

WE ARE WORLD CHRISTIANS

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We put God's love for all *people* first
No race is superior to another, no government is more loved than another, no country is dearer than another. We don't put our nation's economy before God's economy. He tells us to seek *first His Kingdom*. He will then meet our needs.

We are driven to action daily with the knowledge that three billion people do not know our Savior. Our passion in life, our unquenchable desire, is to take God's love to them.

No task is too small for us. All that limits us is our unwillingness to believe God can enable us to do it.

We are sold out to Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Nothing less. We understand following Him means *absolute* death to ourselves. It costs *everything* to be His disciple.

Don't give us blessings--give us grace to be unquestionably obedient to Your every last command and desire.

Don't give us status--give us a place to serve.

Don't give us things for our use--use *us*.

Don't give us a mansion to live in--give us a springboard to take Christ's love to the whole world.

Don't give us good jobs--put us to work.

Don't give us comfort--command us.

Don't give us pleasure--give us perspective.

Don't give us satisfaction--teach us sacrifice.

Don't give us entertainment--enable us.

Don't give us good salaries--give us strength to do Your will.

Our great joy in life is in pleasing our Lord--and there is *no other joy* comparable.

We're tired of playing religion, tired of seminaries and Bible schools that pump out thinkers who have no action, tired of a church life that consists of a few regular functions and sermons that sound good--as if they were being rated as speeches--but have no consequential value

except complacency.
Life is not some 70 year's stretch we endure until Christ returns to take us home. That is the time to seek personal fulfillment. We don't seek self-actualization--rather we pursue the actualization of God's love in all hearts. We don't seek our personal rights--we seek to see all people set free. We make no plans--we take orders. We have no excuses--they limit God. We don't ask for reasons--we ask for responsibility.

We don't give

ten percent

of our income

to God

--we give it all.

We don't work

for Him

from 8-5

--we are His

24 hours of each day.

We are not stoics

--we hurt and cry

when loved ones leave us.

But we hurt all the more

for people who pass into eternity

without making Jesus Christ their Lord.

We are not 'drop outs' because

we don't hold "respectable, secure" jobs

--we're "sold outs."

We are not cynics. Although there are

unanswered questions, we know Christ has

all the answers.

We are not bitter. Although we have been hurt,

Christ is our healer. We are not disillusioned.

Although we sin constantly, Christ forgives us

and makes us strong in our weakness.

We don't spend endless hours squabbling over

sideline issues

such as pre-, mid- or post tribulation

or charismatic gifts.

We don't take pride in acquiring things

--no, hoarding shames us.

We say it's senseless to talk of

availability or willingness.

We would rather *obey* and *do*

the job, not talk about it.

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