



Igniting the Flame



Why Are You Here?

“You are the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:14

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WHY Are You Here ?



Where is God?





A journey ...

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11+ years*

*...presenting to over 500+
Parishes of all major
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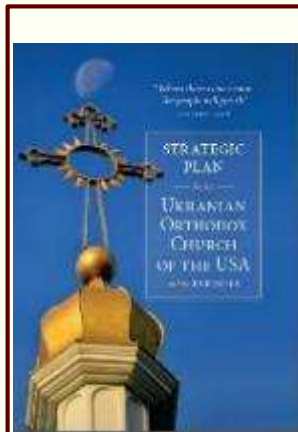
I have been blessed to complete strategic plans covering over 25% of Orthodox Christians in America



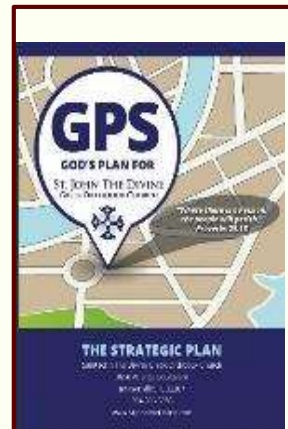
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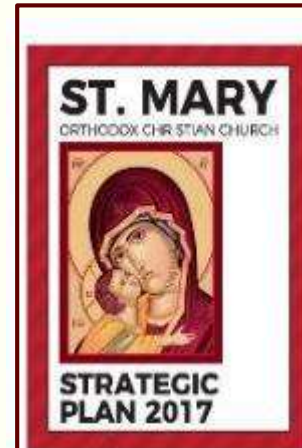
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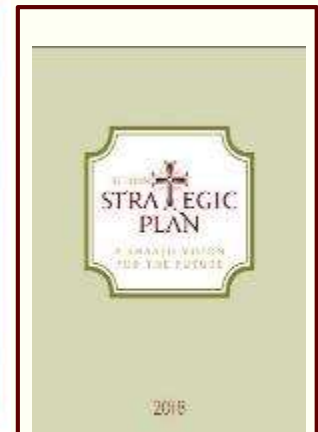
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Church of
the USA
(entire
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Divine
(Jacksonville
FL)



St Mary
(Wichita,
KS)



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(Beaverton,
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Vision and
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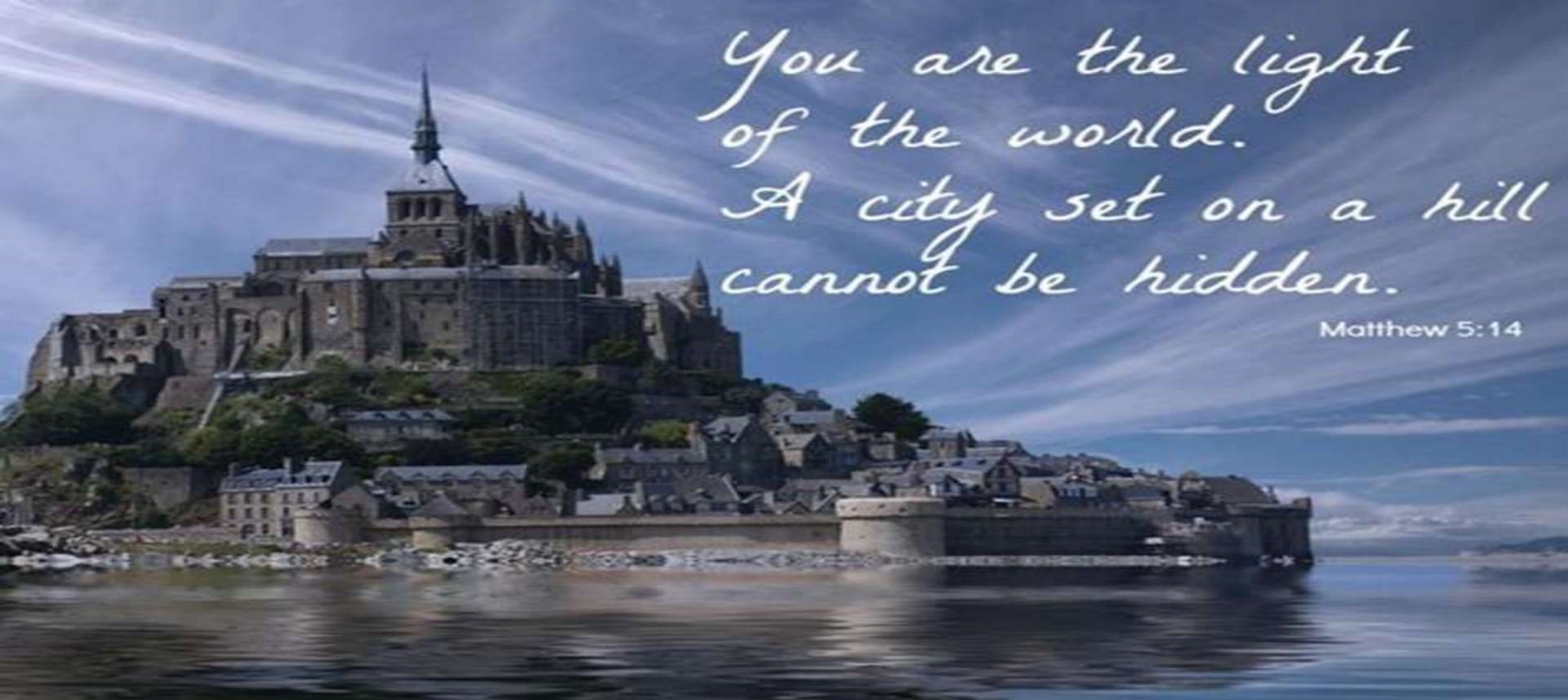


WHY Are You Here ?



**YOU were made in
the image and
likeness of GOD**





*You are the light
of the world.
A city set on a hill
cannot be hidden.*

Matthew 5:14

**YOU, who were made in the
image and likeness of GOD,
are the light of the world!**



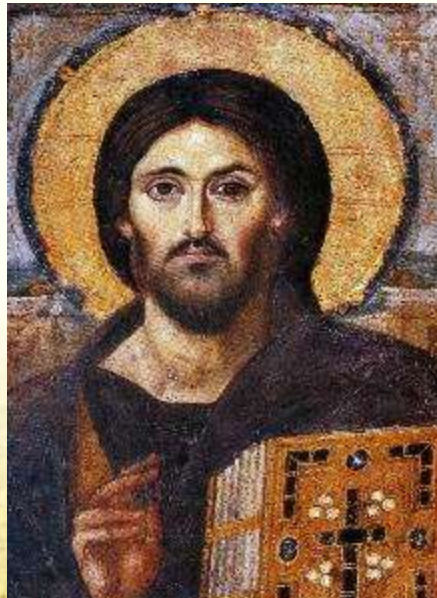
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our lives may be
Christian, without
pain, blameless
and peaceful,
and for a
GOOD ACCOUNT
BEFORE THE
AWESOME
JUDGMENT SEAT
OF CHRIST”**

2 Corinthians 5:10

Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Christ's Possible Tough Question

“What did YOU do with MY Church under YOUR watch given all of the gifts over which I made YOU a steward?”



You Have Been Called



“...I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

Ephesians 4:1



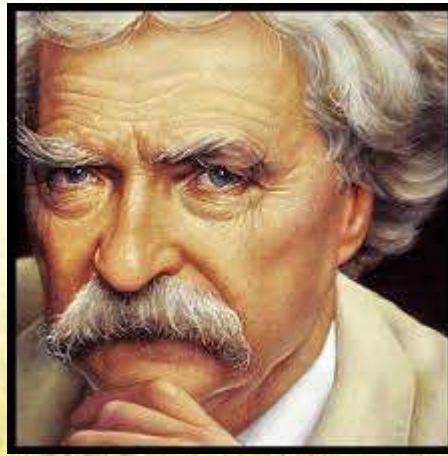
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“The two most important days of your life are:

First, the day you were born; and

Second, the day you figure out why.”





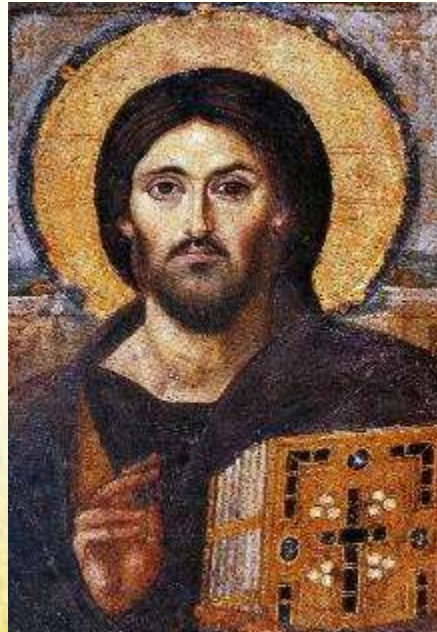
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**“Living your WHY is
the difference between
making a living
and
making a life.”**

Christ's Big 3-C's

- + Christ's' Great Commandment
- + Christ's' Great Charge
- + Christ's' Great Commission





Christ's 3 C's Messages



Christ's Great Commandment

“That you love one another; as I have loved you”

John 13:34



Christ's Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”

Matthew 28:19



Christ's Great Charge

“Go and do likewise”

Luke 10:37



Tough Love from St. Paisios

“The spirit of luke-warmness reigns... We’ve been spoiled for good. How does God still tolerate us?”

Today’s generation is the generation of indifference. There are no warriors. The majority are fit for parades and feasts only.... Even people who’ve got something inside have begun to grow cool saying, ‘Can I really do anything to change the situation?’

We have to witness our Faith with boldness, because if we continue to remain silent, we’ll have to answer in the end. In these difficult days, each must do what is in their own power. Leave what’s out of their power to God. In this way, our conscience will be clear.”

St. Paisios the Athonite





Today's Life Changing Idea



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Today's Life Changing Idea



It's

Not

Yours,

It's

God's



Today's Life Changing Idea



It's Not Yours
It's God's

**“You received without paying,
give without pay.”**

Matthew 10:8



Today's Life Changing Idea



Until you become truly generous in your own life with all of the gifts your Creator has given you, you will never fully live the life your Creator wants for you!



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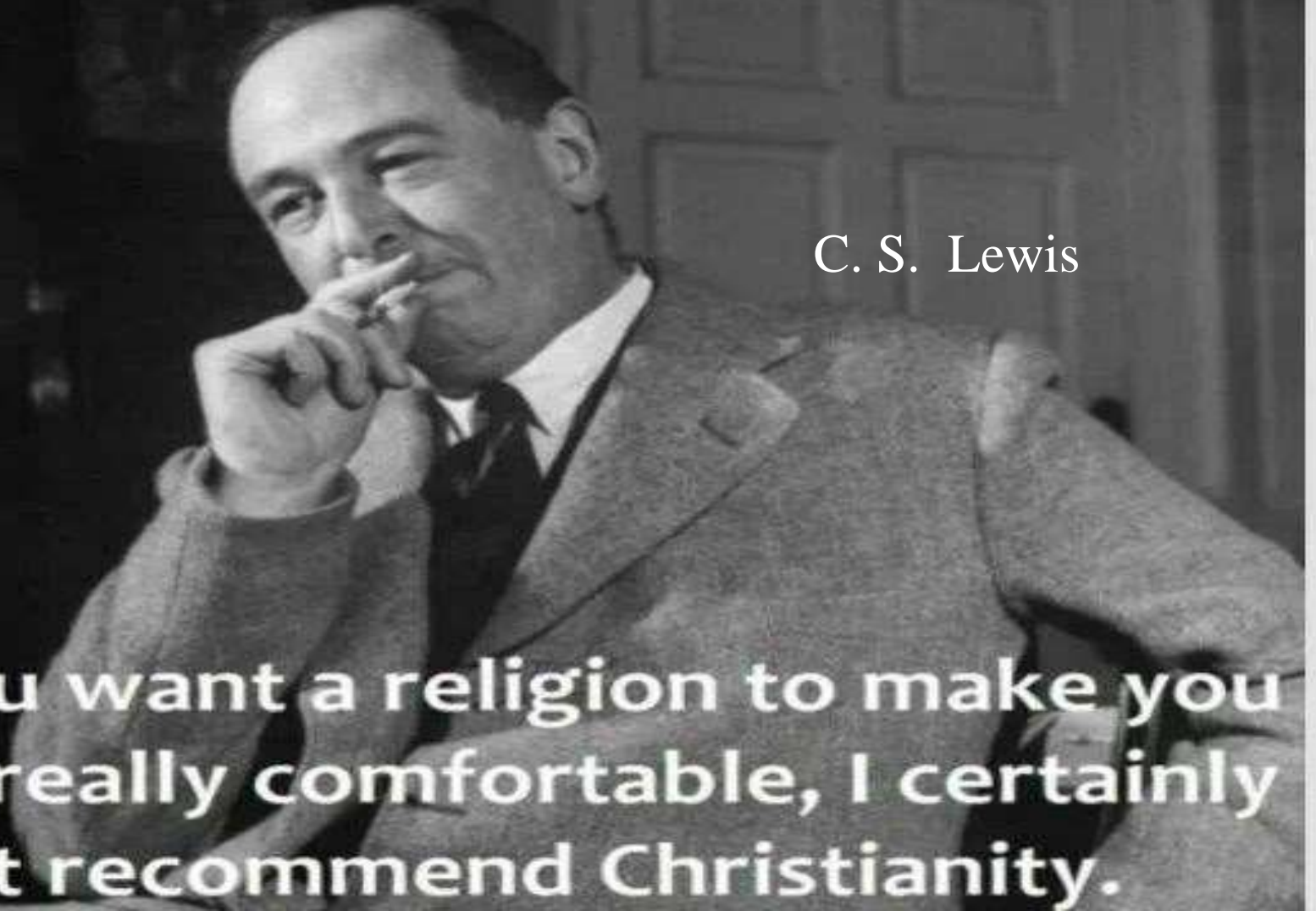
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I didn't go to religion to make me "happy." I always knew a bottle of Port would do that.

C. S. Lewis

If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.





**So What Is
Our Answer ?**



The Stewardship Calling Stewardship Definition



Stewardship...

...what you do with ALL
the gifts God gave you



The Parable of Generosity



The parable featured in all 4 Gospels

Matthew 14:13

Mark 6:31

Luke 9:12

John 6:1-14





The Parable of Generosity



“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many.”

John 6:9

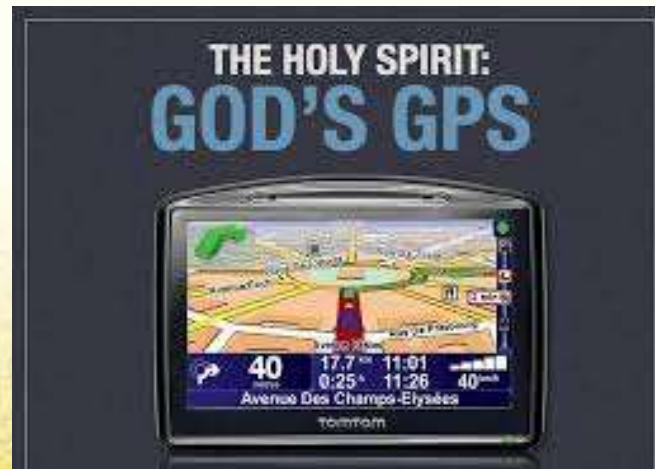


G.P.S. (God Positioning System)



**“For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God
prepared beforehand that we
should walk in them.”**

Ephesians 2:10





The First 3 Steps Of Discerning And Living Your Stewardship Calling?





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The First 3 Steps



Step 1: Accept God is in control, not you

- ~ Until you submit yourself, and your life, to God's will, you will not be in the best frame of mind to discern your calling
- ~ This is the hardest step in today's "you're in control" culture



The First 3 Steps



Step 2: Listen to the many messengers God will continually send to you

- ~ God is constantly sending you messages about what you should do, and not do, with your life
- ~ Learn to listen to all the “angels” God sends your way, regardless of how unlikely the messenger



The First 3 Steps



Step 3: Prayerfully review all lessons learned in your life

- ~ Your major experiences and lessons learned (primarily from your mistakes) were given to you to help prepare you for discovering your calling



Open Your Eyes





The 3 Key Questions To Your Discern And Live Your Stewardship Calling?





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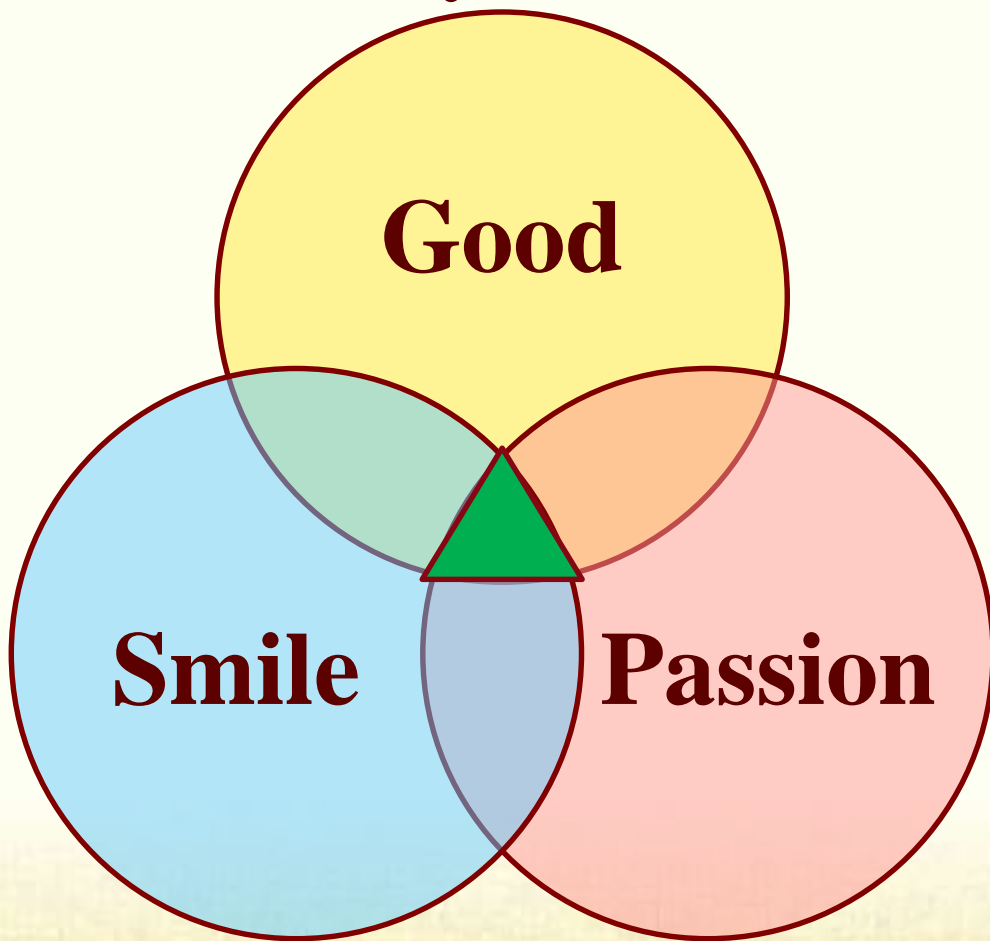
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The 3 Key G.P.S. Questions



What are you Good at?

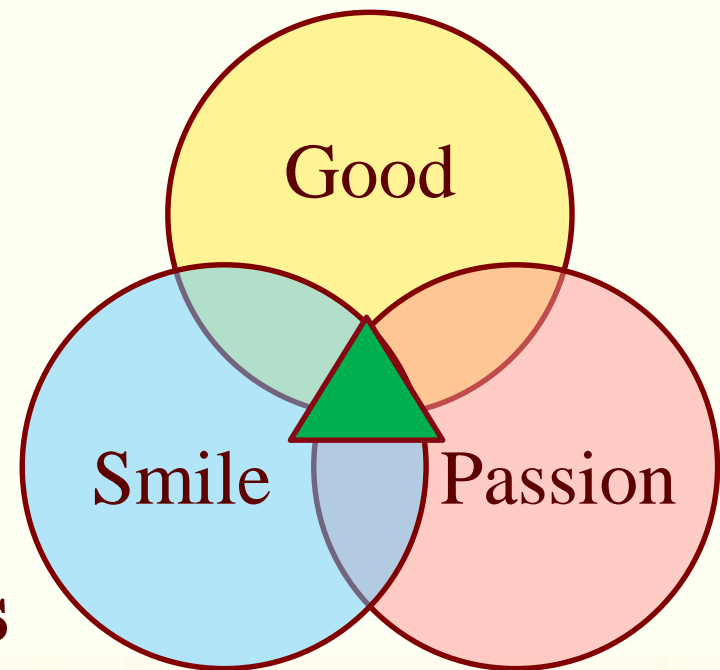


What makes you Smile?

What are you Passionate about?

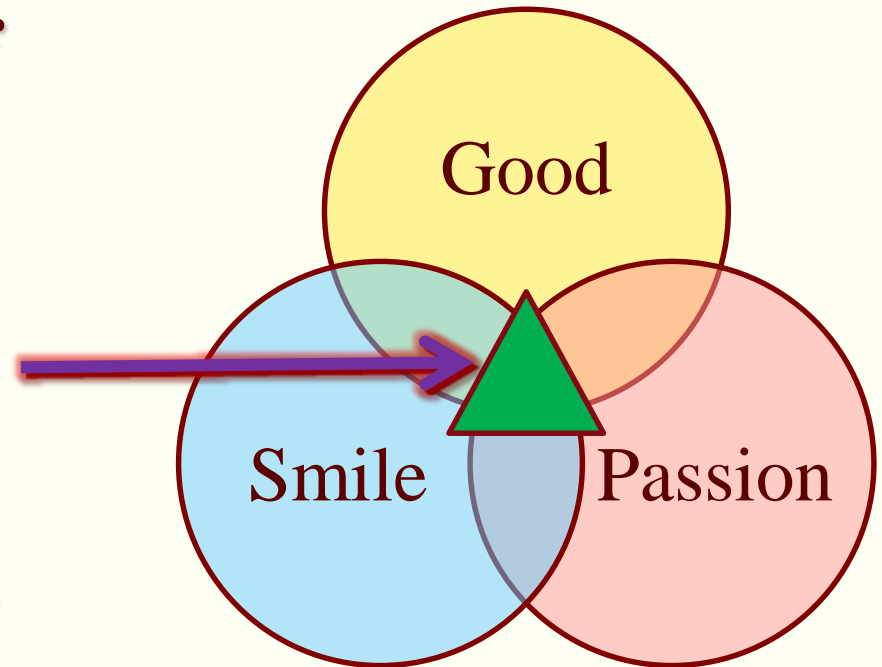
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- You're generally good at things you've done many times
- You aren't always passionate about everything you're good at
- And not everything you're good at brings you happiness (i.e., makes you smile)



Using G.P.S. To Discern Your Stewardship Calling

The intersection of what you're good at and passionate about that also brings you joy is where you will likely find your Stewardship Calling.





The Question I Ask Every Parishioner



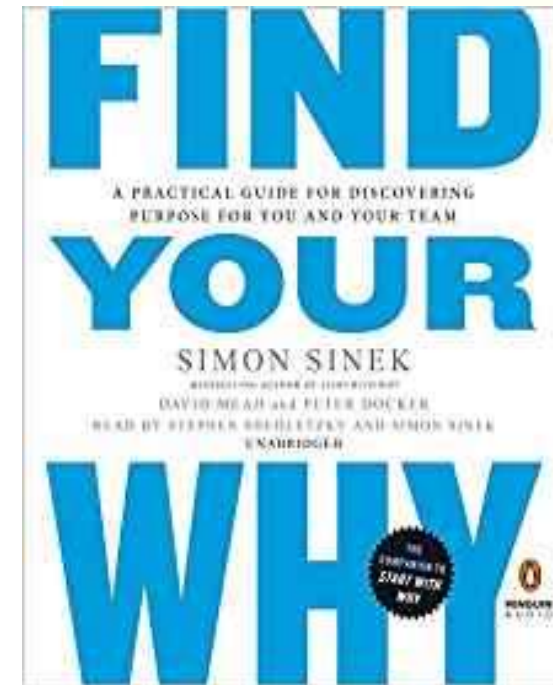
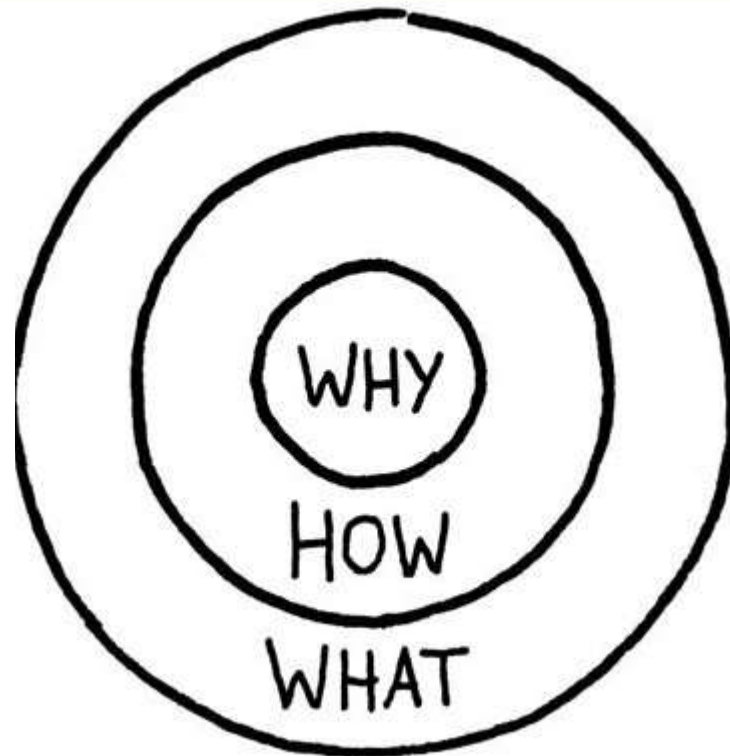
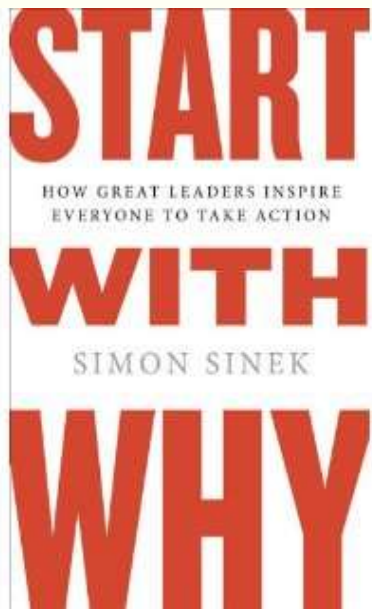
**What are
you good at
that your
church
could use?**



What would you
say to someone
who is dying?



Start With Why - Find Your Why



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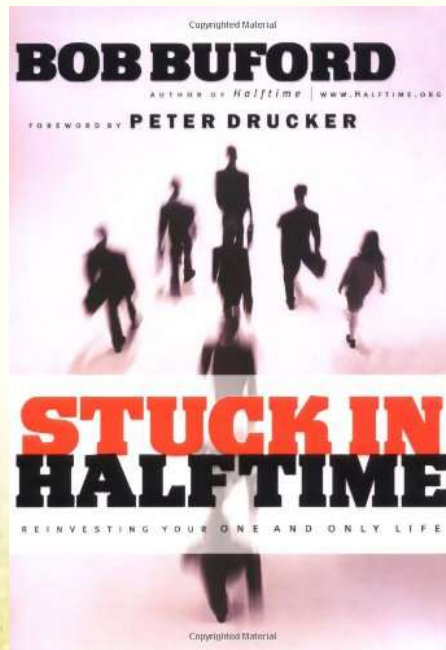
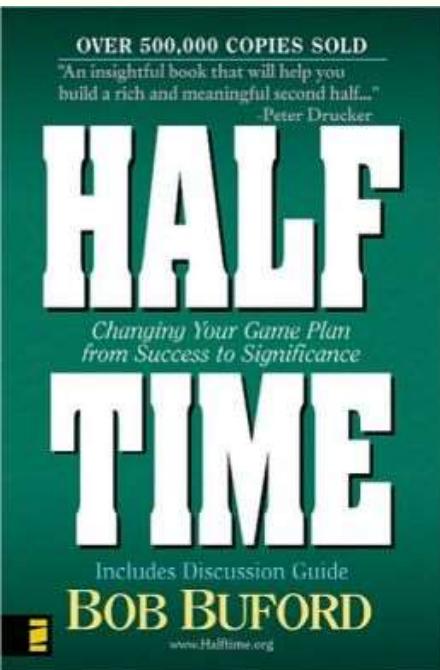
Half Time – Stuck in Halftime



**Bob
Buford**



You spend the first part of your life trying to be “successful” and the second part of your life trying to be “significant.”



The time in-between is Half Time.



Church Leaders



“The most basic task of the Church leader is to discern the spiritual gifts of all those under his authority, and to encourage those gifts to be used to the full for the benefit of all.

Only a person who can discern the gifts of others and can humbly rejoice at the flowering of those gifts is fit to lead the Church.”

**Don't measure yourself by what
you have accomplished, but by
what you should have
accomplished with your ability.**

**UCLA Coach
John Wooden**



**Won 10 NCAA
national basketball
championships in 12
years – 7 in a row**





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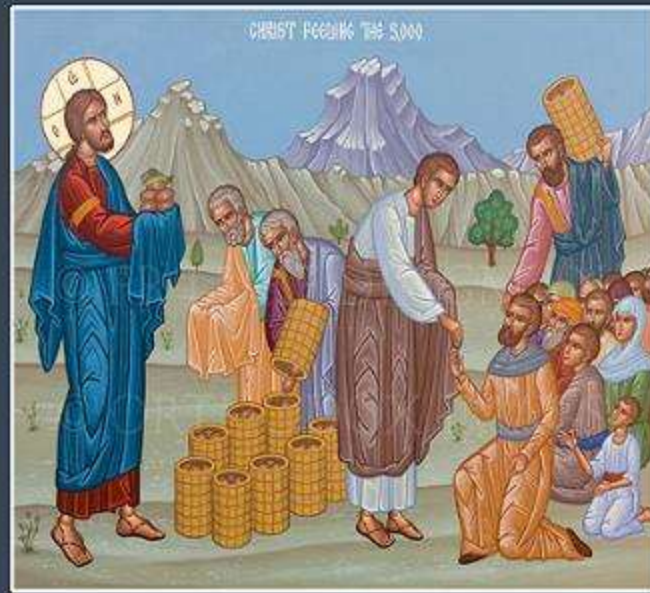


Engagement Messages

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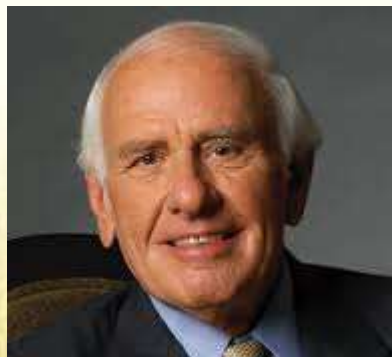
“Here is the test to find out whether or not your mission on earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't.”

(author unknown)





“Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change”



Jim Rohn



**“You must be the change
you wish to see in the
world.”**



Mahatma Gandhi



**“The best time to
plant a tree was
20 years ago.**

**The second best
time is today.”**



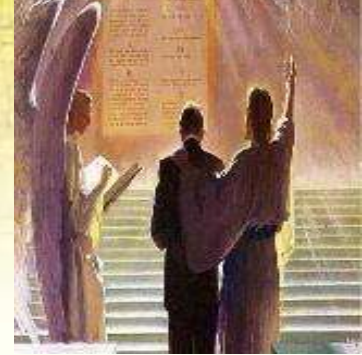
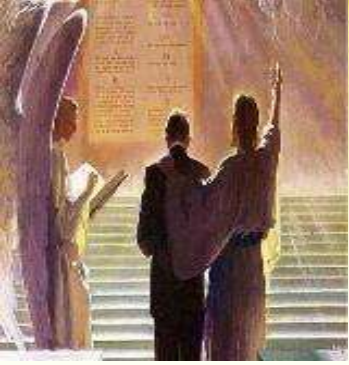
Old Chinese Proverb



“Then he said to his disciples,
‘The harvest is plentiful but the
workers are few. Ask the Lord of
the harvest, therefore, to send
out workers into his harvest
field.’ ”

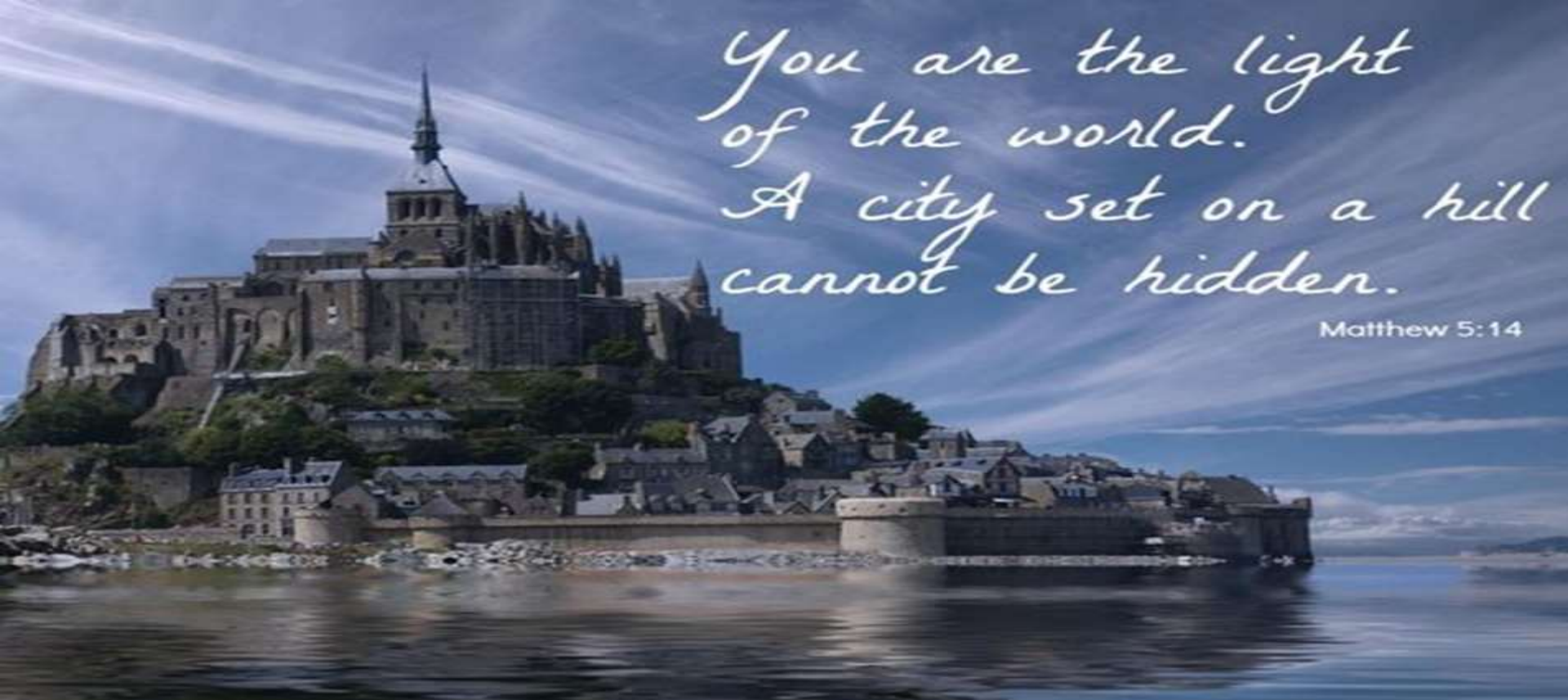
Matthew 9:37-38





**Daily, you should work
toward a:**

**Good Account Before
The Awesome
Judgement Seat Of
CHRIST”**

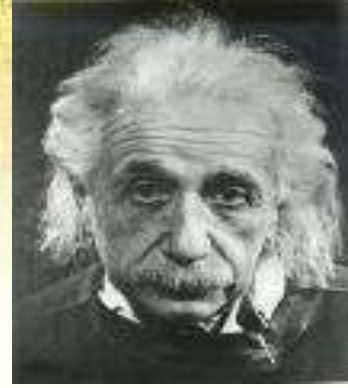


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and likeness of GOD, and YOU
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Albert's Insight



❖ What was Albert Einstein's greatest contribution?

❖ ~~$E=mc^2$~~

**“NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL
SOMETHING MOVES”**

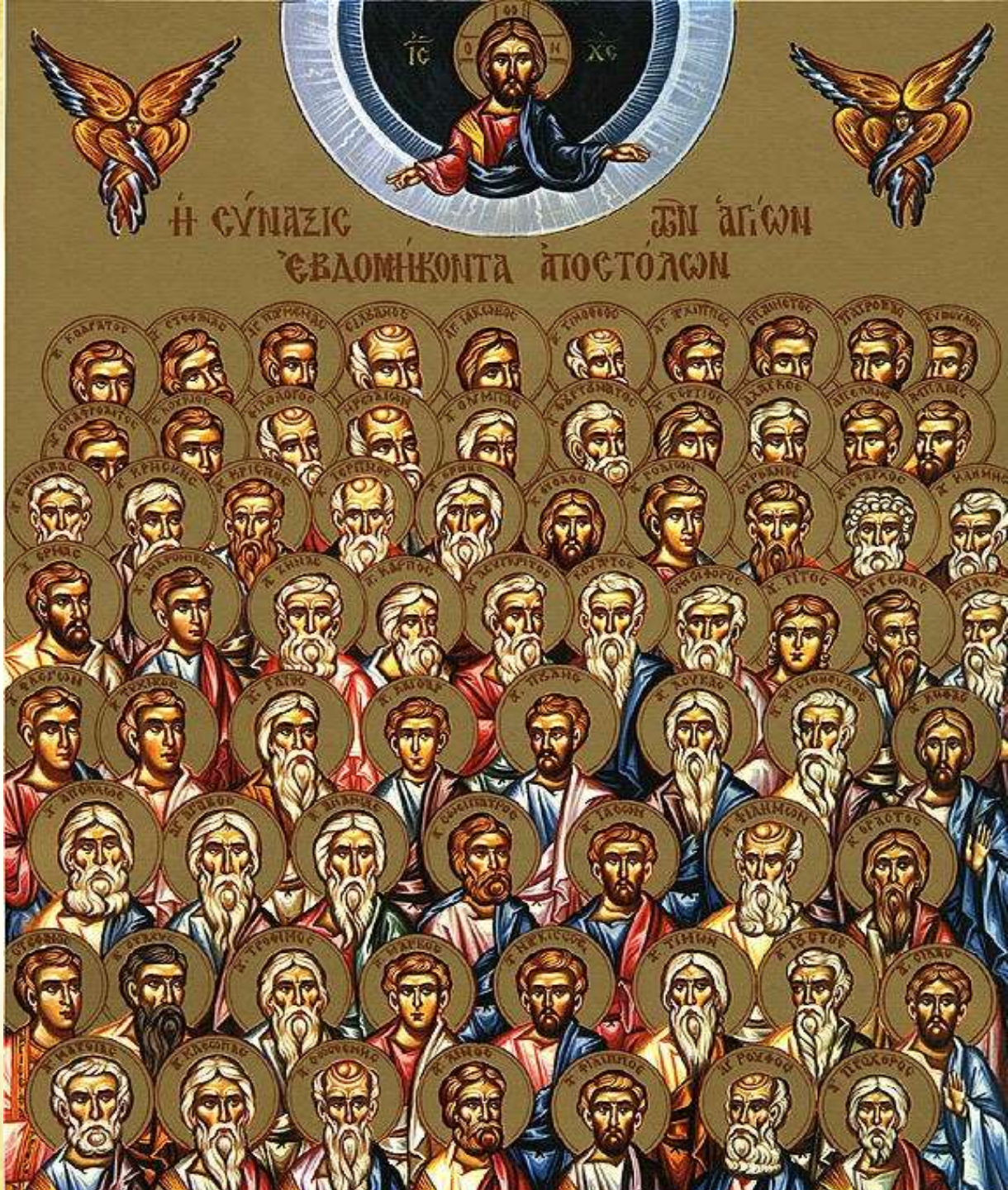
The Marianes Corollary



**“NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL
SOMEBODY MOVES”**

*You have
now
been
called as
one of
the 70
Disciples*

Luke 10:1





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