right, even if it brings pain or hardship to him. Leadership with integrity, gains loyalty from the followers. Sometimes followers protest because of leadership that lacks integrity. A leader of integrity treats followers well, but a leader that lacks it, treats his followers badly. In leadership that has integrity, one may discover intelligence, trust worthiness, humanness and courage. A leader of integrity instructs his followers a head of time on what to do, and how to do it. But a leader that lacks integrity sets traps for his followers, for him to hold and punished those scapegoats. You see clear vast skill and strength to understand physics, politics and psychology of what will bring conflict and provides optimal strategic plans to manage conflict situations. Leader that has integrity enlightens followers and delegates authority to them effectively. Leader of integrity is a motivating model for followers and creates lasting positive impact on them. Integrity is the bedrock of ministry and leadership, and that pastors and leaders should be conscious and passionate about it. Leaders with corporate good performances are leaders with the realization of integrity as their secret source of success and achievement. There is a serious concern on how churches are being managed and how mission works are being carried out, depends on how leaders will reach the finishing line or end well. In many cases because leaders do not finish well is erosion of integrity perpetrated by the leaders in several ways, within organization and the church. Leadership with integrity is what should be a central theme in either church or political leadership. The practice of integrity is a requirement for successful leadership. It is a quality that encompasses truthfulness, credibility, sincerity and transparency. A leader, in a leadership position must possess such a quality for him or her to be qualified to lead people. Leaders of integrity speak differently, do things differently and react to issues differently, the types of leaders have firm principles, sound moral and spiritual life style and they set standards for others to follow.

There is biblical account of persons who distinguished themselves as men of integrity, Job, Joseph, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were practical examples of men with integrity. To maintain integrity is to take a right decision and to be ready to follow the decision at all times under all conditions. There are so many leaders, but there are only few leaders that lead with integrity. The big challenge of leadership today, is leadership with integrity. Integrity brings blessing, provides security, integrity guides brings promotions, its guards and protects, integrity leads the people, it provides human needs and gives great courage, integrity brings prosperity. It provides defense. It has a legacy in the society and family.

A leader with integrity is also a leader with humility (Philippians 2). Divine humility has a power from God which comes to have human race different, most especially the Christian community where God reigns. Michael Ramsey asserts that; "All Christians are called to be humble but ordained man set forward the gospel and the sacrament whereby their humility is sustained, and leads them in the way of humility as their pastor.

Humility cannot be separated from integrity. The sound rule is that all our ideas of doing well is standing on humility and integrity. The leader who truly humbles himself with the authority of Christ, should humble himself at his feet." Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon him, for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7). God cares for all those who humble themselves and keep their integrity. Humility and integrity are an honour given to God. It is also a sense of total submission to the leadership of the Almighty God.

Bauta D. The standards of God's integrity do not change as he (God) cannot change, therefore there is no shifting shadows for one who serves God with integrity will fulfill the promises of God in his life and promises he makes to people. Christian ability to fellowship with God and man effectively, is resting on integrity. A man of integrity keeps his promises or vows. He does not associate himself or herself with any act of hypocrisy or eye service. He can be trusted; therefore, people can count on him. Commitment is also in the character of a leader with integrity. He speaks with wisdom and knowledge given to him by God. He sacrifices his time, energy and resources to assist those in need at

all times. He shares the burdens of the poor and the needy within the Christian community and the society at large. God expects all his children to demonstrate the sense of integrity as a habit or character seen in them. It is a light to the people in and around us. Everything we do should be to the glory of God and for the development of humanity.

Another key product of integrity is influence, a leader leading with integrity will influence his followers positively, since all of them are benefiting from his good Leadership role of integrity. He grants and empowers them to succeed, so in some ways leaders have less freedom as they move up more and more. Customers have great freedom and can do almost anything they want. John C. Maxwell says "Workers have more obligations, leaders have even more."⁵³ Leaders with integrity struggle to influence their followers by working hard to see that the organization is growing effectively. Therefore, a leader who leads with integrity is not a lazy individual, but a leader who takes many responsibilities. The leader who serves with integrity pays the price for such a leadership. For someone to undergo a genuine leadership, must go through tests moments. leader to influence the people positively. David despite his leadership challenges holds to integrity I will sing of your love and justice to you, o Lord, I will sing praise. I will be careful to lead a blameless life when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless men I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate, they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me, I will have nothing to do with evil whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence, whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, he whose walks in blameless will minister to me. No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. (Psalm101;1=8)

There are some principles related to a leader with integrity as stated by King David. Nearly all human beings are in position of one leadership or the other. For David there were three things that made him a man who loves integrity. Living a spiritual and good moral life, worshipping God in spiritual and truth, singing and praising him and living a blameless life. That is how to live a life of integrity.

Sometimes we got things wrong but sometimes we got them right. That which enable us to feel sorry for wrong doings or mistakes is part of integrity. People who lack integrity find it difficult to admit that they are wrong. He who lacks integrity is full of pride. But people know a man of integrity. Not all people can read the Bible or books and articles on leadership. But all people can read a man or woman in leadership to know whether he or she has integrity. Every leader should to be trusted, respected and worthy of serving God and humanity must have integrity and serve with it.

astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (53:5-

5. CONCLUSION

Missions is about touching the wholistic lives of the people. Christian missionaries must strictly follow the format of Jesus Christ in doing mission work. Jesus did not condemn sinners, but gave them the opportunity to repent and be part of the new kingdom. Missions should be key in our quest to bring people to the kingdom of God. The writer will like to conclude that contextualization in missions is the best method of missiology in Africa. The writer agreed with Motty (2013:9), who says, "Contextualization is the ability to make the Christian gospel relevant and meaningful to one's situation. It is relating the gospel to a culture in the daily life of the Christian members. Contextualization is to help relate the gospel to an in the daily life of the church members."

Mission should be done not just for what it can achieve but for what it is. Theology of mission and its practice should be understood by every Christian as part of his or her salvation task. We are saved to serve. Mission is not what a Christian should suggest to do. But what a Christian should prepare to do. Gilliland (1998: 32), states that, "a mission theology is marked by two characteristics. It underscores that which is essential to the Gospel, and it communicates in a manner relevant to each situation. The term essential means that no truth, no fact of the Gospel that is absolute to salvation can be ignored or changed." I concur with what Gilliland says, that the primary mission of presenting the Gospel should not and must not ignore the truth in the Gospel.

Evangelism/mission had been identified as key in ministry and transformational leadership to the extent that it cannot be seen as just something apart. There must be total commitment to evangelism/mission. Hanciles (2008:364), asserts that, "missionary commitment of the pastors cannot be denied. Fully 70 percent of the Pastors in the study identified evangelism/mission as a principal area in ministry."

What is key in ministry is evangelism and mission. Mission and evangelism should be supported by every Christian, both spiritually and physically. Witnessing Christ has to take the form or shape of evangelism/mission either to an individual or a group. The anthropological nature of the people, should be determined, before presenting the Gospel to them. Kraft (2009:4), says, "This kind of realism is very important to cross cultural witnesses. We are (or ought to be) concerned with people as they are. We want to communicate Christian messages (messages from God) to them in those terms." Without understanding the people, the wrong methodology of presenting the Gospel may be applied.

1. Make sure that the target audience should come to know and live the truth as they understand it to be.
2. Challenges should not hinder the mission work. But there should be ways of overcoming challenges
3. A missionary should be committed to the transmission of the gospel truth and leave the conversion for the Holy Spirit.
4. A missionary should live by what he or she preaches.
5. A missionary should listen to God, through the Holy Spirit on how-to carry-on mission work in a particular place or situation.
6. There is time of sowing and time of harvest in mission. A missionary should not mistake time of sowing for harvest or harvest for sowing. A missionary should allow the Holy Spirit to determine seasons in mission.
7. Mission is a task that must be accomplished, as long as God has directed it.
8. The social, political and economic problems of the 21st century have affected all aspects of life. Therefore, there should be wholistic approach to missions to address the current issues at hand in the society.
9. There should be changes in direction of missions as new global challenges are appearing daily.
10. Christian mission of propagating the gospel of Christ should not compete with any religion. Missionaries should just be focus on the mandate of preaching the gospel, without been distracted by what other religions are doing. Nanyak Goifa (2013:1), says, "what else can we say than to thank God for counting us worthy to be part of His heart beat which is to make Christ known to the unsaved. Knowing that mission is God's heart beat angels yearn to participate in it. Angels that God created sinless are not allowed to champion the great commission. The only explanation for this is God's abundant grace for mankind." Nanyak could be right for calling God mission, his heart beat. I saw it the same way. Christians and Churches should invest 40 percent of their resources for evangelism mission. That will give true meaning to evangelism/mission in the 21st century. There should be true dedication, commitment and devotion to the work of mission by the missionaries. God will always support those who are called for any mission mandate (Romans 8:28). The internally displaced people in Nigeria should be reached with the Gospel, most especially those that are non-Christians. Christian missionaries should use that opportunity to reach them with the Gospel.

It is the duty of Christian to take care of the society in and around them. To fulfill the great commission in Mark 16:15-16, Christians should make strategies plans to take care of their converts and to all those they intend to reach with the gospel. Health care educational, economic and social services should be provided to the people as part of the gospel. Some missionaries in the past had laid some foundations of these useful programmes. The contemporary Christians or church should build on them.

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