



**Sunday August 09, 2009
The MTS Mandate
(Monday-To-Saturday)**

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 "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 lampstand, 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.

The challenge that most of us face is how to live out our faith in the Lord Jesus, Monday-To-Saturday in the midst of different, not-so-friendly and sometimes hostile world – at home, with our neighbors, in school, college, workplace, shopping malls, etc. etc. And since we have not been empowered to do so, most of us relegate our faith in the Lord to the Sunday service and then live as “mere men” (1 Corinthians 3:3) the rest of the week.

However, who we are and how we live Monday-To-Saturday (M-T-S) in the world, is perhaps more important than the 2-3 hours we spend each week at the Sunday service.

Satan has neutralized the impact the church has on the world, by successfully neutralizing believers in their lives M-T-S.

In this series titled “Monday-To-Saturday” our objective is to inspire and empower believers to be the kind of people God wants us to be in the world.

You are very familiar with the vision at APC – to be salt and light in the city of Bangalore, a voice to the nation of India and to the nations. This essentially states that we are a church of more than “Sunday Christians”. We are a people who believe in living the Christian life and having impact and influence on our world M-T-S.

We must grasp the fact that we have a “MTS Mandate” from our Lord. He stated it so clearly for us in Matthew 5:13-16.

Using our church acronym APCWO, I’d like to share 5 practices that will help us embrace and live the “MTS Mandate”

A : Altar aflame with love for the Lord

daily devotion to the Lord, passion for Jesus through out the day.

The Old Testament tabernacle presents a powerful representation of daily devotion. There was the altar of sacrifice in the outer court and there was another altar of incense in the inner-court just before the veil.

Leviticus 6:12,13

12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.

13 A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.



The brazen altar (altar for burnt offerings) on which daily sacrifices were made in the outer court had to have fire on it always. The fire originally came from heaven (Leviticus 9:24).

Exodus 30:1,7,8

1 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.

7 "Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.

8 And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

These speak to us about daily sacrifice or consecration to the Lord and daily prayer and worship to the Lord. All of these are expressions of love for the Lord.

13 A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

Be in constant communion with the Lord through out the day. Say those little tweets to God. Keep your fire burning.

P : Practice the presence of Jesus at all times

Matthew 28:20...I am with you always,...

Be conscious of His presence with you through out the day.

This should motivate us to walk in purity, integrity, love, joy, peace, etc.

Some practical tips:

- Have frequent "selah" moments, short moments of reflection through out the day (Testimony – email from KK...)
- Tweet to God whenever you can during the course of the day
- Pray in the Spirit at every opportunity
- Listen to the Word or Spiritual songs at every opportunity
- Sing to the Lord at every opportunity
- Use the WWJD question frequently – or – ask "What are the Kingdom principles I need to practice in this situation?"

C : Commitment to Christ-centered community

Ephesians 4:15,16

**15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.**

Get together in Life Groups or at least with 2 or 3 other believers with whom you can share, discuss, pray together, encourage one another, etc.

talk about Jesus. Avoid loose talk. Be different

Ephesians 5:1-7

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.



3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

I want to emphasize being "Christ-centered". Our relationships with other believers should actually spur us on to deeper devotion to the Lord and should kindle our zeal to serve the Lord. Honestly evaluate the quality of your relationships with this plumbline. If your "Christian relationship" or fellowship is not bringing this in to your life – then I think that time is not well spent.

W : Witness unashamedly to your immediate world

sow good seeds

Matthew 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1 Peter 2:11,12

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

usher in the kingdom

Matthew 13:38

38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.

--video chad's testimony Grocery Store Healing Outbreak---

O : Outreach to those outside your comfort zone

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

Cross boundaries

We are "All Peoples Church" where people from all classes of society, all language and cultural backgrounds should feel at home. We must learn to cross boundaries right here amongst ourselves.

Reach out to the poor and needy

Let "charity begin at home" (Galatians 6:10)

Karunalya, Bible College students, Outreach pastors, Several mercy ministries



Do this with a pure motive (Matthew 6:1-4)

Engage in Missions Outreach

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

APCWO review

SALVATION CALL

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

1, Why do believers, in general, tend to compartmentalize our "faith walk" to Sunday services or morning devotions and not live it out all the time Monday-To-Saturday?

2, How can we make the MTS Mandate (APCWO) an ongoing part of our walk as believers?



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

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MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

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