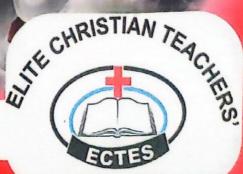
# Lower Secondary Christian Religious Education Seminar Guide











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### Item 1

In Nakyaka sub-county lives Mr. Odiito who got born again in one of the churches, he is a committed Christian, however he fell sick of a rare disease and had no money for treatment, a friend of his is advising him to got to the witch doctor to get treatment which is not in agreement with his faith however Mr. Odiito is about to get to the Witch-doctor.

Task:
a) Explain the Christian forms of worship which can enable Mr. Odiito remain strong in his Christian faith.
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b) How can modern approaches of worship enable Mr. Odiito maintain his faith in God?
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Item 2 "For this very reason do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness and knowledge; to your knowledge ass self – control; to your godliness add Christian affection and to your Christian affection add love" (2 Peter: 1: $5-8$ GNB)
Task
(a) How are the moral practices in the above Bible text helping Christians to live with people of other faith in harmony?
b) Explain the Islamic moral practices in light with the above text.
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Item 3
Mr. Taw has a family that values love, tolerance, respect, equality and open communication. However, his eldest son disrespects his parents, young siblings and disregards of his responsibility in the household which has caused frequent arguments and disagreements between Mr. Taw's son and other family members
Task:
(a) Explain the Christian teaching about family that are helpful to restore harmony in Mr. Taw's family.
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(b) How are the African Traditional values related to those in the family above?
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Task: a) How can the Christian teachings guide the above family to live in peace

b) Explain the African traditional teachings on peace that can protect the marriage above
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Item 5
Mr. Bure whose luxurious living ended with the death of his father started working as an accountant in a small firm. He has noticed that his boss constantly favors their coworker Mr. Igadube, giving him fair salary, more projects, flexible deadlines, mentorship, generous vacation and public praises. Mr. Bure feels undervalued, overlooked, frustrated and planning
to stop working.
Task
a) How can the Christian teachings about work help to encourage Mr. Bure to continue working?
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a) Explain the contemporary ways of developing a positive working attitude that is related to those in the above scenario.
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Item 7
In a certain sub-county in Uganda are youths who have refused to do any kind of work, they have resorted to gambling and theft to earn a living. They say that work is a punishment form God. The community members are now planning to apply mob-justice on them since they keep stealing people's property.
Task: a) Explain the Christian teaching to enable the youths in the above scenario to value work.
(b) Explain the contemporary approaches which can help the youths in the scenario to value work.
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Item 8 In Busoga kingdom hospitality was highly valued, A visitor was welcomed warmly and

treated kindly on the first day. By the third day, a visitor was expected to join the host in the

garden with a hoe, demonstrating communal labour and cooperation. Through this

communal effort, people obtained food, shelter, wealth and prestige. Laziness was not tolerated and was often punishable.
Task a) Explain Christian teachings that can enable the youth to value work.
b) Explain the contemporary approaches which can help the youth to value work.
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You people hate anyone who challenges in justice and speaks the whole truth in court. You have oppressed the poor and robbed them of their grains. And so you will not leave in the fine stone houses you build all drink wine from the beautiful vineyards you plant. I know how terrible your scenes are and how many crimes you have committed. You persecute people and they take bribes and prevent the poor from getting justice in the courts. And so, keeping quiet in such evil times is the clever thing to do. (Amos 5:10-13 GNB)
Task:
a) How can justice be promoted in society in light of the biblical text above.
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b) Explain the contemporary approaches to justice that can be used to overcome challenges presented in the Bible text above
Item 10

engaging in dishonest practices, and evading taxes. He however spent his wealth excessively on luxury items, parties, buying expensive items and gambling. His excessive spending led to financial difficulties in the later days of his life causing a significant loss of his wealth.
Task: a) How should Christians use wealth according to the above scenario?
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b) Explain the Traditional African ways of acquiring wealth that are different from those in the scenario above.
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Item 11
The people asked him, what are we to do then? He answered, whoever has 2 shirts must give one to the man who has none, and weather has food must share it. Some tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, teacher what are we to do? Do not collect more than is legal, He told them some soldiers also ask him what about us? What are we to do? Don't collect more than is legal, he told them. Some soldiers also asked him, what about us? What can we do? Do not take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay. (Luke 3:10-14 GNB)
Task: a) How can harmony be promoted in society given the guidance in the text above.
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Mr. Ozoo is a wealthy individual who acquired his fortune through corruption, exploitation,

b) Explain the African traditional approaches to harmonious living that are reflected to those in the Bible text above
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Item 12
Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Happy are those who mourn, God will comfort them. Happy are those who are humbled, they will receive what God has promised. Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires, God will satisfy them fully! Happy are those who are merciful to others, God will be merciful to them! Happy are the pure in heart. They will see God! Happy are those who work for peace, God will call them his children! Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what the Lord requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted. (Mathew 5: 3-11)
Task:
a) How can Christians ensure that peace is promoted in society giving guidance of the above text?
b) Explain the challenges that arise in society when Christians go against the teaching in the Bible text above

### **SOLUTIONS:**

### Item 1

- ✓ Prayer is Christian worship practice which can enable Mr. Odiito to strengthen his
  Christian faith. Hannah prayed earnestly to the lord God for a son, she conceived and gave
  birth to Samuel. Therefore when Mr. Odiito prays, he will be healed by God's power.
- ✓ Fasting is Christian worship practice which can enable Mr. Odiito. Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness for the right intention. This will enable Mr. Odiito to have more time with God hence getting guidance from Him
- Reading the Holy Scriptures is worship practice which can enable Mr. Odiito to strengthen his Christian faith. Jesus used to read the Old Testament especially the book of Isaiah. This will enable Mr. Odiito understand more about God and also allows God to speak to him.
- Repentance is Christian form of worship practice that enables Mr. Odiito to strengthen his Christian faith. King David repented his sin of adultery and murder of Uriah. This will help Mr. Odiito be forgiven of his intention to go to witch doctor.

- ✓ Monotheism is a Christian worship practice that can help Mr. Odiito to strengthen this Christian faith. In the <u>Ten Commandments</u>, <u>God instructed the Israelites not to have any other gods before him or make image of idols and worship</u>. Therefore when Mr. Odiito worships God only, he will not go to the witch doctor.
- ✓ <u>Praise</u> is a worship practice that shall help Mr. Odiito to strengthen his Christian faith. <u>King David composed psalms to glorify God</u>. This will enable Mr. Odiito draw God closer to himself.

- ✓ <u>Seeking free medical treatment</u> is contemporary approach which can enable Mr. Odiito to maintain his faith. <u>There many government hospitals</u>, health centers today for free, well stocked with medicines which are administered by trained medical personnel like Doctors and Nurses. This will enable Mr. Odiito get cured of his sickness medically.
- ✓ <u>Guidance and counseling</u> is a contemporary approach that can help Mr. Odiito to maintain his faith in God. Today, there are <u>professional trained counselors</u> or <u>religious counselors</u> who can guide and counsel Mr. Odiito effectively. Therefore when Mr. Odiito is counseled, <u>he will know how to go about his sickness amidst lack of money</u>.
- ✓ <u>Use of certified herbal medicines</u> can help Mr. Odiito to maintain his Christian faith. Today there are very <u>many herbal medicines made by herbalist like Dr. Ogwang maker Covedex.</u>
  This will enable Mr. Odiito be treated of his sickness cheaply and do not go to witch doctor.
- ✓ Getting a Loan from the Village Saving Group is another today's approach which enables Mr. Odiito to maintain his faith in God. Most Village Saving Group gives loan with very low interest rate and may not require a collateral security to be presented by Mr. Odiito. Therefore when Mr. Odiito acquired loan for village saving group, he will be able to pay for medical treatment for his sickness.
- ✓ <u>Installment payment of medical bill</u> be can be used by Mr. Odiito to maintain Christian faith. He can enter in to an agreement of installment payment plan with any health facility nearby him so that he is treated medically. This will reduce the burden of having to find all the money to pay for medical bill before treatment begins.

Item 2

- > Christians are reconciling with others, the text states for this reason do your best to add goodness to your faith. This is promoting unity between Christians and the people of other faith.
- Christians are <u>welcoming strangers</u> as the text states <u>for this reason do your best to add</u> goodness of your faith. This is <u>creating stronger social connection between Christians and the people of other faith</u>.
- > Christians pray for others as the text says to your goodness, add Christian affection. This is strengthening relationship with the people of the faith
- > Christians are visiting the sick, the text states "for your goodness, add Christian affection".

  This is creating lasting bonds with people of other faith.
- > Christians are forgiving others, the text states to your endurance, add godliness this is leading to reconciliation and improved relationships with people of other faith.
- > Christians are helping the poor; the text states for this reason do your best to add goodness to your faith. This is creating social cohesion with the people of other faith.
- > Christians are respecting others, the text states to your endurance add godliness. This is improving communication with people of other faiths.
- > Christians are telling the truth, the text has it to your endurance add godliness. This is promoting integrity and ethics with people of other faith.
- > Christians show empathy for others, the text has it that to your endurance, add godliness.
  This is creating a supportive environment.

- > Truthfulness (sidq) Muslims practice honesty and truthful in words and actions. This in light with adding godliness to one's faith
- Forgiveness (Afuw) Muslims forgive others and also seek forgiveness from Allah to get inner peace. This is in light with adding godliness to one's faith.
- Respect (intiram) Muslims respect others regardless of background to build strong relationships. In light with adding goodness to one's faith
- > Patience (Sabr) Muslims practice in times of difficulty and hardship to increase faith. In light with.
- > Self-control- Muslims practice self-control and restrain in thoughts, words and actions to earn respect. in light with adding self-control to one's faith
- Justice. Muslims standup for fairness, equality and justice to promote equality. This is in light with adding godliness to one's faiths
- Humility. Muslims demonstrate modesty and humility interactions to improve relationship, in light with adding Christian affection to one's faith.
- > Compassion. Muslims show compassion by listening to others. This is in light with adding love to one's faith

(a)

Christianity teaches love. The bible says 'love one another as I have loved you' John 13:34 loving one another will......

- ✓ Christianity teaches obedience to parents, the Bible states "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right!! Obeying parents will........
- ✓ Christianity teaches disciplining and guiding children. In the Bible it is written "discipline your son and he will give you rest" (Prov. 29:17), this will.........
- ✓ Christianity teaches teaching children. In the Bible it is written that, "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home....." (Duet.11:19), this will.......

(b)

- ✓ Respect, children were taught t greet elders properly e.g while kneeling among the Baganda. This is related to respect that is valued in Mr. Taw's family
- ✓ Love. This was slowed through proving for the family and sharing resources. This is related to love that Mr. Taw's family values
- ✓ Tolerance, this was by enduring collectively with proverbs like slowly, the bird builds its nest. This is related to tolerance that Mr. Taw's family values.
- ✓ Equality, this was through sharing roles like harvesting involved everyone regardless of age. This is related to equality that is valued in Mr. Taw's family.
- ✓ Open communication, this was through meetings under trees where all voices were heard before decisions made. This is related to open communication that is valued in Mr. Taw's family.
- ✓ Responsibility, this was a collective duty where everyone contributed to chores, child case and community projects. This is related to the value of responsibility that Mr. Taw's eldest son disregards.

### Item 4

- Christianity teaches seeking counseling and guidance, the book of proverbs couples are
  called upon to seek for God's guidance and wisdom in resolving conflicts, therefore Mr.
  and Mrs Bwaana should seek God's guidance in order to get solutions to their problem.
- Love and respect, the Bible emphasizes the importance of love and respect in a marriage Ephesians 5:33. The family above should love and respect each other in order to promote peace and harmony in their family.
- The Bible teaches communication, in proverbs 10:32 effective communication is crucial
  in resolving conflicts. Mr. and Mrs. Bwaana should sit down and talk about their
  differences. This will help to restore peace in the marriage.
- Christianity teaches meditation. Couples can seek meditation from trusted friends, family or spiritual leaders Matthew 18:15 - 17. Therefore, the couple in question should get meditators to intervene in their situation and correct them accordingly hence a peaceful marriage.
- Submissiveness is encouraged in Christianity. Sarah's submission to Abraham is often
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  together for the betterment of their marriage.

- African tradition teaches counselling and guidance. Marriage counseling and guidance
  was provided by Elders who had experience in marriage issues. Mr. and Mrs. Bwaana
  should seek counseling and guidance from professionals to help them in their marriage
  hence peace and harmony.
- There was submissiveness in African traditional society. Women were taught by their aunts and mothers right from childhood to listen and obey their husbands. Ms. Bwaana should obey her husband and do the home duties so as to maintain peace and love
- Inferiority complex of women, In African traditional society women were not allowed to make family decisions. Among the Baganda, a woman would not answer back to the husband and could agree with whatever he had decided. The wife should do what is expected of her for peace to prevail.
- The husband was the head of the family. Men were the heads of the family in African traditional society, so they were respected in whatever they said and did. Mr. Bwaana should show his authority as the head of the family so that the wife can respect him.

Elders' intervention. In African traditional society elders and other people in charge of
marriage could be called upon to sit and talk about the challenges in a given marriage.
Therefore, the couple above can involve elders in order to overcome or solve their
conflicts.

### Item 5

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- ✓ The Christian teaching of work as an act of worship, the bible says whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the lord not human masters!! Working will continue to provide income that Mr. Bure will use to buy basic needs.
- ✓ Christianity teaches that work is part of God's design not a curse e.g Jesus worked as a carpenter. Mr. Bure should work.
- ✓ Christianity teaches man to work e.g God placed Adam in Eden to work and take core of
  it. Mr. Bure should work.
- ✓ Christianity teaches us to work hard. In the Bible "All hard work brings a profit but mere talk leads only to poverty. Mr. Bure should work hard to prevent poverty.
- ✓ Christianity teaches serving others through work. In the Bible it is stated seek first God's Kingdom and all these things will be given for you. Mr. Bure should trust God while doing his work.
- ✓ Christianity teaches humility in success. In the bible it is written that it is God who gives
  you the ability to produce wealth. Mr. Bure should be humble at work.
- ✓ Christianity teaches investing in employee growth. It is written in the bible "know well the condition of your flocks" The Boss should invest employee growth for all.
- ✓ Christianity teaches accountability to God the Bible says "There is no favoritism with God." The boss should treat all the employees equally including Mr. Bure.
- ✓ Christianity teaches justice, it is written in the Bible that "masters provide your slaves with what is right and fair. The boss should provide Mr. Bure with what is right and fair.
- ✓ Christianity teaches fair wages, The Bible has it that "The wages you failed to pay your workers cry out against you!! The boss should give Mr. Bure a fair salary.
- (b)
- ✓ Embracing a growth mindset by viewing challenges as opportunities to learn rather than obstacles
- ✓ Practicing gratitude, by regularly acknowledging positive aspects of your job.
- ✓ Cultivating a positive relationship at work by engaging in collaborative projects or mentioning programs.
- ✓ Adopting flexible thinking by adapting to changes with curiosity

- ✓ Focusing on purpose by connecting our role to the bigger picture like to the company mission.
- ✓ Reframe negative self talk by replacing thoughts with constructive ones.
- ✓ Respect work place while advocating for modern practices like flexible hours
- ✓ Practice mindfulness at work by staying present to reduce stress and improve focus.
- ✓ Adopt a "solution first" mindset by focusing on solving the problems than complaining

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- ✓ Christianity teaches that work is a <u>divine gift</u>. In Genesis, <u>God created man and put in the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it</u>. Therefore, the youths should work so as to fulfill God's command and <u>live happily</u>.
- ✓ Christianity teaches the work help to glorify God. St. Paul in his letter Colossians 3:23-24, states that whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as you are working for the lord, not for human masters. This will help to bring the youths closer to God and they will become happier.
- ✓ Christianity encourages <u>hard work</u>. St. Paul in letter to Thessalonians 3:10 say that, <u>if</u> anyone is not willing is work, let him not eat. Therefore, when the youths in scenario work hard, they will live in <u>harmony</u>, peace and happiness.
- ✓ Christianity teaches that work has <u>blessing from God</u>. In book of Genesis <u>when God</u> created human beings, he blessed and instructed them to bring it under the control. Therefore, when the youths work, they will receive <u>blessings from God hence living happily</u>.
- ✓ Christianity teaches that God is a <u>worker himself.</u> In book of Genesis, <u>God created the Universe in six days in the book of Genesis.</u> Therefore, when the youths copy God as worker, they will stop stealing and gambling hence leaving a holy life.
- ✓ Christian teaching of honesty can enable the youths in scenario to work. The book of Proverbs says that; honest people are safe and secure but dishonest will be caught.

- Therefore, when the youths become honest, they not be killed by mobs in the community hence living in harmony and peace.
- Christian teaching of <u>humility</u> can enable the youths to value work. <u>Jesus humbled himself</u> and serve as a carpenter. When the youths humble themselves, they will accept to <u>do any</u> kind of work hence promoting peace, love and togetherness in the community.

- Advertisement of jobs available can help the youth in the scenario. Employee can use various media platform life radio; television and social media to advertise for available jobs and their benefits. This will encourage the youth to apply for the jobs and stop stealing and gambling.
- Creativity and innovation at work can help the youth. Starting up new things and improving on the existing available jobs like use of digital marketing are common today. This will be alterative job to the youth but also increase their earning.
- Formation of youth association can help the youth in the scenario to value work. Youth group like village saving and loan association, among the youths encourages them to work so as save on saving day. This motivates the youth to work hard in order to save on VSLA saving day.
- ✓ Community policing by the police can help the youth to value work today. The police can use radio, television, and social media to sensitize the youth on dangers of idleness, stealing and gambling. This makes the sensitized youth to stop stealing and gambling and resort to work to avoid arrest.
- ✓ Honesty can help the youth in the scenario to value work. Honesty means being trust worthy and truthful. Therefore, when the youth become honest, they will stop stealing and gambling to value work.
- Responsibility allocation can help the youth in the scenario to value work. Today youth are accountable for all they do. Besides some work because they have responsibility like taking care of their siblings. Therefore, when youths are responsible, they will be hard working, loving in the community.

### Item 8

- The bible teaches that the unwilling to work shall not eat, this encourages the youth to value work because through work some can be able to get himself what to eat and this can be seen in the book Thessalonians 3:1
- The bible teaches that those who work should be respected especially if they do the work of the Lord for example this is seen in the book of Timothy 5:17. This encourages the youth to work hard and gain respect from others.

- The bible teaches that hard working people will become rich for example proverbs 12:24. When someone works hard, that person can earn a living and this will help a youth to value work.
- The bible teaches that God rewards every man according to their work, proverbs 10:4, When someone works well, that person can be rewarded and this is seen when bosses reward their workers, this can help them to be motivated.

- Hard work is encouraged today. People have gone an extra mile to take on more than one
  job so that they can earn more money. The youth should work hard in order to earn more
  money hence accumulation of wealth.
- Honesty in work is emphasized, where the bosses want to work with people who will
  develop their companies by not stealing from them. This can promote future promotions
  for the youth if honesty is exercised.
- Work for basic needs, youth are encouraged to work hard and acquire basic needs of life
   e.g. food, shelter and other luxuries of life. This promotes better standards of living.
- Respect is promoted through being hardworking today. People who work hard are a good
  example to the society and are recognized. This is because they have added value to the
  community they live in. this promotes unity in the community and development as a
  whole.
- Career guidance has been provided by different professionals and the government to enrich on the skills and talents of the youth. This has made the youth to be creative and start up their own companies hence inspiring the rest of the youth to work hard.
- Offering soft loans to the youth by the government through starting for them projects that
  has enhanced and encouraged them to work hard to take back the government money and
  remain with their projects.

### Item 9

- ✓ The text above encourages <u>Upholding fairness and the quality</u>. This can be done by
  ensuring that all individuals especially the poor and vulnerable are treated fairly and justly
  in court and society. Hence responding to the text you people hate anyone who challenges
  injustice and speaks the whole truth in court.
- ✓ Justice can be promoted through resisting corruption. It can be the rule rejecting bribery, corruption on the promoting transparency and accountability in his situations and decision making processes. This response to the text which states you have oppressed the poor and robbed them over there grains.

- ✓ Justice can be promoted by supporting the marginalized. They can be supported 0 advocating for the rights and beginning of the poor, vulnerable and the oppressed and working to address systematic injustices. Response to the text which states you persecute people, take bribes and prevent the poor from getting justice in the court.
- ✓ Justice can be promoted by speaking the truth and standing for justice. Courageously speaking out against injustice and promoting truth even when it is unpopular or challenging. D's response to the Bible text which states you people hate anyone who challenges injustice and he speaks the whole truth in court.
- ✓ Justice can also be promoted by holding leaders accountable. Encouraging leaders to act with integrity and justice, holding them accountable for their actions. The text states and so you will not leave in the fine stone houses you build or Drink wine from the beautiful vineyards.

- ✓ Community based justice. This empowers local communities to take ownership of justice processes, promoting Participatory and inclusive approaches to dispute resolution and social hearing. Hence overcoming unfairness in courts of law which states you have oppressed the poor and robbed them of their grains.
- ✓ <u>Human rights frameworks</u>. By Utilizing international human rights standards and frameworks to hold governments and institutions accountable for protecting the rights on the Guinea tea of all individuals he's showing the challenge of lack of accountability.
- ✓ <u>Social justice movements</u>. By advocating for systematic equality, fairness and human rights. Hence sowing the challenge which states you have oppressed the poor and robbed them over their grains.
- ✓ <u>Restorative/Curative justice can be applied</u>. These focuses on repairing harm, promoting healing and rebuilding relationships between victims, offenders and communities. This brings about peace and harmony in society.
- ✓ <u>Providing access to justice initiatives</u>. Through activities that increase access to legal representation, support services and fair treatment for the marginalized and the vulnerable population. These responses to the problem which states you persecute the people take bribes and prevent the poor from getting justice in the courts.

### Item 10

- ✓ Christians should use wealth by giving generously e.g supporting local ministries like the Watoto church. Unlike Mr. Ozoo who spent wealth on luxury items and lost his wealth
- ✓ Christians should invest in Gods kingdom e.g finding Bible translations and church planting in rural areas unlike Mr. Ozoo who used wealth to buy expensive items and lost his wealth.

- ✓ Christians should start ethical business-like fair wages e.g coffee cooperatives unlike Mr.
  Ozoo who spent his wealth on luxury parties and lost his wealth
- ✓ Christians should support widows and orphans funding vocational training unlike Mr.
  Ozoo who spent wealth n buying expensive items and lost his wealth.
- ✓ Christians should support Christian education by finding Christian schools unlike Mr.

  Ozoo who spent his wealth in gambling and lost his wealth.
- ✓ Christians should build and maintain churches by constructing church buildings in rural areas, repair roofs. Unlike in the scenario Mr. Ozoo spent his wealth on luxury items and lost his wealth.
- ✓ Christians should use wealth to fight injustice and corruption by finding legal and for the oppressed. Unlike in the scenario were Mr. Ozoo spent wealth on gambling and lost his wealth
- ✓ Christians should use wealth to create Christian media and arts by producing gospel music, films. Unlike Mr. Ozoo who spent his wealth on gambling and caused a significant loss of his wealth.
- ✓ Christian should use wealth to invest in Godly leadership by supporting pastors' retreats and theological training unlike Mr. Ozoo who spent wealth on luxury parties that caused a significant loss of his wealth.

- ✓ Farming, staple crops like yams, millet were cultivated for substance and trade. The surplus harvests were measured as wealth. This is different from corruption as a way Mr. Ozoo used to acquire wealth.
- ✓ Livestock, rearing cattle, goats and sheep symbolized wealth. This is different from exploitation that Mr. Ozoo used to acquire wealth
- ✓ Trade and butter systems for example regional markets were gold, salt ivory and spices were exchanged. This is different from evading taxes that Mr. Ozoo used to acquire his wealth
- ✓ Inheritance, this is where wealth was passed on from parents to their children especially from the fathers side. This is different from corruption used by Ozoo to acquire wealth.
- ✓ Tribute systems where chiefs/kings collected taxes for example Buganda kingdom land tax (Busulu). This is different from exploitation used by Mr. Ozoo to acquire wealth
- ✓ Bride wealth or (dowry) livestock, goods or money strengthened family wealth. This is
  different from deceitful practices used by Mr. Ozoo to acquire wealth.
- ✓ Mining for example gold, salt and copper were mined and traded. This is different from exploitation use by Mr. Ozoo to acquire wealth
- ✓ Rotating savings, this is where informal groups pooled resources for members' ventures. This differs from exploitation, a way Mr. Ozoo used to acquire wealth.

(a)

- The Bible teaches sharing of resources. It states whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none and whoever has food must share it. This helps to reduce inequality and promote a sense of Unity in society.
- ✓ That text presents practicing honesty and integrity. It is stated do not collect more than is legal, tax collectors being honest in their collections and the soldiers acting with integrity demonstrate the importance of trustworthy and fairness.
- ✓ The Bible teaches respect and dignity. It is stated "Do not take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely". This encourages individuals to treat others with kindness and respect regardless of their position or status hence peace.
- ✓ The Bible text teaches obedience and listening to authority. It is stated "some tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him", teacher what are we to do? This brings about peace and harmony by recognizing those in authority.

(b)

- ✓ Traditional Africans shared resources. Africans shared almost everything they had ranging from foodstuffs stroke harvest, wives among the Banyankole of western Uganda hence peace. This is similar to the Bible text which states" whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none and whoever has food must share it."
- ✓ Africans taught honesty and integrity. Among the Baganda of central Uganda, People were taught from childhood to be honest in whatever they do and say. E.g. speaking the truth was called for and telling lies among young people was punishable. The elders were told to do their work well in order to maintain their integrity his harmonious living. This is similar to the text above which states do not collect more than is legal.
- ✓ Africans treated others with respect and dignity. Among the Baganda, the young was supposed to show respect to elders, women were supposed to show respect to their husbands and husbands were supposed to treat their wives with dignity hence peace in society. This is similar to the text which states do not accuse anyone falsely.
- ✓ Africans obeyed and listened to authority. Leaders among the Buganda such as the king, chiefs were highly obeyed and at times their authority was unquestionable. This brought about peace and harmony, this is similar to the text which states some tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him teacher what are we to do?

### Item 12

(a)

✓ The text teaches being peacemakers. It states "happy are those who work for peace, God will call them his children" so; Christians should do well to others in order to promote peace in society.

- ✓ The text teaches showing mercy and compassion it states "happy are those who are
  massive fooling to others, God will be merciful to them." So, Christians should treat others
  with kindness and empathy especially those in need hence peace.
- ✓ The Bible text teaches living with humidity and gentleness. It states "happy are those who are humble, they will receive what God has promised." So, Christians should embrace Meckness Andy's humility in interactions with others hence creating peace in society.
- ✓ The Bible teaches pursuing righteousness and justice. It states, "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires", God will satisfy them fully". So, Christians should advocate for fairness on equality in society in order to promote peace.
- ✓ The Bible takes teachers being pure in heart. It states, "happy are the pure in heart, they
  will see God! So, Christians should cultivate inner peace on the sincerity which can lead
  to peaceful relationships with others.

- ✓ Increased conflict and Division. Failing to live out the principles of peaceful making and mercy. This can lead to increased conflicts and division within communities.
- ✓ Lack of compassion and empathy for stop neglecting to show mercy and kindness can result in a lack of support for those in need. This can lead to suffering and misery among the needy.
- ✓ Injustice and inequality. Ignoring the call to pursue righteousness and justice can contribute to systematic injustices and inequality. This can result into self-neglect and irresponsible society members.
- ✓ Missed opportunities for positive impact. By not respecting the values of humility, mercy and peaceful making, Christians may miss opportunities to positively impact their communities and the society at large.

### **REVISION ITEMS**

### Item 1

"To conclude; You must all have the same attitude and same feelings; love one another as brothers and sisters, and be kind and humble with one another. Do not pay back evil with evil or cursing with cursing; instead, back with a blessing, because a blessing is what God promised to give you when he called you. As the scripture says; "whoever wants to enjoy life and wishes to see good times, must keep from speaking evil and stop telling lies. They must turn away from evil and do good. They must strive for peace with all their hearts". 1 Peter 3:8-11 (GNB)

### Task:

- (a) How should Christians ensure that harmony is promoted in society given the guidance in the above Biblical text?
- (b) Explain the challenges that arise in society when Christians fail to follow the above teaching given in the Bible text above.

"If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what every one considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody. Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, i will pay back says the Lord". Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame". Romans 12:17-21. (GNB)

### Task:

- (a) Explain ways in which Christians should use the message in the Bible text above to resolve their disagreements.
- (b) Explain the challenges that arise in society when Christians go against the teaching in the Bible text above.

### Item 2

"The people asked him, "What are we to do then, then?" He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it". Some tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, "Teacher, what are to do?" "Do not collect more than what is legal," he told them. Some soldiers also asked him, "What about us? What are we to do?" he said to them, "do not take money from any one by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be contented with your pay". Luke 3:10-14 (GNB).

### Task:

- (a) How can harmony be promoted in society given the guidance in the Bible text above?
- (b) Explain African traditional approaches to harmonious living that are related to those in the Bible text above.

### Item 3

A group of youth in a certain area of Uganda misuse their leisure time. They become idle, spend their money irresponsibly by drinking alcohol and practicing sexual immorality. They use their leisure time to visit their girlfriends and boyfriends. In the evening, they meet in a certain place and start to compose immoral songs, spreading rumors and flocking to shrines to consult witchdoctors and they have failed to develop themselves.

### Task:

- (a) How can the Biblical teaching on the use of leisure time promote responsible life style among the youth presented in the scenario above?
- (b) Explain the African traditional ways of spending leisure time that can be used to enable the youth in the scenario given to spend their leisure time appropriately.

"As soon as Peter and John were set free, they returned to their group and told them what the chief priests and the elders had said. When the believers heard it, they all joined together in prayer to God: Master and creator of heaven, earth and sea, and all that is in them! By means of the Holy Spirit you spoke through our ancestor David your servant when he said: Why were the Gentiles furious? Why did people make their, useless plots? The kings of earth prepared themselves and the rulers met together against the Lord and the Messiah,

For indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together in this city with the Gentiles and the people of Israel against Jesus, your holy servant whom you made Messiah. They gathered to do everything that you by your power and will had already decided would happen. And now, Lord, take notice of the threats they have made and allow us your servants, to speak your message with boldness." ACTS 4:23-29 (GNB)

### Task:

- (a) How can the Bible text above help Christians to remain committed to God amidst their suffering?
- (b) Explain the nature of God according to Islam that is reflected in the Bible text above.

### Item 5

"if your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses, as the scripture says. And if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector. And so I tell you: what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven". Matthew 18:15-18 (GNB).

- (a) How should Christians resolve their disagreements in light of the Bible text above?
- (b) Explain contemporary approaches to conflict resolution that contradict those in the Bible text above.

**END** 

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