



# Wise Witnesses



## Colossians 4:2-6 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup>Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup>meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, <sup>4</sup>that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

## Introduction

God called us for a purpose. He wanted us to be His witnesses, to seek those who are lost, and to bring them to Christ.

## Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus said that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He wanted our lights to shine for people to see our good works for the glory of God.

## Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

To be wise witnesses, walk with wisdom and talk with grace to those who are outside of Christ.

The two most common witnesses are the silent witnesses and the aggressive witnesses.

The silent won't talk to others or to strangers about Jesus Christ. They do not want to be placed in an awkward situation. They do not want to be rude or insensitive.

The aggressive are the type who sell products door-to-door or like a telemarketer. They talk literally to everyone and do not mind even if the listeners pay no attention or are not even interested in what they are saying.

Paul teaches us neither to be silent nor to be aggressive witnesses, but to be wise witnesses for Christ.

In private:

### I. Continue earnestly in prayer with thanksgiving.

- Before you talk to a person about God, talk to God about that person.

a. Pray in private.

### Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

b. Pray that God would open to you an opportunity for the word,

to speak the mystery of Christ, and to be made manifest as you speak.

## Acts 10:44

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

c. Pray thankfully.

- Pray in faith, especially when our circumstances often do not seem to be in our favor.

## Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

In public:

### II. Walk in wisdom.

The Book of Proverbs often contrasts the wise man with the fool. The fool disregards God's commandments about how to live, but the wise man skillfully orders his life according to God's Word so that the results are like a finely crafted piece of furniture. To walk in wisdom produces a beautiful life.

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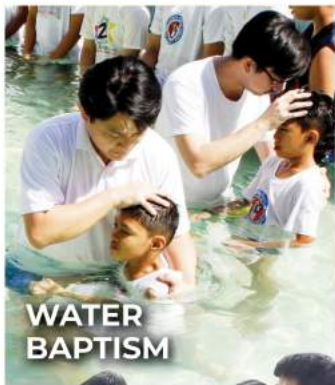


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Administrative Pastor





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**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.





GAMES

**H**anda ka na bang alamin ang plano ng Panginoon sa iyong buhay? Sumama at makisaya sa dalawang araw na UCF Bible Race 2024 sa darating na Enero 27-28, Sabado at Linggo, na punong-puno ng mga palaro, kainan at pagtuklas sa Salita ng Diyos.



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PRAISE & WORSHIP



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Kasama ang pamilya ng UCF, maaari niyo ring isama ang inyong pamilya, mga kaibigan at mga katrabaho man at sama-sama nating maranasan ang kabutihan at pag-ibig ng Panginoon. Tiyak na mare-relax ka rin sa ganda ng kapaligiran sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center habang naglalakad sa mga trail at nilalanghap ang malamig na simoy ng hangin sa lugar.



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UPANG  
MAG-REGISTER.**

**Sama-sama nating maranasan  
ang kagila-gilalas na pagkilos  
ng Diyos!**

<sup>9</sup>Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; <sup>10</sup>So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

**Proverbs 3:9-10  
(NKJV)**



# Sambahayang nagtitiwala sa Diyos

**A**nim na pamilya na ang nagbukas ng kanilang mga tahanan sa taong 2023 para sa gawain ng *Home Bible Church* (HBC). Ngayong taon ay mas inaasahan pa ang pagdami nito at mas marami pang kaluluwa ang makakasumpong sa pagmamahal ng Diyos.

Ngayong linggo ay muling pumalaot ang mga manggagawa ng UCF sa pagbabahagi ng Mabuting Balita at maging ang masusing

pag-aaral ng Kaniyang Salita. Ang mga HBC sa iba't ibang dako ng Laguna at Tagaytay ay buong pagsisikap na binibisita ng mga butihing pastor ng UCF.

Bilang isang sambahayan, kagalakang tunay na si Hesus ang sentro ng pamilya. Dahil dito ay nagiging patotoo ang tahanan sa ibang tao kung paanong buhay na kumikilos ang Panginoon.

## Purok 3, Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao

**Martes | 5:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:

**Rev. Ricardo Jacob**

HBC HOSTS:

**Bro. Orlando De Sagun & Bro. Crispulo Medina**



## Purok 17, Brgy. Dapdap East, Tagaytay & Sitio Balagbag Araw, Calamba

**Biyernes | 5:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:

**Rev. Morrell Estrellado**

HBC HOSTS:

**Sis. Amelia Atienza & Sis. Elsiemae Talisik**



## Brgy. Calabuso, Tagaytay

**Martes | 10:00 AM**

HBC LEADER:

**Rev. Fidel Dillo**

HBC HOSTS:

**Sis. Roselyn Villaraso & Sis. Marina Geguillan**



*Masigasig din sa pag-imbata ng kanilang mga kapitbahay ang bawat grupo ng HBC sa pagnanais na maibahagi rin ang pag-ibig ni Hesus.*

**Exodus 22:29  
(NKJV)**

"You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me."



*Sa bawat araw, ang mga pamilyang dumadalo  
ay mas lalong nag-aalab sa pagtuklas ng Salita  
ng Diyos. Ang lahat ay may pagkakataong  
makilala pa si Hesus.*



**Purok 15,  
Brgy. Dapdap East,  
Tagaytay**

**Martes | 6:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:  
Rev. Ricardo Jacob

HBC HOSTS:  
Sis. Dorothea Hernandez &  
Sis. Zandra Hernandez



**Purok 5, Brgy. Casile,  
Cabuyao**

**Martes | 6:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:  
Rev. Morrell Estrellado

HBC HOST:  
Sis. Angel Belmonte



**Purok 1, Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao**  
**Biyernes | 4:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:  
Rev. Fidel Dillo

HBC HOST:  
Sis. Niña Murillo



But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also  
reap bountifully.

**2 Corinthians 9:6  
(NKJV)**



# Tulong-tulong sa PAGHAHANDA



**S**a pagpasok ng taong 2024, kaabang-abang ang mga gawaing bubuksan na tiyak ay kinapapanabikan ng lahat. Bilang paghahanda, nilinis ang mga *trail* sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center noong Enero 6, Sabado, kasama ang mga manggagawa ng panambahan.

Buong pananabik na naghahanda ang lahat sa mga lugar na pagdarausan ng mga palaro at aktibidad. Tirik man ang araw habang nagtatapas ng mga damo at naglilinis ng mga daan ay hindi alintana ng bawat isang nag-alay ng kanilang mga oras. Ang dating madumi at masukal na daan ay muli ng malalakaran.

Sa pagtutulungan ay mabilis na natapos ang gawain. Kasabay nito ay ang pagbisita sa mga tahanan para sa gawain sa Linggo. Tanging pag-iingat din ng Diyos ang naranasan sa lahat ng aktibidad. Purihin ang Diyos sa mga kaluluwang patuloy na nagtitiwala sa Kaniya.

*Nagtutulongan ang kapatiran na linisin ang mga tuyong dahon sa kalsada upang malayang madaanan ito ng lahat.*



*Nagtanggal ng mga damo sa gilid ng daan upang maging kaaya-aya ang kapaligiran.*

2 Corinthians 9:7  
(NKJV)

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

SANTOL LANE

TRAIL 4

TRAIL 5

*Sa mga nagdaang buwan ay naging masukal ang mga daanan sa Mt. Tabor. Sa pagkakaisa ng bawat boluntaryo at manggagawa ay nalinis rin ang mga daan at muli itong naging mauliwalas.*

## COMMUNITY VISITATION

Patuloy na humahayo ang grupo ng UCF sa iba't ibang barangay upang maabot ang mga nawawalang tupa ng Diyos at sa kanila ay maibahagi ang mga pangako ng Panginoon.

PUROK 15, DAPDAP EAST

*Kasama ang mga pastor ng UCF at ang mga manggagawa ay kanilang binabahagian rin ng Mabuting Balita ang mga tahananang kanilang nabibisita.*

SITIO PULONG TALAHIBAN, CAVITE

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And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8  
(NKJV)



## Wise Witnesses

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We are to live in line with God's Word so that the world may see Jesus Christ in our lives.

### Galatians 5:22-26

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

### John 13:35

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

### Philippians 2:14-15

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the

midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

### III. Talk with grace.

The main content of the gospel concerns our need as sinners. Our sins have alienated us from the holy God. Because He is holy and just, God cannot just brush away our sins. The penalty must be paid. God has declared that the penalty for our sins is death, which means, eternal separation from God. No amount of good works can pay that penalty. But what we cannot do, God did. In love, He sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully human. He lived in perfect obedience to the Father. His death on the cross was substitutionary. He paid the debt that sinners deserve. God raised Jesus from the dead and now offers a full pardon and eternal life to every sinner who will turn from his sins and trust in the risen Christ alone to save him.

To communicate that content clearly, learn some key verses to

go with each point:

### Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that <sup>9</sup>not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### Romans 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. <sup>5</sup>But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

a. Be gracious.

Speak to sinners as a fellow sinner who is forgiven and not as a judge.

b. Be interesting.

Salt is used as preservatives and a cleansing agent. Speak to restore and stimulate people's taste to want more.

c. Be sensitive.

Discern your listeners. Jesus confronted the proud Pharisees, but was gentle (although He still dealt with sin) with those who knew they were guilty. Pray for wisdom as you speak, so that you will know how to respond to this person's unique needs.

### Conclusion

- Pray with thanksgiving and for God to open opportunity for the gospel.
- Walk in wisdom to shine as the light of the world.
- Redeem the time (make the most of every opportunity).
- Talk with grace and communicate the necessary content of the gospel.

## SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

## Bible Race 2024

**DATE:** January 27-28, 2024  
**Overnight Stay**  
**EARLY BIRD RATE:** PHP 1,500 (until January 14)  
**REGULAR RATE:** PHP 2,000

**Day Tour**  
**EARLY BIRD RATE:** PHP 1,000 (until January 14)  
**REGULAR RATE:** PHP 1,500

Register to **Sis. Karen Mohammad**.

For more details, kindly approach **Sis. Sheriewyn Lourdes Vallido**.

UCF Mt. Tabor Church  
 Re-Creation Center

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 \*PHILIPPIANS 2:12\*

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 9:00AM (Parañaque)  
 3:00PM (Cabuyao, Laguna)

**HOME BIBLE CHURCH**  
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**DAILY PRAYER**  
 6:00PM

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