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GROWING LIFE

Once again, we are standing at the portals of a New Year, 2018. The Old Year 2017 has slipped out of our hands. It is gone forever, being submerged into the depths of the 'ocean of time', never to be recovered. Though we feel sad that the sun of 2017 has set and gone, we can start feeling the warmth of the rays of the sun of the New Year 2018, that has just risen in the horizon of the Time-Sky.

Often in our life, when we are excited, we forget about ourselves and go off the track. So, let us get on to the track and on to the topic of this New Year, viz., "Growing Life". Yes, God wants each one of us to grow in our spiritual life in 2018. We can call 2018 as the 'Year of Spiritual Growth'. Someone rightly said, "It does not matter how long you live, but it does matter how well you live". So, let us not merely grow in years in our earthly life, but let us resolve to grow in our 'walk and service to God'. We love our children, and it is a joy for us to see them as

small children, toddling and tottering around our feet. But suppose they do not grow and are still toddling even at the age of 15, then the same children who were once a joy for us, become a heart-ache and burden for us. I know a particular case when the child failed to grow and had to be put in cradle, even after 15 years, and it eventually died. Yes! Even the law of nature demands that every living thing must grow, and that the 'growth without' is the only proof of 'life within'. Paul writes to the Corinthians about 2 stages of spiritual life - the first as feeding with milk, and the next stage as feeding with meat (I Cor. 3:2). So, in this message let us learn from the Word of God, how to grow up in our spiritual life.

I. Growing in the Grace of God

The first clue to the secret of growing in our spiritual life is found in II Pet. 3:18. *Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.* The real growth in

a Christian life begins with the grace of God. Yes! Because we are saved by the Grace of God, we ought to grow in it day-by-day. We could easily understand and comprehend what it means to grow in our physical realm. But here, the Bible talks about growing in the Grace of God! What is meant by growing in the Grace of God? To understand this, let me turn to scripture of Luke 1:28 and 2:52, both in English and in Tamil. In the above verses we read: *Hail (Mary), thou art highly favoured (by the Lord); And Jesus increased in wisdom and in favour with men and God.* The English Bible uses 'favour with God', but the Tamil Bible uses 'Grace of God' in that portion. So, grace means 'favour with God'. When I correct the answer papers of my students, I give some 'grace mark', of course, only to some deserving students. The student does not deserve any claim for the same. Truly, grace is "undeserved merit". So, if we want to 'grow in grace', then we must grow in being found in favour with God - that means, we must speak and do those things that please God - like David and Hezekiah, who *did that which was right in the sight of God* (II Chr. 29:2).

There is yet one more way to obtain the grace of God in our life. This is found in I Pet. 5:5. *God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.* Yes! The easiest and surest method of obtaining the Grace of God is humility. The more we are humble, the more grace God gives to us. God could not use Moses when he was in Egypt, because he projected himself as a self-made leader of Israel. Then God sent him to wilderness for 40 years and there he learnt humility. Only then, God used him because Moses was the meekest person on the earth (Num.12:3).

One day, a little dirty boy in rags approached an orphanage for admission. The man-in-charge of the orphanage in London said: "But my boy, I do not know you. Who are you? What have you to recommend you?" The lad was quick to seize the opportunity. Immediately, he held up his ragged coat and with a confident little voice he said: "If you please, Sir, these ragged and dirty clothes of mine is all that I have, as a sort of recommendation to be admitted in your orphanage". The man-in-charge was very much moved and joyfully admitted him in his orphanage.

As you read this, let me hasten to ask you a question. Are you doing everything in your life which is right in the sight of God? In the days of Judges (Jud. 21:25), *since there was no king in Israel, everyone was doing that which was right in his own sight.* If you do everything with God's seal of approval, then you will certainly grow in favour with God and God's grace will be with you in abundance.

Are you humble? The disciples of Jesus Christ were once found fighting among them, as to who should be the greatest among them. To teach them a valuable lesson, Jesus told them: *"He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve"* (Lk.22:26).

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Mt. 11:29).

II. Growing in the knowledge of God

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

The second growth that must be found in our Christian life, is the 'knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Yes! Knowledge is very important in life. In fact, we are living in a world which is experiencing an explosion of knowledge - explosion of information. They say, 'knowledge is power'; 'knowledge is money and wealth'. Daniel's prophetic words (Dan. 12:4) - *'Men will run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase'* - about the last days, are being literally fulfilled in these days in every minute details. When the knowledge of the world is increasing so rapidly, why don't we increase our knowledge about God in our spiritual realm? The Bible tells us that in the last days, *'As the waters cover the sea, the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord'* (Is. 11:9).

How do we grow in the knowledge of the Lord? The answer is very simple: By reading the Word of God. Yes! If we want to grow in the knowledge of the Lord, we must have a thorough working knowledge of the Lord. In acquiring the knowledge of the Lord, there are different stages. First, we must read the Word of God. Give a quick reading of all the 66 Books of the Bible. Sometimes you may not understand some 'words' and some 'truths', do not worry. Just keep reading through and through. This stage is something like standing near a tree and 'shaking the tree', so that at least the ripened fruits will fall to the ground to satisfy your initial hunger'. Do not be satisfied with just eating the initial fruits. Next stage is studying the Word of God - A careful study of the scripture. We read the newspapers but we must study the text books. I can easily and casually read the newspapers but when I

take the Text Books on 'Radar', 'Television' and 'Micro-processors' to teach my Engineering students, I cannot afford to read it casually, but I have to carefully study it - examining the meaning and sense of each word in it. This stage can be likened to climbing the tree and crawling on each branch to pluck the fruits. Of course, this needs a lot of hard work, determination and willingness to receive lots of scratches on our body, in our attempt to pluck the fruits on the tree. This is not for lazy and easy-going people like the Thessalonians, but only for the people like the Berea Christians, because the Bible says: *"The Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures everyday to see if what Paul said was true"* (Acts 17:11).

Yes! We must read the Word of God, study the Word of God, and search and examine the Word of God. Let us not just nod our heads to every wind of doctrine, and to every preacher who comes on our way. We have to examine every sermon preached, in the light of the Word of God. Have you read the whole Bible - I mean all the 66 Books of the Bible? I can easily imagine that some of you just shrug off and say: "Oh, No, I have not yet read the whole Bible". Yes! I know. Do you know the reason for that? It is simply because you do not have a deep-desire in your heart to read the Word of God.

A young lady once laid down a book which she was reading, with the remark that it was 'the dullest story' she had ever read. In the course of time, she got married to a young man and one night, she said to him, "I

have a book in my library, whose author's name and even initials are precisely the same as yours. Isn't that a singular coincidence?" "I do not think so", he replied. "Why?" "For the simple reason that I only wrote that book". That night, the young lady sat up until two-O' clock, reading that book again. And this time, that book seemed to be the 'most interesting story' she had ever read. The once-dull and uninteresting book, was now the most fascinating, because she knew and loved the author. So also, a child of God finds the Bible interesting, because he/she knows and loves the Author. It is his/her Father's message addressed to him/her.

Do you love reading the Word of God? Do you love the Author of the Bible? May the Lord grant a contagious enthusiasm among the Christians for the Word of the Lord, and a return in faith and in obedience to its precepts!

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes" (Deut. 11:18).

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (COL. 3:16).

III. Growing in Faith

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly" (II Thess. 1:3).

Next, God expects us to grow in our 'Faith-life'. We know what is faith because, *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen"* (Heb. 11:1). But, what do we mean by growing in Faith?

The Apostles once frantically told Jesus, *"Lord, increase our faith"* (Lk. 17:5).

Hence the Apostles, rather unwittingly, acknowledged that the increase of their faith has to come from God only. On another occasion, Jesus was travelling in a boat along with his disciples. Since he was very tired, he was sleeping at the bottom of the ship. There arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat against the ship, and water entered the ship. The disciples became panicky and so woke up Jesus with the words: *"Master, carest thou not that we perish?"* Very selfish disciples! Should the ship sink, the first one to be sunk would have been Jesus. These disciples say 'We perish', as if excluding Jesus. Probably, they thought that should Jesus sink, somehow he would escape, but they only may perish. As soon as Jesus woke up, he chided them with the words: *"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"* (Mk. 4:35 - 41). Then Jesus proceeded to still the wind and the raging storm.

In the above incident, we find that the absence of 'faith' breeds 'fear'. In other words, fear drives away faith. Fear and Faith can never co-exist, just as light and darkness cannot live together. If you want to grow in faith, you must drive out fear from every sphere of your life. One of the most fearless men in Church History, is Martin Luther. When he was going to the city of WORM, to appear before the Pope to answer for his Faith, many of his friends warned him of the danger to his personal life. But he repudiated all the fears and said: "If all the tiles in the city of Worm become devils and cry against me, even them I am not afraid of going over

there to answer for my Faith". What a bold man of God! Yes! When God is for us, who can be against us?

James says that *"Faith without works is dead"* (Jam. 2:17). Yes! We have to constantly use our Faith or else, our Faith is of no use at all. A woman who was showing her family's massive piece of silver to her friends, apologized as soon as she took it from the cupboard. Dreadfully tarnished, she said, "I can't keep it bright unless I use it". This is equally true of Faith as it is of silver. Yes! You can't keep Faith bright, unless you put it to use. We will never learn faith in comfortable surroundings. Let us hear how Moody explains how to grow in Faith: "I have spent many months praying for Faith. I thought that someday Faith was going to come down and strike me like a lightning. But Faith did not come that way. One day, I read in the 10th Chapter of Romans: 'so then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God'. Then I closed my Bible and prayed for Faith. I now opened my Bible and began to read God's Word, and Faith has constantly been drawing within me ever since.

An old Scotsman operated a little row boat for transporting passengers. One day, a passenger noticed that the good old man had carved on one oar, the word 'Faith', and on other oar, the word "Works". Curiosity led him to ask the boatman the meaning of this. The old man, being a well-balanced Christian, and feeling glad of the opportunity for testimony, said, "I will show you". So saying, he dropped the 'Faith' oar inside the boat only and began to ply the boat with the 'Works' oar, but the boat went around in

circles. Then, he kept 'Works' oar inside the boat and began to ply with only the 'Faith' oar. Once again, the boat ended up in going around in circles. The old man then picked both the oars and plied them and now the boat was speeding swiftly over the water. Then he explained this principle to his inquiring passenger: "You see, that is the way it is in the Christian life. Dead works without Faith are useless, and Faith without good work is dead, getting you nowhere. But Faith and works pulling together, make way for safety, progress and blessing".

Dear reader, are you growing in Faith? Can you prove it by works wrought out of your Faith? Probably, because of fear and adverse circumstances, storms and winds in your life, you seem to have lost your Faith. But now, it is time that God wants you to find your Faith and pick it up and exercise and appropriate your Faith in every trying circumstances in your life.

"Believe in the Lord, your God, so shall you be established; believe in His prophets, so shall you prosper" (II Chr. 20:20).

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6).

"Who through faith, subdued kingdoms; wrought righteousness; obtained promises; stopped the mouths of lions" (Heb. 11:33).

So, dear readers, let us pray God to enable us to grow 'in the Grace of God', 'in the Knowledge of God' and 'in our Faith' in this New Year 2018. May this New Year be one of 'Growing Life'.

- Rev. Prof. S. Panneer Selvam

EDITORIAL

Dear beloved in Christ,

New Year Greetings to you all in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our hope, and our Saviour in God.

The Lord by His grace has enabled us to see this New Year. Let us praise and give thanks to the Lord alone. As promised by Him, God will crown this New Year with His goodness and bless us. May be, in the last year, some of us might have had some bitterness in our lives. Let us forget all that and be prepared to be new men and women to inherit all the blessings that God has kept for us in this New Year.

"But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13,14).

Like Paul, let us also forget all the past bitter events and press forward towards the mark and blessings God has kept for us.

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isaiah 58:11).

God is blessing us to be a blessing to others. It would be good if we can understand the way God wishes to lead us. First, we should trust in the Lord; then when we obey His words, even during times of drought, He creates 'hope' in our dried lives, and makes it like watered gardens.

Then God expects fruits from them.

As the Psalmist says, in order to bring forth its fruit in its season, the tree should be planted by the rivers of water, and its leaves also shall not wither. Similarly, we should also delight in the Law of the Lord, meditate day and night upon His Word and walk accordingly. Then shall we bring forth the fruits as desired by God. The spring whose waters fail not, flows like a living river, cleaning every place along its path, bringing prosperity and health. Our God is Holy. When we submit ourselves to Him, He cleanses us and fills us with the Holy Spirit. Then we will be blessed with 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit, and will be able to give those people enslaved by sin, and waiting thirstily for liberation, the living waters of His Word to drink. Let us quench their spiriteual thirst and lead them to the Lord and His salvation by the Grace of God.

Lord, Thou said:

*"I will pour water on him that is thirsty.
And make rivers flow in places dry".
Pour out Your strength upon me;
I am thirsty and waiting for Thee;
Then the fruits You desire may I bring,
Like the tree planted near the spring;
Sprinkle Your Holy water upon us,
Remove all the filth away from us.*

Our Mundari language Translators had been to the Bible Society of India, Bangaluru, for exegetical checking by Rev. Premraj Nag, BSI Senior Translation Advisor, of the NT translated into Mundari language. Sambalpur

language Translators from Odisha, had come to IBT Head Office at Coimbatore, to undertake language checking of New Testament translated in Sambalpuri, and did keying work in computer. Those who have completed translating Full Bible in their respective languages, are carrying out language checking of the same. Construction of compound wall around our Children's Home at Bappen Palli in Odisha, has been completed.

On 19th November 2017, Prof. Dr. Vanaraj gave God's message on behalf of IBT and Bro. Paul Sudhan explained about IBT's ministries in the Sunday Service of TELC church at Singanullur. Our missionaries from Odisha sang songs and shared their field experience. On the same evening, Dedication of Missionaries took place in the CSI All Souls Church at Coimbatore. Our Odisha Missionary Bro. Ayub Suna, was dedicated on that occasion. Thus, the number of IBT missionaries sponsored by this Church with regular monthly contribution, has risen up to three. From the depth of our hearts, we thank the Chairman and Presbyter, Rev. S.C. Jeyakumar, and all the members of their Pastoral Committee and all the members of the Church. On 26th November

2017, our Field Director, Bro. Samuel Gnanadhas gave God's message and our Secretary Bro. D. Ravi, explained about IBT Ministries in the CSI St. Peter's Church at Tirunelveli Junction. On 29th November 2017, a General Body Meeting of IBT was held at Coimbatore, in which the Audited Statements of Accounts for the year 2016-2017 were placed and approved.

Bro. Simon shared the Word of God and explained about IBT Ministries on 10th December 2017 in the TELC Church at Erode, and on 17th December 2017 at the TELC Church at Arulpuram, Coimbatore.

We have a lot of items of work to be completed in this New Year. Let us submit them in the hands of our Lord and pray for their completion in time. Please pray for the Bible translation work and missionary work.

May the 'Peace of God' be with all of us!

Your sister in the service of Christ,
Mrs. Sudhandhira Devi Panneer Selvam

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FIELD NEWS

Missionary : Bro. Rubandas Chinchani
Mission Field : Khukundoo (U.P.)

Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus Christ! By the abundant grace of the Lord, last month I could visit the following villages: Maragama, Sirikundmukhi, Valani, Navalpur, Dhanwati, Bipradiyu, Gavri Bazaar, Melsoura, Seriva, Gidariya, Vandari, Parasiya, Suraha, Deoria, Sonda, Volva, Musula, Kadar, etc. I distributed tracts and preached the Gospel. Brothers Rakesh, Vishnu, Ramjeet and Jitender, sisters Pooja, Suman, Radha, and Anita, are eager to take baptism. I prayed for the sick. Sunday worship services were conducted in the IBT church at Khukundoo; about 100 believers are attending. Cottage Prayer meetings and Fasting Prayer meetings are conducted regularly. Please pray for the new believers to remain in the Lord, for the increase in church members, for my missionary work and for my family.

Translator / Promotional Staff :
Sis. Elizabeth

Mission Field : Gudalur (Tamil Nadu)
Language : Paniya

Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus Christ! Last month, we commenced our ministry with praise and prayer. Language checking was carried out in respect of Psalms 45:1 to 80:19 and following the Printing System, the same has been keyed in computer and recorded in a CD property as per printing system. We visited Puramana Vayal, Kasim Vayal, Puthur Vayal, Netaji Nagar, Thotta Moola, New Hope, Eappen Kadu, Theppakkadu, Mudhu Malai, Kargudi,

Dhorapalli, etc. and preached the Gospel. For promotional work we visited VOC Nagar, Health Camp, Kal Quarry Salai, Thuppukkutty Pettai, Sevidi Pettai, Zion Hill, Tamil Nadu Housing Board Colony, Marthoma Nagar, Puthur Vayal, Vandipettai, Upper Gudalur, Oveli, Ooty Main Road, Gudalur Pillaiyar Koil Street, Pandalur, Devala, Rawson Mullai Estate, Sembala, MGR Nagar, Kasim Vayal etc., collected contributions from our supporters and prayed for them. Please pray for Paniya language translation work and for bringing out Full Bible in Paniya.

Translator/ Missionary :
Bro. Srinivas Saket
Mission Field : Kharra (M.P.)
Language : Bageli

Greetings in the sweet name of Lord Jesus Christ! By the abundant grace of God, I could translate in Bageli language portions of Old Testament - Deuteronomy 34:1 - 12; Joshua 1:1 to 11:15. I visited Kharra, Magema, Ram Suva, Kumha, Kusha, Maiguri, Donia, Parsia, etc. and preached the Gospel in these villages. Brothers Dhushnath, Rajnath, Manoj, Bihari Lal and Suresh; and sisters Sunita, Kalavati and Sangeeta received the Gospel with enthusiasm. Please pray for ministries.

Translator/ Missionary :
Bro. Shobat Ram Toppo
Mission Field : Lailunga (Chhattisgarh)
Language : Kudukh

Praise be to the Holy name of our Lord! By the Grace of Jesus Christ, last month language

checking of New Testament books - I & II Thessalonians and Romans - could be carried out and recorded in the Note Book. I visited villages - Guramunda, Bilaspur, Kattul Para, Gudamas, etc. and preached the Gospel and gave tracts. Sunday Worship services, Second Saturday Fasting Prayer meeting and Cottage Prayer meetings were conducted. Please pray for my ministries and for my family.

Missionary : Bro. Lemon Chinchani
Mission Field : Bodomasigan (Odisha)

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the abundant grace of our Lord, I visited villages Kondapuri, Dibruguda, Maydaguda, Dhanaguda, Kasumiguda, Siraguda, Pettal, Bharni, Pattigam, Mohul Pudur, Bheemguda, Sirishi, Borgaon, Dhigguda, Petraguda, Seermapandi, Bodomasigan, Beheraguda, Majiguda, NGPR Senapati Saki, Joriguma, etc. While preaching the Gospel, I also explained about Faith, Salvation and about Cornelius and his family. I prayed for many persons suffering from various ailments, and some received miraculous healing by the Grace of our Lord! I distributed 12 copies of the New Testament translated into Mirgan language, 44 copies of NT in Odiya language and 15 copies of NT translated into Deshia language, to the respective language-speaking persons. Sunday Worship services were conducted in the fields Bodomasigan, Seermapandi, and Petraguda giving God's message. Children are regularly attending Sunday Classes. Second Saturday Prayer meeting was conducted in Bodomasigan, praying with burden for IBT Ministries and all persons involved in IBT. Please pray for my ministries, believers and for those who are yet to receive Jesus Christ in their lives.

Missionary : Bro. Ramchandra Nag
Mission Field : Dantewada (Chhattisgarh)

Glory be to the sweet name of our Lord! Last month I visited Palotsargipal, Garli, Patelbara, Kidam, Haspal, Awaraghat, Kshirsagar, Awar Bhatta, Dang Pal, Kirunduri, Puspal, Sargikot, Porospal, Haram Saras, Taknar, Kottigalan, Pastanara, Samardas and Nangor villages, preaching the Gospel and praying for the needy. Some persons listened to the Gospel eagerly while some others declined to receive the same. Let us pray for them with more burden. In the Second Saturday Prayer meeting, we prayed for all IBT Ministries and for every one working for IBT. Please pray for my ministries and for my family.

Missionary : Bro. Amar Bar Nag
Mission Field : Khatni (M.P.)

Praise the Lord! By the abundant Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I preached the Gospel to many - Brothers Uday Nath, Bargi Lal, Chandramani, Gangadhar, Jyothi Singh, Ram Rasiya, Pradip, Rajmani, Bhagwat, Anurag, Sumit Lakpati, Anil, Sivan, Sanjeev, Ramdhan, Rajkumar, Virendra, Saurav, Laxmi Narayan, Janardhan Prabhath, Rajeshwar, Vinod, Manoj, Prabhakar, Ameet, Methi Lal, Ram Sundar and sisters Sushma, Gopika, Susheela and Bhageerati, etc. Please pray for these persons to receive Jesus Christ and to grow in Him. Sunday Worship services and Second Saturday Fasting Prayer were conducted praying for IBT Management, Staff and Ministries. Please pray for my ministry and for my family.

PATH TO SUCCESS

In our journey towards the path of success, there are bound to be many trials and distractions to kindle our sinful desire. We must exercise self – control on all our five senses to go forward in the path of success.

Road to success is always under construction – including necessary repairs to set right damages.

Victory or defeat is not a permanent feature in our life. Neither should we have head weight due to victory, nor have heart-ache due to defeat.

As there is calm after the storm, and sometimes, a storm after the calm, success after a loss, loss after a success, a day after a night and a night after a day, are all part of the nature. They are determined by God.

“The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but safety is of the Lord”. (Prov.21:31)

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings: he shall not stand before mean men.” (Prov.22:39)

ONE DAY MEETING OF INDIAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Date : Friday, the 26th of January 2018. (Republic Day)
Time : 9-30 a.m. to 2-00 p.m.
Place : Parish Hall of CSI Christ Church, Trichy Road, Coimbatore.
Guest Speaker : Sister SUJANA, Kovai.
Ministry Introduction : Prof. Dr. VANARAJ
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KNOW IT YOURSELF

Suppose, in your personal life, or in your work place, a big problem arises. Whenever a problem raises its head, either in your factory, office, or in your family, or in the society where you live, what approach you may tend to have, is listed below. Carefully read it and you can yourself determine to which group you belong. Your approach to any problem determines whether you are a winner or a loser.

1. I will somehow locate the cause of the problem. – Winner.

Even God does not know what the problem is. – Loser.

2. If I happen to commit a mistake, I will accept it as my mistake. – Winner.

Like a fish slipping out, I will say that it is not my mistake. – Loser.

3. The winner is ready to wade through the problem.

The loser looks for a short cut to evade the problem.

4. 'I will take up this responsibility, I will do it. It is my responsibility' – says the winner.

'I will try to do to as much extent as possible by me' – Says the loser. His aim is to escape responsibility.

5. The winner says, 'I am quite happy with my present work, but I will try to find out if I can do this more efficiently'.

The loser says, 'I am not as bad as the other person (like a tax collector)', by comparing with less efficient persons.

6. The winner tries to learn from the good work of others. But the loser will always make a list of short comings in others to exhibit and expose them.

7. The winner tries to develop and reach greater heights by constantly working on finding a better method of doing the things.

The loser will always lament, 'Everyone does like this only'.

Are you a winner? Or a loser? Please change your attitude and approach and frequently re-assess yourself objectively. Always think good, do good; do not think in the negative. Be positive and hope that good alone will happen. You will certainly be a winner!

- Road to success is always under Construction.
- Things do not happen; you have to make things happen.
- Successful people don't do different things, but they do the things, 'differently'.

PRAY AND PRAISE

1. Last month, Bro. Regi Jellipara, our Promotional Staff at Trissur, Kerala, along with a team comprising Pastor Alwyn, 7 brothers from Kerala and 3 brothers from Coimbatore, participated in the Second Saturday Fasting Prayer Meeting held in IBT Office, Coimbatore on 11th November 2017. The meeting was a special and blessed one. Praise the Lord! Pray that in the coming months, many more brothers and sisters from Coimbatore, who are in a position to attend such meetings, may participate in big numbers, glorifying the name of God and praying with burden for many activities of IBT that need prayer support.
2. We desire to bring out Full Bible in Badaga, Saurashtra, Bhojpuri and Chhattisgarhi languages. Prior to that, the translated books of the Old Testament need to be exegetically checked by BSI. Please pray that this work may be completed as early as possible and that Full Bible is brought out before the end of 2018, in at least two languages.
3. Pray for the early completion of final checking, to enable the publishing of New Testament as already planned, in respect of Sambalpuri and Mundari languages of Odisha, Kudukh and Halbi languages of Chhattisgarh, and Irula (Kunjappanai) and Irula (Velliyangadu) languages of Tamil Nadu.
4. Please pray in your daily prayers to get proper dedicated persons as Translators in respect of 16 more languages, viz. - Kauli, Solika, Kattu Kurumba, Shekkawitty, Kanoj, Rana Tharu, Kumani, Karvali, Jaun Sari, Bhadri, Dhurva, Uttara Khandi, Kadiya, Juwang, Banjari and Maji.
5. Pray that all the issues of 'Saththiya Vaarthai' coming out in the New Year, contain messages of blessing and spiritual growth to all readers, and for getting many more new readers, so that the IBT Ministries are introduced to many more new persons through this magazine, and its support base to get widened.
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