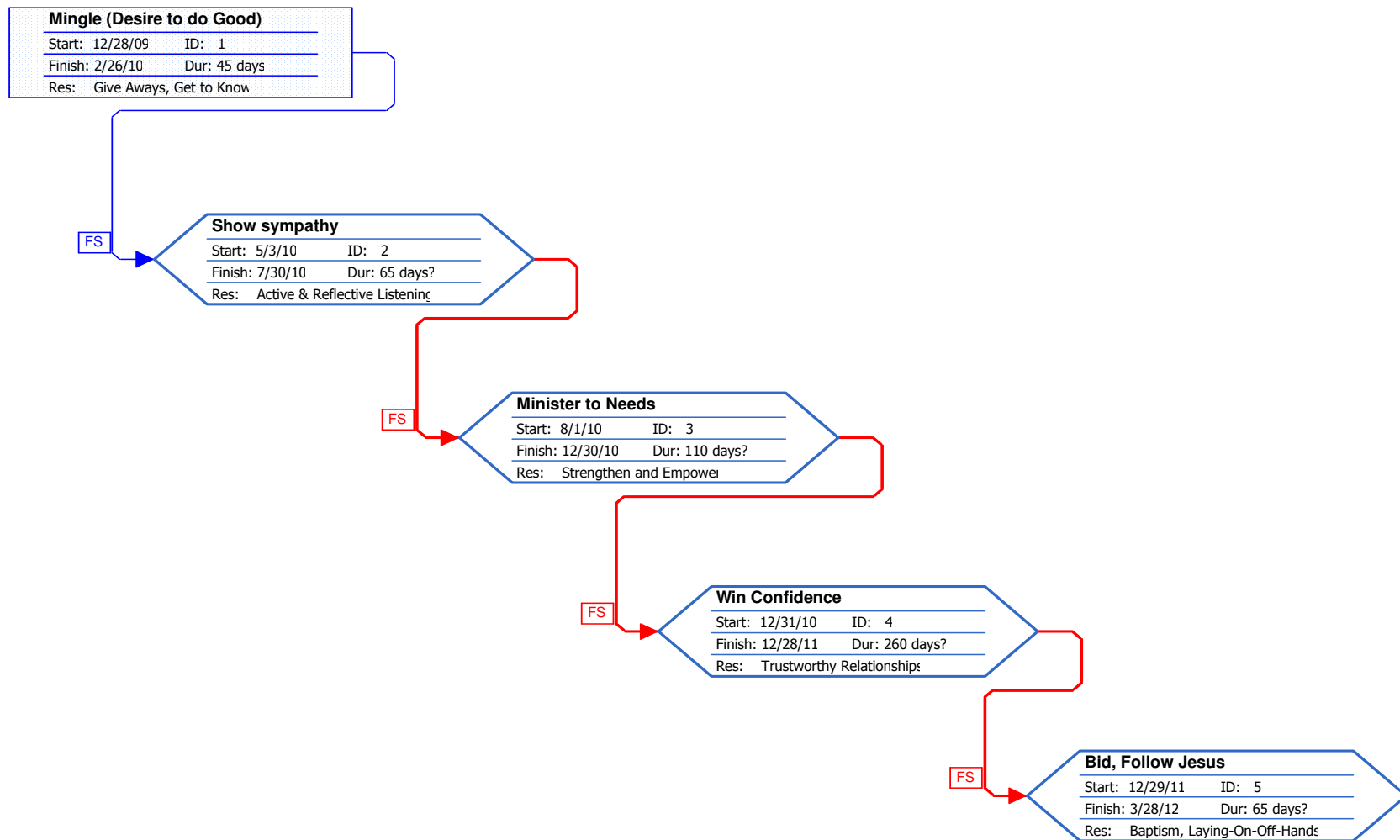
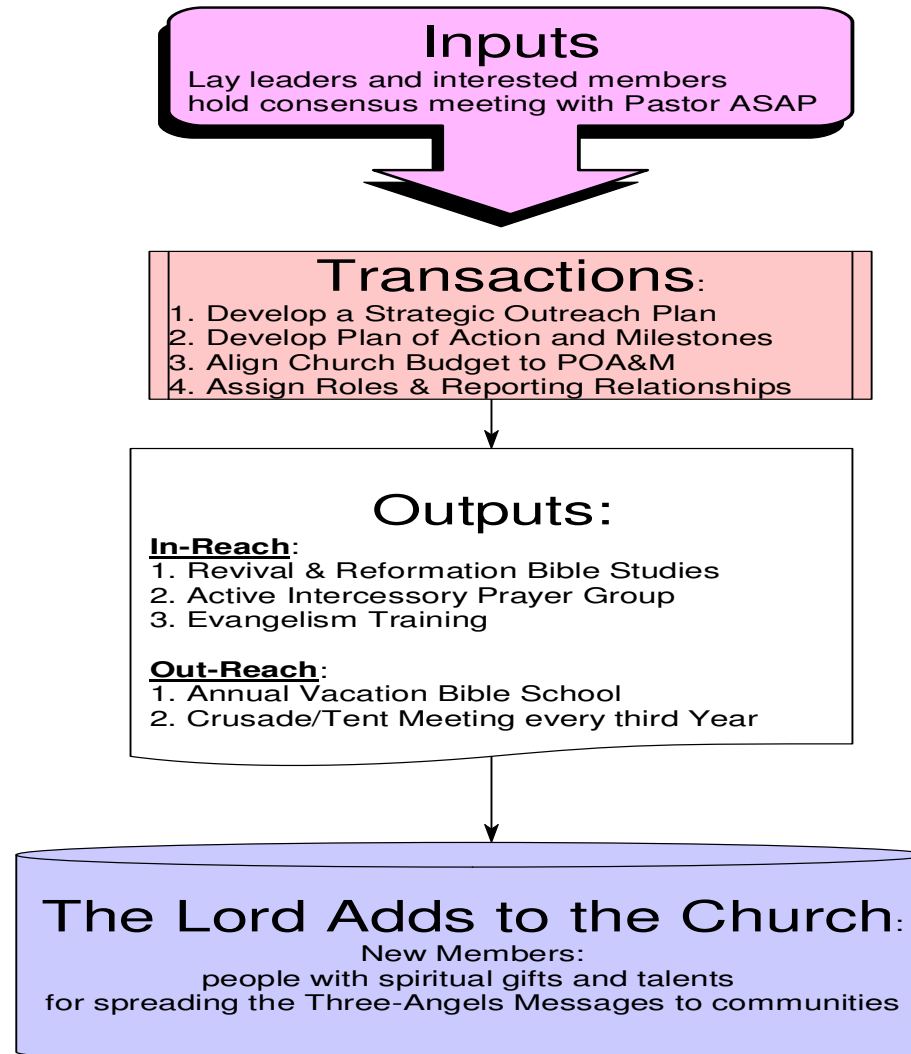


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### Stop Attrition and Secure Service Commitment of Members



### Preemptive Strike on the Enemies of Organized Church Work

The threats we face as a denomination are both internal and external. There are some among us that are driven by impulse and feelings, which they arbitrarily attribute to the Holy Spirit. Beware of this group of church attendees for they are subtle in being ambiguous, sarcastic and deceiving and the ultimate fruit of their labors are to disrupt the organized work of God. “GOD SAYS, ‘ENTER THE CITIES. GIVE THE INHABITANTS OF THESE CITIES THE CALL TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD’” (Evangelism, {Ev} 96.1). “The Lord desires that the cities shall be worked by the united efforts of laborers of different capabilities. **All are to look to Jesus for direction, not depending on man for wisdom, lest they be led astray**” (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 109 in Ev 96.5). Please review the wise counsel that appears below for carrying out Amos 4:12 & Revelation 14:6-10 because the arch enemy of Christ and His people is the author of disorganization and confusion, who works through his visible and invisible agents to hinder God’s work. “**As we begin active work for the multitudes in the cities, the enemy will work mightily to bring in confusion, hoping thus to break up the working forces...**” (Ev 100.2) [and workers] ...will just as surely work at cross purposes as they are different in character, unless they are daily converted...(Ev 100.3).

**Corps of Workers in Every Large City:** “In every large city there should be a corps of organized, well-disciplined workers; not merely one or two, but scores should be set to work” (Ev 96.3). “Each company of workers should be under the direction of a competent leader, and it should ever be kept before them that they are to be missionaries in the highest sense of the term. Such systematic labor, wisely conducted, would produce blessed results” (*Medical Ministry*, pp. 300, 301 in Ev 96.4).

**Success the Result of Order and Harmonious Action:** “God is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. Success can only attend order and harmonious action. God requires order and system in His work now no less than in the days of Israel. **All who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a careless, haphazard manner.** He would have His work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 376 in Ev 93.2).

**Following an Organized Plan:** “It is essential to labor with order, following an organized plan and a definite object. No one can properly instruct another unless he sees to it that the work to be done shall be taken hold of systematically and in order, so that it may be done at the proper time” (Ev 94.1). “**Well-defined plans should be freely presented to all whom they may concern, and it should be ascertained that they are understood. Then require of all those who are at the head of the various departments to cooperate in the execution of these plans. If this sure and radical method is properly adopted and followed up with interest and good will, it will avoid much work being done without any definite object, much useless friction**” (Ev 94.2)

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**Forethought, Order, and Prayer:** “It is a sin to be heedless, purposeless, and indifferent in any work in which we may engage, but especially in the work of God. Every enterprise connected with His cause should be carried forward with order, forethought, and earnest prayer” (*Review and Herald*, March 18, 1884 in Ev 94.4).

**Thoroughness and Promptness:** “It will be easy to make great blunders if the business is not looked after with clear and sharp attention. Although the novice or apprentice may be energetic, if there is not in the various departments someone to oversee, someone who is properly qualified for his work, there will be failure in many respects. As the work grows, it will become impossible even occasionally to postpone jobs from one date to another. **What is not done in due time, be it in sacred or in secular matters, runs a great risk of not being done at all;** in any case, such work can never be done so well as at the proper time” (Ev 94.5).

**Each in His Proper Sphere:** To every [person] God has appointed... work, according to... capacities and capabilities. Wise planning is needed to place each one in [the] proper sphere in the work, in order that [s/he] may obtain an experience which will fit [them] to bear increased responsibility” (Ev 95.1).

**Work Like Disciplined Army:** “Let us remember that we are laborers together with God. We are not wise enough to work by ourselves. **God has made us His stewards, to prove us and to try us, even as He proved and tried ancient Israel.** He will not have His army composed of undisciplined, unsanctified, erratic soldiers, who would misrepresent His order and purity” (*Review and Herald*, Oct. 8, 1901 in Ev 95.2).

**Genius to Plan and Work:** “Genius is wanted, ability to devise and plan and work harmoniously. We want those who will labor, not merely to benefit themselves, receiving all they can get for their work, but who will labor with an eye single to the glory of God, for the rapid carrying forward of the work in various lines” (Ev 95.3).

**Meeting the Issues With Counsel and Prayer:** “There must be something ventured and some risks run by those on the field of battle. They must not in every movement feel that they must receive orders from headquarters. They must do the best they can under all circumstances, all counseling together with much earnest prayer to God for His wisdom. There must be union of effort” (Ev 97.1).

**[Member] Consult With [Member]:** “As workers we need to counsel together over difficult matters. It is right that brother should consult with brother. And it is our privilege after we have done this, to bow together in prayer and ask for divine wisdom and counsel. **But for one human voice to be a controlling power is a sad mistake**” (Ev 97.3).

**Prayer Seasons Bring Encouragement:** “As workers, let us **seek the Lord together. Of our own selves we can do nothing; but through Christ we can do all things. God intends that we shall be a help and blessing to one another, and that we shall be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** God lives and reigns; and He will give us all the help we need. It is our privilege at all times to draw strength and encouragement from His blessed promise, "My grace is sufficient for you" (Historical Sketches, p. 129 in Ev 98.2).

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**Purpose:** We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). Therefore, we must go to work as did Jesus who said: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night comes when no [person] can work" (John 9:4). We know that completing the works of God during Christ's earthly life was a major emphasis because Jesus made it explicit in His final prayer—"I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work [that you gave] me to do" (John 17:4).

**Urgency:** The day of the Lord is at hand (Isaiah 13:6, Joel 1:15 & Zephaniah 1:7, 14-18). Soon Jesus will say, "...He that is righteous let him be righteous still..." (Revelation 22:11) and this pronouncement will be consistent with Scriptures such as Isaiah 42:6 & 54:17 & 1 Corinthians 1:30. Therefore, while the bridegroom tarries (Matthew 25:5), may our minds be alert to duty as the needle to the pole for soon an angel will say: "...Behold, the bridegroom cometh" (Matthew 25:6).

**Action:** In this period of delay, while the bridegroom tarries (Matthew 25:5), let us do **more** than just attend church service, and listen to sermons and dialogue repeatedly with those who have heard the Scriptures. Down shift into the great commission of Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 10:8 and John 14:12. Bring **glory** to God by living in the light of the knowledge of God (1 John 1:7 in Reflecting Christ, 212.5).

**Expectations:** Jesus will soon return with rewards to give each of us according to what each has done (Revelation 22:12). Haven't you heard enough preaching and teaching of the Bible that abundant fruit be evident in your life (John 15:8 & Galatians 5:22-23)? "...Awake out of sleep; your salvation [is] nearer than when [you first] believed. The night is far spent; the day is at hand; ... cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... [and] walk honestly..., not in... strife and envy" (Romans 13:11-13), but by using "This probationary life... to bring [people] back to the **perfection** [of Matthew 5:48] which is to be ***the character of all who shall be saved***" (This Day with God, 90.4).

**Mission:** "The church is God's fortress; His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world. ...In every age the Lord has had His [servants], who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. ...God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven [Exodus 25:40 & Hebrews 12:23]. He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church (Exodus 23:20) and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people" (Genesis 9:2; Exodus 14:25; Deuteronomy 20:4; 2 Chronicles 32:10-21; Matthew 16:18 in The Acts of the Apostles, {AA} 11.2). You that fear God, that think upon His name and speak often one to another (Malachi 3:16), work while it is day, while you have mental function and physical strength! Unite for promulgation of the message of the cross (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Revelation 18:1-5; Hebrews 10:37 & Amos 4:12)! As God's called out, holy people (Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:2 & 1 Peter 2:9), be filled with the fruits of righteousness (Philippians 1:11); be the angel of Revelation 14:6 and the prophet who comes before the great and dreadful day of the Lord (Malachi 4:5). .

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“Where there is no vision, the people perish...” (Proverbs 29:18). Therefore, let us put our minds to work and develop a Strategic Outreach Plan for a targeted community as did Governor Nehemiah who surveyed the broken walls and the city that lay in ruins as he prepared for reconstruction and reconstitution of Jewish presence in Palestine (Nehemiah 2:12-16).

<b>Mission:</b>	<b>To expand the kingdom of God!</b>				
Goal:	To call the unsaved attention to messages of Revelation 14 and Revelation 18				
Objective: Alpha	By [enter month and year], [enter church name] will baptize [enter number] souls by water and the Holy Spirit.				
Objective: Bravo	By [enter month and year], [enter church name] will conduct VBS with [enter number] community children.				
Objective: Charlie	By [enter month and year], [enter church name] church leaders and Outreach participants will spend [enter number] hours together in Revival and Reformation Bible Studies and intercessory prayer!				
Objective Delta	By [enter month and year], [enter church name] church leaders and Outreach participants will complete [enter number] hours of Evangelism training				
<b><u>Ministry Roles ±</u></b>	<b><u>Tasks</u></b>	<b><u>Skills</u></b>	<b><u>Outputs</u></b>	<b><u>Outcomes</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
1. Mixer					
2. Empathizer					
3. Good Samaritan					
4. Confidence Winner					
5. Caller (for Baptism)					

±: Identify person/s responsible for performing each role (rights, responsibilities and obligations).

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Goal:	To match the spiritual gifts or aptitudes of members to the church ministry roles.				
Objective: Echo	Survey or interview each member to identify spiritual gifts or aptitudes.				
Objective: Foxtrot	Develop an inventory of traits or characteristics for each role Jesus used to reach people.				
Objective: Golf	Match members spiritual gifts or aptitudes to each role Jesus used to reach people				
Objective: Hotel	Check with each member to verify agreement with the matching process and edit/update table as needed				
Objective: India	Insert identifiers (check mark) to identify who has specific role or roles				
<b>Church Members±</b>	<b>Ministry Roles</b>				
	<u><b>Mixer</b></u> <b>(Mingle)</b>	<u><b>Empathizer</b></u> <b>(Show Sympathy)</b>	<u><b>Good Samaritan</b></u> <b>(Minister to Needs)</b>	<u><b>Confidence Winner</b></u> <b>(Earn Trust/Respect)</b>	<u><b>Caller</b></u> <b>(Bid Follow Jesus)</b>
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± Match member to roles based on assessment of spiritual gifts or aptitudes for spiritual gifts

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Goal:	To identify productive church members (Psalm 103:17-18 & Micah 6:8) for voluntary service enlistment from the general pool of Bible talkers (Matthew 7:21 & 1 Samuel 15:22).				
Objective: Juliet	Link each member to a ministry role or roles according to the church's strategic foci .				
Objective: Kilo	Identify members on the fringes of the church's strategic mission and nurture and counsel these members				
Objective Lima	Allocate the variable expenses portion of the church budget to priority tasks for carrying out the mission				
<b>Ministry Roles</b>	<b>Church Strategic Foci</b>				
	<u>In-Reach</u>	<u>Evangelism Training</u>	<u>VBS</u>	<u>Out-Reach</u>	<u>Crusade</u>
1. Mixer	Bros. a & b		Sisters a, c & e		Sisters w & x
2. Empathizer		Sisters e & g; Bros. v & p			
3. Good Samaritan				Bros. s & t; Sister j	
4. Confidence Winner				Sisters k & l; Bro. n	
5. Caller		Bro a, b, v, p; Sister: j			Bro. y, Sister x & z
Variable Expenses Budget <sup>±</sup>	10%	10%	20%	20%	40%

<sup>±</sup> Percentages are arbitrary and shown purely as an example. Each local congregation will determine allocations.

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### Tasks for Implementing the Mixer Role

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### Tasks for Implementing the Empathizer Role

1. **Spiritual Reading: 1) Ministry of Healing, 2) Medical Ministry,**

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### Tasks for Implementing the Good Samaritan Role

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### Tasks for Implementing the Confidence Winner Role

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### Tasks for Implementing the Caller (Follow Christ in Baptism) Role

1. **Spiritual reading: 1) Evangelism**

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### Preferred Communication Style for Harmony and Teamwork among Missionary Volunteers:

- ❖ **Not Submissive**: as in wailing, moaning, helpless, passive, indecisive and apologetic;
  
- ❖ **Not Indirectly Aggressive**: as in sarcastic, deceiving, ambiguous, insinuating, manipulative and guild inducing;
  
- ❖ **Not Directly Aggressive**: as in bossy, arrogant, intolerant, bulldozing, opinionated and overbearing,
  
- ❖ **But Assertive**: as in direct, honest and responsible in expressing needs and feelings using personal ownership statements: An example follows
  - *Describe Behavior*: When you don't complete assignments and wait until the last minute to report incompleteness,
  - *Describe Feelings*: your action gives me uneasiness because it compromises the integrity of planned efforts!
  - *Describe Consequences*: And the experience of delivering incomplete products or inferior services is disheartening to the group!
  - *Open Non-Judgmental Dialogue*: What can we do to help you complete self-assigned tasks on time?

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## Plan of Action and Milestones

Last Updated: [Insert month, day, year]

Action	Person Responsible	Preliminary Review Date	Reviewer/s	Final Due Date	Progress Report
Delivery of final product or service is tentatively scheduled for:					

“...Which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it” (Luke 14:28, New American Standard Bible).

## Laborers Together with God Standing on His Promises

1. "Woe... to the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture..." (Jeremiah 23:1). But Brethren must not point fingers for God also says: "...My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters and hewed... out broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). "[But] the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away His face from you if you return unto Him" (2 Chronicles 30:9). "...The Lord... [is] compassionate, ...slow to anger [and abounding in love and faithfulness...]" (Exodus 34:6). "...The Lord's love is with those who fear Him; ...with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts" (Psalms 103:17-18, NIV). Therefore, heed this call: "***If*** my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways; ***then*** I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). Our church members and leaders need healing!
2. "You shall not fear them for the Lord your God... will fight for you" (Deuteronomy 3:22).
3. "You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you that you may live and that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess" (Deuteronomy 5:33).
4. "Fear... not; for I am with thee! Be not dismayed for I am thy God! I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10); for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee: Fear not; I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:13).
5. "I am the Lord! I have called you in righteousness; I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you. I will appoint you as a covenant to the people and as a light to the nations" (Isaiah 42:6) when deep darkness covers the earth (Isaiah 60:1-2).
6. "My word that goes forth out of my mouth... shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). "...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from his [or her] way and live..." (Ezekiel 33:11). "...Trust in thy sickle and reap for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Revelation 14:15). "...The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray... the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers into the harvest" (Luke 10:2).
7. "Behold, I am coming quickly and my reward is with Me to render to every [person] according to what... [was] done" (Revelation 22:12).