

PASTORAL CHALLENGE 21-02-2010

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. NKJV

Glory to God in the highest who has blessed us with every spiritual and material blessings and who has given us life that we are able to gather here today to deliberate on His work.

I must thank God for all of you and I appreciate you all from the bottom of my heart because you have worked very hard and have been very committed to the work you have been called to do in this local assembly.

Thank you for your attendance, fellowship and your financial support. Know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

My first challenge to you this New Year is let your light shine before people around you. I want you to take a serious look at yourself and ask the question 'how am I affecting the people around me?' Do my words bless, build and encourage others? Does my attitude put people off? If your answer is negative in any one, I encourage you to do something about it and change now because postponement could be dangerous.

We are saved to make difference where ever we are and if we are not we have to address it. However before we can shine farthest to people around we must shine brightest here.

We have to start affecting each other, love each other and respecting each other and show that we really care for one another.

My second challenge this year is that we must be diligent in what we do Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going. NKJV

In the home, all members of the family must be active and contribute their service to the progress of the family, if any of them is passive and no pulling their weight, they aren't going anywhere. So is this family of God, if you are inactive the Church is weak.

I am not saying that you must be involved in everything, no. Otherwise nothing will get done because you will be overspending yourself. If it is one thing you want to do, do it with all your might and let others count you.

Proverbs 22:29 "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men". NKJV

We have done well in 2009 but we can do better and that is what we must aim at in 2010.