

Gábor Györi—Marketplace as a Mission

“How to be witness of Jesus Christ: the transformation from only Sunday worshipers to weeklong disciples.”

Acts 1:8

Where is the marketplace? It is where we work, live, rest and play.

Protestant theology on work is a rediscovery/reintegration of this integral view vs the division of sacred and profane.

Identify in Acts 1:8—to be a witness instead of “witnessing”

But how does our culture influence how we live out our Christian faith?

Reforestation Worldview a diagnostic using a tree as a model for our worldview:

fruit—behavior, culture

branches—choices, decisions

trunk—values

roots—belief system

Roots—Where are the lies?

Obvious lies vs. “religious” lies

The truth provides opportunities to build strong roots:

We are chosen by God to be Salt (Colossians 4:6), Light (Matthew 5:14-16), Witnesses (Acts 1:8). This is our Identity, with the active ingredients being the Holy Spirit.

Process and Journey

“People don’t participate in the multiplication. We need to provide the opportunity and the challenge to continue to walk with Jesus and start to participate in the multiplication...”

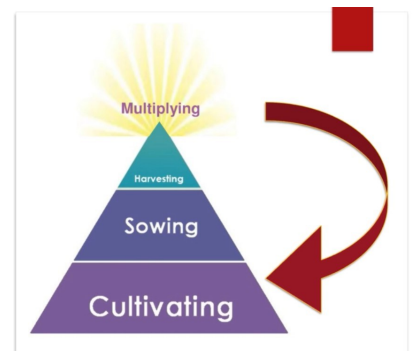
What is keeping us from fulfilling God’s calling?

Barriers in ourselves

time, fear, feeling unprepared, cultural issues, lack of faith

Barriers in our neighbors

spiritual, emotional, intellectual, volitional



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Engel Scale—a diagnostic tool for recognizing where we and our friends are on our journeys as witnesses.

		Phase	Addresses	Speaks To	Overcomes	By
DISCIPLE	Reproduction internally (fruits, gifts, etc.) and externally (witness, social action, etc.)	6	Barriers in Ourselves	The Whole Person	Time, isolation, stagnation, fear, pride, self-centeredness, lack of practice	
	Chooses to live by faith	5				
	Chooses to share faith with others	4				
BELIEVER	Makes Christ-like choices	3				
	Joins in community life	2				
	Assimilates God's Word	1				
SEEKER	Repentance and faith in Christ	0	Volitional Barriers	The Will	Indecision, Social & Cultural Pressure, Unwillingness to Change	Prayer & Persuasion
	Turns from self-trust	-1				
	Sees Christ as the answer	-2				
SPECTATOR	Recognizes own need	-3	Intellectual Barriers	The Mind	Ignorance, Misconceptions, Error	Explanation
	Considers the truth of the Gospel	-4				
	Understands the implications	-5				
	Aware of the Gospel	-6				
SKEPTIC	Recognizes relevance of the Bible	-7	Emotional Barriers	The Emotions	Indifference, Fear, Antagonism, Guilt, Past Wounds	Your Presence
	Looks positively at the Bible	-8				
	Recognizes the difference in the messenger	-9				
CYNIC	Aware of the messenger	-10				
	Going own way	-11				
	Avoids the truth	-12				
	Actively hostile	-13				

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Spiritual Influence Requires:

Christ-like Character	Galatians 5:22-23
Competence	Colossians 3:23
Compassion	2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Wise Communication	1 Peter 3:15
Courage	Joshua 1:9
Community	John 17:22-23

Tools

Some cautions:

Tools are very important, yet what is even more important than methodology, is what is in our hearts.

The best and sharpest tools can be dangerous in the hands of an unskilled person.

It is important that we do good with what we do.

“Don’t trust only in the tools, but we have to trust in the Holy Spirit who makes us witnesses of Jesus at the marketplace.”

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Defining our Success

“When I wanted to count converts or church attendance as the fruits, I think I would make a mistake. Because that’s not my responsibility, how people are responding to the opportunities. My responsibility is to create opportunities.”

Participating in the process with God in obedience

Helping our neighbor to make his or her next step in the journey

“Participation—this is the fruit you are bringing for the glory of God. Participation. And then decisions, transformation, and all the other things - this is the work of the Holy Spirit. And trust him, he is doing his work.

The question: are we ready to do our work?