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Lesson Topic : CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Civic Responsibility

a. Civic is the study of the right and responsibilities of citizenship. This implies that civic responsibilities are the duties which the citizens of a country are expected to perform to ensure peace, progress and unity of their country.

b. A citizen is someone with the legal right to stay in a particular country. A Christian is supposed to be a good citizen who submits to constituted authorities, obeys the laws of the land and respects those in authority. A Christian should perform his/her civic duties and responsibilities promptly.

PETER'S MESSAGE ON THE DUTIES OF A GOOD CITIZEN

Peter encouraged Christians to submit themselves to every human government. Christians are to be examples of good citizens. 1 Peter 2 v 13-17 listed out the duties of a good citizen which include:

-Being self disciplined.

-Obedience to the government and its laws.

-Payment of taxes, rates, electricity bills etc.

-Respecting and honoring those in authority. However, Peter warned that Christians should not use such submission to engage in evil.

THE NEED FOR ORDER IN THE SOCIETY ROMANS 13 V 1-7

Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans encourages them as well as all Christians to be law-abiding. He explains that every authority on earth belongs to God. Anyone resisting or revolting against the authority/government, in resisting God and such resistance may attract the wrath or judgment of God. St. Paul further advised that rulers or leaders should not be terrors to good conducts but bad conducts. He concluded by advising Christians to pay their taxes and revenues and to give honor and respect to whom honor is due. Paul expects Christians not only to be law-abiding but also to do that, which is expected of them at the right time and at the right place.

CARE OF THE SICK (HIV/AIDS) During his three years Ministry on earth, Jesus went around doing good and healing those who were sick and those under the power of the devil. Jesus Christ used the power of God to perform three distinct types of miracles and they were:

1. Healing miracle (2) Nature miracle (3) Miracle of raising the dead.

They are still happening today and are beyond human imagination and scientific explanation. Some of which are recorded in:

John 4 v 46-54 - Healing of the noble man's son

John 5:1-8 - Healing of the lame man at Bethesda

John 9 v 1-7 - Healing of the blind man

John 15 v 1-18 - Healing of the Impotent.

John 11 v 1-44 - Raising of Lazarus

John 2 v 1-11 - Marriage at Cana

John 6 v 5-13- Feeding the five thousand.

John 6 v 16-21 - Walking on the sea

Christians are encouraged to emulate Jesus and show care and love to those that are sick.

HIV/AIDS

HIV means Human Immune Deficiency virus.

AIDS means Acquired Immune Deficiency syndrome.

HIV belongs to a group of viruses called Retro viruses. If one is infected with HIV and it is not treated, it will develop into AIDS and the person will die within a short time.

WAYS OF TRANSMITTING HIV/AIDS

1. Through sex with an infected person, at least 80% of those with HIV got it through sexual intercourse whether one or many times.
2. Through blood transfusion.
3. Sharing of injection needles and other sharp objects like razor blades.
4. Through infected mothers to their unborn babies, some babies can be saved through the help of anti viral drugs.

SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF HIV/AIDS

1. Severe and persistent fever
2. Diarrhea for more than one month
3. Loss of weight

4. Severe cough

5. Lungs and brain damage

6. Skin rashes

7. Herps

8. Infections of the mouth or throat HIVA/AIDS is a deadly disease because it directly eats up and attacks the white blood cells that plays a key role in controlling the body's immune system.