

[Movie Trivia Question: Which movie is this line from - "We're on a mission from God"? The first person to WhatsApp the correct answer to Ps Jono, will win a prize - please indicate which service location you will be attending this Australia Day Celebration Sunday]

'The great big vision of the gospel taking root and growing in God's world is one of TRANSFORMATION of all of society—including relationships, economics, business, politics, arts, media, and entertainment (the Seven Worlds). The tired, old polarization of the "spiritual gospel" vs. the "social gospel" resembles nothing of what Jesus, Paul, and the rest of the New Testament writers thought about righteousness. The social gospel carries the danger of caring for people but not doing it with worship of God at the center. The "spiritual gospel" turns the eye inward to one's own soul and is blind to the pitiable state of God's world, where creation groans for the body of Christ to bring healing.

Righteousness is not just a status of being "right with God." It is not being a "good rule-follower," either. Transformed and transformative Jesus-following righteousness is on a MISSION to right the wrongs of the world to the glory of God.

MEDITATE:

Ask the Holy Spirit to show and reveal to you how you can be a change agent in your world. You can reach people with the gospel that others cannot reach. Consider Queen Esther, who was highly favoured and fulfilled her assignment in saving the Jewish people from annihilation. Consider Moses who had the blessing and presence of God as he was called to bring the Israelites out of Egypt and to the promised land. Where can you see their humble reliance upon the Lord and their active prayer life? (Hint: read Esther and Exodus 33)

PRAY: Ask the Lord for His favour upon your life, so that you can fulfill your God given assignment. (Pray the Lord's prayer aloud).

[The answer to the movie trivia will be in tomorrow's devotional]

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