



# Tulait

*Tok bilong God i olsem lait bilong soim rot long mi*



## ACT LIKE MEN

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# ACT LIKE MEN! – Editorial

**What PNG needs more than anything else are men!**

**Real men!**

**Men who act like men in every area of their life!**

The Apostle Paul says to the church in Corinth in his closing words: *“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”* (1 Corinthians 16:13)

To act like a man, means to stop acting like a child. Children typically act out of impulse like anger or jealousy or selfishness; but a grown man is no longer a child and so he must not act out of impulse.

When the Holy Spirit tells us to act like men, He is telling us to be men of courage. Many Bible translations use those words. To be a man is to have the courage to do what is right and to use God given wisdom to do that. Therefore, to be a man is to stand for the truth – boldly; to do what is right—always; to hold to the faith—unswervingly; to love God and love your neighbor as yourself—consistently. That is a picture of a man.

Of course, a real man looks a lot like the real Man, Jesus. Jesus is God incarnate. He is the man that every man should desire to be. He is the holy man of God. When Pilate looked at Jesus dressed in a robe drenched in blood about to be killed on a Roman cross, he said to all those who wanted to kill him: *“Behold the Man.”* Pilate was right: He could not be more right. Jesus is the man.

Everything, that is everything Jesus did proved to the world He is the man, the man who is the most excellent of men. The man who shows us what it means to be a man!

## **It is hard to be a man**

Let us be real, here. It is hard to be a man. It is hard to be a man of courage when everyone around you has no courage to do what is right. Actually in our own strength it is impossible.



Just as it is impossible to be a real man and look at pornography on your phone when you purchase a data bundle. Why? Because you are not acting like a man, but a pervert.

Just as it is impossible to be a man if you lie and cheat your boss. Why? Because you are not acting like a real man but a giaman man.

Just as it is impossible to be a man if you act corruptly and accept bribes or give bribes to get ahead. Why? Because you are not a real man but a con-man.

Just as it is impossible to be a man if you beat your wife and cheat on her. You are not a real man but a beast and an adulterer!

Just as it is impossible to be a man if use your fortnight to buy beer and hang with your friends while your family suffers. You are not a real man but a selfish drunkard!

Yes, it is impossible to be a real man, a man of wisdom and courage and honesty and humility if you are not connected by faith to the Man who saved you. John 15:5 says, *“I am the vine you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”*



Without daily repentance and turning to Christ to act like a man is impossible. But with Christ all things are possible!

## **What makes a man a man?**

We want to help you be a man. Not a boy. Not a drunkard. Not a pamuk man. Not a thief. Not a giaman. Not a raskol. Not a wife beater. Not a briber. No, a real man!

We know that the world says to be a man you need to be rich. And the world says to be a man you have to be fat, that at least helps you become a bikman. Or, to be a man you need to have namba. To be a man you need to have the freedom to do what you want. To be a man you need to sleep with lots of women and beat your wife if she disrespects you. To be a man you can even steal, bribe and lie if that is going to help you get ahead. To be a man you need to be able to drink with your friends! But listen, if that is what makes you a man, Jesus was not a man because He did not do any of that!

So with the Word of God as our aid, we will explore various themes in this magazine to help you, men, be real men, men like the man Jesus.

- ▶ We will look at some of the sins that keep us from being men.
- ▶ We will look at what it means to be a godly father and husband.
- ▶ We will look at what it means to carry a job and care for our family.
- ▶ We will even consider what we should know concerning our faith.

May God bless you as you read this magazine and may God bless PNG with more men.

Real men!

Men who act like men!

**Pastor Ian Wildeboer**



# Kamap Olsem Ol Man Tru Tru!

Yumi long PNG, yumi wok long painim ol strongpela na gutpela lidaman.

Ol man tru tru!

Ol man husat i mekim gutpela na stretpela pasin olgeta taim—taim ol i raun long taun, taim ol i stap long haus o long ples wok!

Aposel Pol i bin tok olsem long ol Kristen long taun Korin, *“Yupela i mas was gut na sanap strong long bilip. Yupela i mas i stap strong, na yupela i no ken pret long wanpela samting.”* Na long tok Inglis, *“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong”* (1 Korin 16:13).

Taim yumi stap olsem ol man tru tru, yumi lusim pinis ol pasin bilong ol pikinini. Ol pikinini bilong yumi, ol i save straik nating nating na kamap kros kwik na tingting long amamasim ol yet; tasol ol man i bikpela pinis na ol i mas tingting gut na pas wantaim bikpela na bihainim stretpela pasin.

Taim Holi Spirit i tokim yumi man long kamap man tru tru, Em i tokim yumi long kamap strongpela man husat i no save guria na pret. Sapos yu man tru tru, bai yu bihainim ol stretpela pasin tasol—olgeta taim; bai yu holim strong bilip bilong yu na yu bai no inap surik; bai yu laikim tru Bikpela na ol wantok olsem yu laikim yu yet—i no sampela taim tasol—olgeta de. Ol dispela pasin i soim yumi wanpela tok piksa bilong wanpela trupela Man.

Ol kain man olsem, ol i luk olsem piksa bilong dispela wanpela trupela Man, Jisas. Jisas em i God na man wantaim. Jisas em

i dispela man yumi olgeta i laik bihainim. Em i holi, na ol pasin bilong en i stretpela na gutpela olgeta. Taim Pailat i bin lukim Jisas, na blut i karamapim klos bilong En, na klostu em bai dai long diwai kros, Pailat i tokim ol Juda: *“Lukim. Em hia dispela man.”* Pailat i mekim tok i tru. Jisas em i dispela wanpela trupela Man.

Olgeta samting Jisas i bin mekim i soim yumi olsem Em i dispela man i winim ol narapela man. Yu laik kamap man tru tru, lukluk long En! Bihainim lekmak bilong En!

I no Isipela Wok

Yumi bai tok stret nau. I no isipela samting long kamap wanpela gutpela na stretpela man. Yu laik kisim pasin bilong ol pikinini, em isi stret. Tasol, wok bilong kamap man tru em i hat bikos yumi save larim sin i bosim yumi na planti samting long graum i pulim yumi.

Olsem na, yu no inap kamap wanpela gutpela man sapos yu lukim ol piksa nogut long mobile bilong yu. Na taim yu mekim olsem, yu no wanpela gutpela man, yu wanpela doti man stret.

O, yu no wanpela man tru tru bikos yu wok long giamanim bosman bilong yu long wok. Taim yu mekim olsem, yu no wanpela man tru tru, yu wanpela giaman man.

O, yu save paitim meri bilong yu na raun wantaim ol narapela meri tu. Sapos yu mekim olsem, yu no man, yu wanpela kain wel animal.

Sapos yu kisim fortnight bilong yu na yu no baim kaikai bilong haus. Nogat, yu baim

beer na raun wantaim ol poro bilong yu, yu no inap kamap wanpela man tru tru, yu olsem wanpela longlong man.

Yes, em i hatwok olgeta long kamap olsem wanpela gutpela na stretpela man – olsem Krai. Olsem na, yu no inap kamap olsem dispela kain man sapos yu stap longwe long Jisas Krai. Yu nidim marimari na strong bilong EM. Yu laik kamap olsem dispela kain man, yu nidim Krai, Em yet i trupela man. Yu mas

tanim bel na pas wantaim Jisas tasol! Jon 15:5 i tok olsem, *“Mi yet, mi diwai wain, na yupela i han bilong diwai wain. Man i pas long mi na mi pas long em, em i save karim planti kaikai. Sapos yupela i lusim mi, yupela i no inap mekim wanpela samting.”*

Long dispela rot tasol, bai yumi i kamap olsem man tru tru. Jisas Krai tasol bai helpim yumi na inapim yumi!

Olsem wanem yumi ken stap olsem dispela kain man?

Long dispela magasin mipela laik helpim yu na strongim yu long stap olsem man tru

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tru. Dispela kain man i no boi o pikinini. I no spakman. I no pamuk man. I no raskol man. I no giaman man. I no man bilong paitim meri. Nogat! Em i wanpela gutpela na stretpela man tru long ai bilong God!

Tingting bilong dispela graun i tok, sapos yu laik kamap man tru, yu mas i gat planti mani. Na tu, yu mas kaikai planti na gat wanpela traipela bel long soim olsem yu wanpela bikman. O, ol i tok olsem, yu laik kamap man tru, orait yu mas i gat namba. Na taim yu gat namba, yu gat rait long raun long laik bilong yu yet. Yu ken raun wantaim planti meri. Na tu, sapos meri bilong yu i sakim tok bilong yu, yu ken paitim em. Na sapos yu laik, yu ken giaman na stil long helpim yu yet. Na ol tok, sapos yu man tru, bai yu spak wantaim ol poro bilong yu. Tasol, sapos ol dispela kain pasin i mekim yu i kamap wanpela man tru, yumi ken tok, ating Jisas i no wanpela man tru tru bikos em i no bin mekim ol dispela kain pasin! Nogut yu ting Jisas em i wanpela meri-man. Baibel i tok, em i trupela man!

Pasin Em i mekim em i stretpela na gutpela olgeta. Em i bin harim tok bilong Papa bilong En na Em i bin daunim Em yet i kamap inap long em i dai.

Insait long dispela magasin, yumi bai yusim tok bilong God long stiaim yumi ol man long ol gutpela rot na stretpela pasin Bikpela i laikim.

Yumi bai lukluk long ol sin i save pulim yumi longwe long Bikpela.

Yumi bai lainim ol gutpela pasin yumi ol man mas mekim insait long famili.

Yumi bai lainim dispela pasin bilong painim wok na sapatim family.

Yumi bai lainim ol samting bilong helpim bilip bilong yumi.

Taim yu ritim dispela Tulait magasin, mi beten olsem God i ken blesim yu, na blesim PNG wantaim planti ol dispela kain man. Ol dispela man husat i man tru tru na save sanap strong olsem ol gutpela na stretpela man bilong Bikpela! PNG bai senis olgeta sapos kain man i pulap long hia.

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# Pasin bilong Man i Bilip Tru long God

## Characteristics of a Godly Man



Yu ken askim yu yet, mi wanem kain man? Nogut, long marimari bilong God, yu laik kamap wanpela gutpela man tumas na yu laik senisim sampela pasin nogut long laip bilong yu. Nogut, yu laik sanap strong olsem wanpela gutpela man wankain olsem King na Savior bilong yumi, Jisas Kraus.

Tude, larim dispela lista bilong ol pasin bilong ol man i bilip tru long God i strongim yu:

1. Man i save gut long God
2. Man i trustim na bilipim God
3. Man i laik bihainim ol pasin bilong God
4. Man i laik lotu long God long rot God yet i laikim
5. Man bai larim ai wara i pundaun
6. Man i laikim tumas tok bilong God
7. Man i gat spirit bilong God i stap long bel bilong em
8. Man bilong daunim em yet
9. Man bilong beten
10. Man bilong autim sin bilong em
11. Man i gat faia long bel bilong em long Bikpela
12. Man bilong bel isi
13. Man bilong tok tenkyu
14. Man i save laikim olgeta man
15. Man i save bosim gut laip bilong em na em i save paitim sin
16. Man i laikim tumas meri, pikinini bilong em
17. Man i laik wokabout wantaim Bikpela
18. Man i hangre long helpim ol man i pas wantaim Bikpela

Or, in English.

A man of Godly characteristics is:

1. A man of knowledge
2. A man moved by faith
3. A man like God
4. A man careful about the worship of God
5. A man who weeps
6. A man who loves the Word
7. A man who has the Spirit of God residing in him
8. A man of humility
9. A man of prayer
10. A man of sincerity
11. A zealous man
12. A patient man
13. A thankful man
14. A man who loves the saints
15. A man who does not indulge himself in any sin
16. A man who is good in his relationship
17. A man who walks with God
18. A man who strives to be an instrument for making others Godly

**Thomas Watson**

# PNG the most porn-riddled country in the world

Google has pronounced PNG as the most porn riddled country in the world.

This 'fact' is established by the number of times the word 'porn' or 'pornography' is typed into their search engine. PNG has outstripped all other nations and broken the charts with Zimbabwe, Kenya and Botswana following close behind. The Australian ABC news suggested that there is a possible correlation between increased porn use and conservative Christian values 'upheld' in PNG. I do not know where this conclusion comes from and sociologists can speculate, but I do know this: that viewing porn throws one's faith into question, one's life into a constant cycle of guilt and shame with a mind full of perversion, and can throw the sacred institution of marriage into jeopardy.

## Like other sins, to welcome pornography into your life at any age is to welcome death

I also know that the Western world is not any better off; they merely search under more perverse words, which cover the full orb of sexual perversions known to mankind. But what saddens me more is that those who claim allegiance to Christ are not tracking well here either. A recent study from Barna Group revealed that 77% of self-attested Christian men (with a growing number of women) in America, between the ages of 18-30 view porn at least monthly. And 77% of men from the ages of 31-49 view it at least every three months, while over 20% are addicted. I would argue that if you view porn weekly, monthly or bi-monthly or whatever the interval of time between viewings might be, there are serious signs of addiction prevalent in your life.

The Christian media is awash with story after story of distrust, pain, deep hurt, abuse, rape, infidelity and divorce following in the wake of this sexual sin. We can talk about being justified by faith. We can boldly proclaim that, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1). We can say "I am a sinner saved by grace," and say it a thousand times a day, but if we are living to gratify the flesh in a redeemed state the fact is "we are not pleasing God!" Further, we may not even belong to Christ.

Romans 8:8 says: "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." And Romans 8:9

says, "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him."

Like other sins, to welcome pornography into your life at any age is to welcome death. It is a hostile business in God's eyes. "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot." (Romans 8:7). The word hostile in Romans 8:8 may be better translated as enmity. That means you cannot look at porn and all the associated sins with it (read trashy, porn riddled novels like, "50 Shades of Grey", view soft or hard porn on the Internet or in magazines or on movies, explicit apps, games etc) and have peace with God. You are creating enmity, hostility, between you and God.

But not only is there enmity between you and God, this enmity also moves on a horizontal level. Hostility grows, especially between marriage spouses and family members, at the cost of this perversity. The fact is, you cannot look at porn and be at peace with or a blessing to your spouse – present or future – or your family, your friend, or anyone else. One cannot do both. You cannot feed the flesh and feed the vertical or horizontal relationships with love and truth. Impossible. No, to feed the one is to starve the other. And if we feed the flesh, satisfying its insatiable hunger for more, we leave those we love with all the pain of a relationship starved of the attributes that sustain its healthy growth.

## There is grace for the wretched man or woman who confesses their sins and addiction and seeks God's grace

Is there hope? Yes. ABC news and Google can condemn PNG and the Barna Group's stats can expose thousands of men and even women. Yet, the Gospel still rings with the clarion call of reconciliation between us and God in Christ and through that restored relationship, us and those around us. There is hope because this is still true for those who believe in Christ: "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) Amen. There is grace for the wretched man or woman, like you and me, who confesses their sins and addiction and seeks God's grace – daily!

Grace upon grace. However, this is the point of our salvation: the new birth in Christ by God's Spirit creates a radically new lifestyle! "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17). And if you are found in Christ you do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who living according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit." (Romans 8:5).

There is another clarion call in this Gospel of grace and that is that we need to fight! Fight the flesh. Make it our slave. Make it obedient to Christ (cf 1 Corinthians 9:27). In short, we need to take up spiritual arms. "No more murmuring about our imperfections," as Pastor John Piper has said, rather: "make war." Make war with all the artillery and armament of heaven: the sword of the Spirit; the belt of truth; the shield of faith; the helmet of salvation; the feet fitted with the Gospel of peace; the breastplate of righteousness and prayer. (Ephesians 6:13ff). Fight with all the resources at your disposal: accountability with spiritual friends or mentors, transparency with those close to you, seek counsel from your pastor or elder, filters on everything (eg. use safe eyes, or covenant eyes) and pray and meditate upon the Gospel promises daily as you trust in Christ's righteousness. And do not surrender. The cost of surrendering to the flesh is too high. We know this to be true.



We live in a country where fights are sparked at the drop of a hat. But I assure you that the fight worth fighting is this one. And know that the blessed value of winning this fight daily, in the grace given us from above, is indescribable peace and a clear conscience! That is a precious gift! May this Gospel of grace and truth flow through this porn riddled land we call PNG, and no less every country in this world lost in deep sexual perversion.

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# PNG em i bilong

Google i tok olsem, PNG em i nambawan kantri bilong lukim pornography (ol piksa nogut) long Internet. Em ol pamuk piksa bilong man na meri i wokim pasin marit. Google i kamap klia long dispela bikos ol i kaunim hamaspela taim ol lain long PNG i save taipim dispela tok “*porn*” o “*pornography*” long Google long lukim pamuk piksa o piksa nogut long Internet. Na namba bilong dispela i winim ol narapela kantri. Tru, PNG i winim olgeta narapela kantri long lukim piksa nogut o pornography! Zimbabwe, Kenya na Botswana i gat planti manmeri tu i save lukim pornography tasol ol i bihainim PNG liklik. ABC nius long Australia i tokaut long wanem dispela i kamap long PNG. Ol i tok olsem: “i gat planti Kristen long PNG, tasol ol i save tingting long bihainim ol lo tasol, na Tok bilong God i no stap tru long bel bilong ol man! Mi no save sapos dispela i tru o nogat, tasol mi save long dispela, sapos yu lukim porn o piksa nogut, hau bai yu tok olsem yu wanpela Kristen? Sapos yu lukim piksa nogut bai yu karim sem na bai yu wokabaut long ples tudak. Em bai bagarapim tingting bilong yu, na em bai bagarapim marit bilong yu tu (maski yu no marit yet – em bai bagarapim marit bilong yu long bihain). Em bai bagarapim sindaun bilong yu na wokabaut bilong yu.

Na mi klia, ol lain long ol narapela kantri olsem America, o Australia, o Canada, ol tu i save lukim planti porn o piksa nogut, tasol ol i save gut tru long planti narapela rot long lukim piksa nogut. Na mi wari tru olsem planti lain i tok olsem “*Mi Kristen*” tasol ol tu i save lukim piksa nogut yet. I gat wanpela lain long America (ol i kolim Barna Group) i mekim wok long painimaut planti samting, na ol i kisim save olsem 77% bilong ol Kristen man (na sampela meri tu) long America i gat 18 krismas i go antap long 30 krismas, i save lukim piksa nogut o pornography long olgeta mun. Na 77% long ol man i gat 31 krismas i go antap long 49 krismas i save lukim pamuk

piksa o piksa nogut insait long tripela tripela mun, na 20% samting i bagarap long porn. I min olsem ol i no inap lusim dispela pasin long painim amamas long lukim piksa nogut o pamuk piksa. Ating sapos yu lukim dispela long olgeta wik, o mun, o insait long tripela tripela mun, orait dispela ol pamuk piksa i winim yu na bosim yu. Tasol em klia, na i gat planti stori i putim ples klia olsem, dispela sin bilong lukim pamuk piksa o pornography i save kamapim bikpela pen na hevi insait long marit olsem pasin bilong bagarapim meri, rape, na pasin pamuk. Ol dispela bai brukim marit na pasin bilong pas tru wantaim God!

Orait, sapos yumi tok olsem, “*Na yumi manmeri i pas wantaim Krai Jisas, lo i no inap kotim yumi moa*” (Rom 8:1). O, sapos yumi tok, “*Mi wanpela sinman, tasol marimari i kisim bek mi.*” Sapos yumi tok olsem, tasol yumi wok long lukim piksa nogut long amamasim skin bilong yumi, orait ol dispela tok i samting nating. Yumi NO i stap klin long ai bilong God. Nogut yumi stap AUSAIT long laik bilong Krai long dispela sin. Nogut yumi stap long dispela rot i go inap long yumi bungim dai na go long hel paia.

Rom 8:8-9 i tok, “*Ol man i wokabaut long pasin bilong olpela bel, dispela ol man i no inap long mekim pasin God i laikim. Tasol yupela i no wokabaut moa long pasin bilong olpela bel. Nogat. Sapos i tru Spirit bilong God i stap long yupela, orait nau yupela i save wokabaut long pasin bilong Holi Spirit. Na man i no gat Spirit bilong Krai, em i no man bilong Krai.*”

**Wankain long olgeta sin, taim yu larim sin bilong lukim piksa nogut i kam insait long laip bilong yu i olsem yu bringim dai i kam insait long laip bilong yu tu!**

Long ai bilong God em i pasin nogut stret. “*Sapos tingting bilong man i bihainim laik bilong olpela bel, dispela man i save birua long God, long wanem, em i no save stap aninit long lo bilong God. Em i no inap tru long bihainim*

*lo bilong God*” (Rom 8:7). Dispela teks i putim ples klia – yu no inap lukim piksa nogut na mekim ol narapela wankain pasin olsem na stap wanbel wantaim God. Nogat tru. Yu no inap wok long larim sin bilong pamuk i stap insait long tingting bilong yu, o lukim ol piksa nogut long ol buk o magasin na stap wanbel wantaim Bikpela. Nogat tru. Na tu, bai yu kamapim ol hevi na kros long famili bilong yu tu. Mi tok tru, mi yet mi save long planti famili i bagarap long dispela pasin. Tru tumas yu no inap lukim piksa nogut na stap wanbel wantaim man o meri bilong yu, o famili bilong yu, o poro bilong yu, o wantaim ol narapela manmeri tu. Yu no inap. Pamuk piksa i save wok long grisim yu, na kisim yu i kam, na bihain em bai holimpasim yu na bagarapim yu.



Hop i stap? Yes! ABC news na Google i inap daunim PNG long pasin nogut bilong en, na dispela Barna group i inap putim ples klia ol sin bilong planti tausen man na sampela meri tu. TASOL Buk Baibel i tok olsem yumi inap kamap wanbel wantaim Bikpela gen bikos Krai i dai. Lukluk long Krai tasol. Marimari i stap bilong ol sinman na sinmeri, wankain olsem yu na mi, sapos yumi autim ol sin bilong yumi, tanim bel, na beten long marimari bilong God. “*Olsem na yumi*

# nambawan kantri lukim Piksa Nogut

manmeri i pas wantaim Krai's Jisas, lo i no inap kotim yumi moa." (Rom 8:1) Taim yu bilip long Krai's, i min olsem Spirit bilong em bai i wok long senisim laip bilong yu. "Olsem na sapos wanpela man i pas wantaim Krai's, orait God i mekim em i kamap nupela man tru. Harim gut. Nau olupela pasin i pinis olgeta, na nupela pasin i kamap pinis" (2 Korin 5:17). Ol lain bilong Krai's i no wok long amamasim bodi bilong ol yet; nogat, ol i wok long amamasim God. "Ol man i save wokabaut long pasin bilong olupela bel, tingting bilong ol i save bihainim laik bilong olupela bel tasol. Tasol ol man i save wokabaut long pasin bilong Holi Spirit, tingting bilong ol i save bihainim laik bilong Holi Spirit" (Rom 8:5).

Buk Baibel i tokim yumi long pait. Yumi mas pait! Yumi mas paitim strong laik nogut bilong bodi bilong yumi, na daunim sin na larim stretpela pasin bilong Krai's i stiaim bel bilong yumi long bihainim Em (lukim 1 Korin 9:27). Yumi mas pasim ol klos pait na

mekim pait. Pastor John Piper i bin tok, "No ken komplem long sin bilong yu; nogat, pait long ol sin tasol." Long dispela pait yumi mas yusim olgeta samting bilong pait bilong heven wankain olsem Pol i stori long en long Efesus 6: 14-17, "Sapos yupela i laik sanap strong, orait yupela i mas pasim tok tru olsem let bilong yupela, na pasim stretpela pasin olsem siot kapa i karamapim bros bilong yupela, na yupela i mas redi long autim gutnius bilong God i laik wanbel wantaim ol manmeri, na putim dispela pasin olsem su bilong yupela. Yupela i mas kisim dispela olgeta samting bilong pait, na yupela i mas kisim tu pasin bilong bilip, na holim strong olsem hap plang, bai yupela inap long mekim i dai olgeta spia paia dispela man nogut Satan i save sutim i kam long yupela. Yupela i mas tingting long God i kisim bek yupela pinis, na dispela tingting i mas i stap olsem hat kapa yupela i putim. Na yupela i mas holim bainat bilong Holi Spirit, em tok bilong God."

Pait, na pait strong! Painim sampela poro bilong helpim yu, askim wanpela pastor o hetman bilong sios long helpim yu, na tok tru long ol. Download sampela gutpela apps/programs long internet long pasim yu long go long ol websites nogut. Olgeta de askim God long helpim yu i mekim olsem. Na no ken les long mekim olsem long olgeta de.

**Sapos man i bihainim stretpela pasin, bai em i stap gut. Tasol man i mekim pasin nogut, wantu bai em i bagarap. Gutpela Sindaun 28:18**

Yumi stap long wanpela kantri we ol pait i save kamap hariap; na planti ol dispela pait i samting bilong payback na ol i no gutpela pait. Tasol mi promisim yu dispela: Dispela pait long pasin bilong lukim ol pamuk piksa o piksa nogut em i gutpela pait tru, na em bai helpim yu tru! Na sapos yu winim dispela pait long wan wan de long strong bilong Holi Spirit, marimari bilong God bai givim yu bikpela bel isi stret, na bel na tingting bilong yu bai kamap klia tru. Dispela gutnius bilong marimari na tok tru i ken go aut long dispela kantri PNG na long arapela kantri long dispela graun wei man i save pundaun long dispela sin bilong lukim piksa nogut. Sapos ol man i les long paitim dispela sin ol i mas putim yau gut long tok bilong God "Bikpela hevi na pen bai i kamap long olgeta man i save mekim pasin nogut" (Rom 2:9). Olsem mi strongim yu nau: long strong bilong Krai's yu mas ranawe tru long dispela sin na ran long Krai's – King na Savior bilong yu!

Pastor Ian Wildeboer



# Many different sins are destroying PNG

Which one do you think is the worst?

Staff at **Lae City Mission** and **Reformed Ministries** answered this question.

**Patrick Willie** says that sexual unfaithfulness is the greatest evil in PNG. People are breaking up their marriages and the gift of sex by having sex outside of marriage. This can happen at school, in the work place and even along the road, it seems. Patrick recently heard that some school-teachers say that they will give better grades to students who will have sex with them. Also at work, managers are offering money to female workers if they meet them for sex. But did God make men and women for this sinful purpose? Did God say go have sex with whomever you want? No! The Lord says in Genesis 2:24-25, *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they will become one flesh."* Sex is for marriage only! Hebrew 13:4 says, *"Marriage should be respected by all, and keep the marriage bed pure."* The gift of sex has become an idol and it is destroying PNG.

**Hendry Paul, Francis Andrew and Samantha Orere** say that the love of money or greed is destroying PNG. People have turned away from God and worship money instead. Hendry argues that Sunday is the Lord's Day (Rev 1:10) but people are always 'busy' buying and selling on Sunday. He says that the love of money is the god that keeps people away from true worship. Francis agrees with Hendry. He says that companies that work seven days a week are going against God's plan. They are breaking the commandment to rest one day each week. Finally, Samantha says that people are not trusting God and following His commands. She understands that it is hard when your fortnight is too small to pay for the daily cost of living. But people do not turn to God for help. Instead they become involved in petty crimes, prostitution, robbery and drug dealings to make some extra toea. This is against

God's will. This is greed and it is a sin that is destroying PNG.



**Chris Steenhof and Lorraine Ababa** say that selfishness causes many problems in society, families and the government of PNG. Chris says that selfishness is what causes the corruption we read about in the papers. It does not matter if it is millions of kina, or a few toea, whether it is cheating or helping your wantok over more qualified people – selfishness is the cause of it all. For example, men who beat their wives are only thinking about themselves. They are selfish men! Men who spend their fortnight on beer, buai or drugs while their



▲ Patrick Willie



▲ Hendry Paul



▲ Francis Andrew



wives and children are hungry at home are only thinking of their own joy and not their family's needs. Lorrane says that PNG is a slave to the so-called wantok system. Helping friends, relatives and clansmen find work even if they are not qualified is one example of the terrible effects of the wantok system. At the heart of these issues is selfishness, but Christ calls us to be selfless (Philippians 2).



**Ricky Sibby** says that idolatry is the biggest sin in PNG. People put their idols above all things and cannot see clearly. The Government recently bought a King James Bible that was written in the 1600s. They believe that because we have this Bible, PNG will prosper. They make an idol of the Bible itself to gain prosperity! Many people go to church, thinking it is a good thing to do, but they do not study God's Word or apply the teachings of the Bible to their daily lives. We also see that the love of

money is an idol. Many so-called Christians love their money, their jobs, their culture and their status more than they love their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is destroying PNG.

**Winston Orere** says that drunkenness is the cause of many problems. The word drunkenness is used a lot in the Scriptures. It is one of the sins that will stop us from going to heaven. Galatians 5:21 reads, "Envy, drunkenness, orgies and things like these, I warn you, that people who do these things will not inherit the Kingdom of God." When you are drunk, it can make you do other sins. For example, when you fight or stab someone they might die. When you hit your wife you can hurt her badly. Sexual sins, including incest, can cause HIV/ AIDS, accidental pregnancies and lots of shame. Even driving dangerously because of beer can cause car accidents and kill people. Winston believes that alcohol and drugs bring two lies: the lie that problems and pains will go away with drinking, and the lie that drugs and alcohol can make you happy. These are untrue and the problems only get worse. For this reason the Apostle Paul says, "Do not get drunk on wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit." Drunkenness is destroying the nation of PNG.

**Freddie Walis** says it is the use of steam or homebrew. Steam is destroying many

youth in PNG, especially in the settlements. Many people are involved in making steam and drinking this poison too. Freddie, who used to be involved in drinking steam, says that people drink steam because they are trying to find happiness. But instead of finding happiness they find a lot of pain and problems: abusive language (tok nogut), fights, sexual sins like rape and pasin pamuk, disobedience and threats to parents, stealing and holding up cars, and sometimes blindness, sickness and death. This seems to be God's curse against this sin. Sadly, this evil is passed on from one generation to the next. The problems are getting worse in the settlements. Freddie says, "If people would know Jesus Christ and His ways, and understand the mercy and love God has for them, they would leave their idols

Freddie says, "If people would know Jesus Christ and His ways, and understand the mercy and love God has for them, they would leave this idol that is destroying PNG; and then the settlements would become peaceful places to live."

**If people would know Jesus Christ and His ways, and understand the mercy and love God has for them, they would leave their idols**

**Conclusion:** All these sins are destroying this great nation and each of them and more reach God's throne of judgment. God will not ignore and turn His eyes from seeing these sins or His ears from hearing them. No! He is very angry with unrepentant sins. The only way we can be saved from the penalty of these sins both individually and as a nation is through repentance. Christ came to redeem us, and every square kilometre of PNG, as well! We need to take stock of how we are rejecting God's ways.

We need to look to Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3) and let Christ wash us clean by His Spirit and Word –every day! There is no other way for the Lord to heal this land, this great country, Papua New Guinea!



▲ **Winston Orere**



▲ **Ricky Sibby**



▲ **Freddie Walis**

# Strategies to fight porn and wrong desires

# ANTHEM



**A**VOID as much as is possible and reasonable the sights and situations that arouse bad desires. We know our weaknesses and what triggers them. "Avoiding" is a Biblical strategy. "Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness" (2 Timothy 2:22). "Make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (Romans 13:14).

**N** Say NO to every lustful thought within five (or even three) seconds. And say it with the authority of Jesus Christ. "In the name of Jesus, NO!" You don't have much more than five seconds. Be tough and warlike. As John Owen said, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." Strike fast and strike hard. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

**T**URN the mind forcefully toward Christ as the best joy. Attack the promises of sin with the promises of Christ. The Bible calls lusts "deceitful desires" (Ephesians 4:22). They lie. They promise more than they can deliver. The Bible calls them "passions of your former ignorance" (1 Peter 1:14). Only fools yield. "All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter" (Proverbs 7:22). We must stock our minds with the superior promises and pleasures of Jesus. Then we must turn to them immediately after saying, "NO!"

**H**OLD the promise and the pleasure of Christ firmly in your mind until it pushes the other images out. "Fix your eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 3:1). Here is where many fail. They give in too soon. They say, "I tried to push it out, and it didn't work." I ask, "How long did you try?" How hard did you exert your mind?

**Many fail because  
they give in too soon**

The mind is a muscle. You can flex it with vehemence. Take the kingdom violently (Matthew 11:12). Hold the promise of Christ before your eyes. Hold it. Hold it! Don't let it go! How long? As long as it takes. Fight!

**E**NOY a superior satisfaction or joy in Christ. One reason lust reigns in so many is that Christ has so little appeal. We default to deceit because we have little delight in Christ. Don't say, "That's just not me." Plead with God for the satisfaction you don't have: "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14). Then look, look, look at the most magnificent Person in the universe until you see Him the way He is.

**M**OVE into a useful activity away from idleness and other vulnerable behaviors. Lust grows fast in the garden of leisure. Find a good work to do, and do it with all your might. "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord" (Romans 12:11). "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Abound in work. Get up and do something. Sweep a room. Hammer a nail. Write a letter. Fix a faucet. And do it for Jesus' sake. You were made to manage and create. Christ died to make you "zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:14). Displace deceitful lusts with a passion for good deeds.

Pastor John Piper

[www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

**Be killing sin  
or it will be  
killing you**  
John Owen



# Harim Ol Man! Ol Meri i Gat Sampela Askim long Yupela



Tru tumas, planti meri i save tok olsem, em i hat tru long painim wanpela gutpela man long maritim. Sampela ol i tok, *"Mi no inap marit bikos mi no painim wanpela gutpela man. Bai mi maritim husat?"*

Yes, i gat sampela meri i no bisi long ol dispela samting, tasol afta ol i marit i no longtaim na ol i painimaut man bilong ol i wanpela man nogut, na ol tu i kam bek long dispela askim: husat man em i gutpela man tru?

Olsem, long dispela artikel mi laik stori long ol meri husat i laik maritim wanpela gutpela, Kristen man. Yu yangpela man yu mas putim yau na harim gut dispela tok. O sapos yu marit pinis, skelim gut wokabout bilong yu na putim yau tu long ol dispela kain tok. Tru tumas, yumi olgeta man i mas bekim ol dispela askim bilong ol meri.

Man,

- ▶ Yu bilip long Kraus na laikim Bikpela tumas na bai yu givim spiritual lidasip long mi na pikinini bilong mitupela?
- ▶ Bai yu lavim mi long gutpela taim na taim nogut? Maski mi no gat strong long mekim wok, o mi sik, o gat hevi long bebi na bodi bilong mi i go slek na skin bilong mi i go lus, bai yu lavim mi, yet?
- ▶ Bai yu luksave long nid bilong ol pikinini bilong mitupela na lukautim ol gut olsem wanpela gutpela papa?
- ▶ Bai yu stap faithful long mi inap long mi i trustim yu long olgeta samting?
- ▶ Planti man i save hait long ol meri tru bilong ol na faulim narapela meri istap. Bai yu wankain olsem ol, o nogat?

- ▶ Bai yu tok nogat long ol poro bilong yu taim ol i laik grisim yu long dring na raun wantaim ol long nait?
- ▶ Bai yu sanap olsem wanpela gutpela man na mi ken tokim olgeta manmeri olsem *"Man bilong mi em i wanpela gutpela man tru?"*

Tarangu, planti man i ting olsem ol dispela askim bilong ol meri i samting nating.

Ol i bekim olsem: *"Mi man. Mi bai raun, stap nabaut na stori wantaim ol poro bilong mi long laik bilong mi yet. Nogut mi bihainim ol dispela laik bilong meri na kamap olsem wanpela meri-fes man. Nogat. Mi bai i stap olsem tasol na ol meri i ken pasim maus bilong ol long dispela kain kain laik bilong ol."*

## Tok bilong God i tok, yu mas lavim meri bilong yu olsem yu lavim yu yet Efesus 5:29

Tasol, harim gut ol poro bilong mi, dispela pasin bilong les long harim ol tingting na laik bilong meri em i pasin bilong tudak. Tru tumas i no kam long tok bilong God. Tok bilong God i tok, yu mas lavim meri bilong yu olsem yu lavim yu yet (Efesus 5:29). Tingim: Jisas i lavim sios na em i dai long helpim em na kisim bek em, em i piksa long yumi man tu (Efesus 5:25ff).

Ating, ol askim bilong meri em i orait. Ol i laik painim wanpela gutpela, na faithful man tru. Yu man, yu mas sanap na stap redi long bekim kain askim olsem!



# Be a DADDY

## Stap olsem trupele

*"Wanem ol papa i laik kisim bikpela namba insait long kantri em ol papa i laik mekim gutpela wok long lavim na skulim gut pikinini bilong ol insait long haus pastaim." Mi prea ol papa long dispela kantri PNG bai gat wankain tingting.*

Narapela pastor i bin tok, "Sapos sindaun insait long family i no gutpela, yumi mas askim yumi yet, yumi papa i bin inapim olgeta wok samting yumi mas mekim long lukautim meri na pikinini, o nogat?"

Mi laik strongim yupela ol papa na helpim yupela long kamap olsem wanpela gutpela papa long pikinini bilong yupela. Mi laik bai Bikpela Jisas Krais i kisim biknem long haus bilong yupela wanwan.

Long helpim yumi bai mi mekim klia wanpela tok: DADDY.

Bai mi skelim wanwan leta bilong dispela tok: DADDY. Taim yumi pinis bai yumi klia gut long wanem kain daddy em i gutpela daddy o papa tru long ai bilong God na pikinini bilong em.

### **DADDY (Dedicated, Action, Directs, Disciplines and Yearns)**

#### **D = Dedicated**

Dispela tok 'dedicated' (o dedikeson) i min olsem yumi mas stap redi na faithful long pinisim olgeta wok bilong yumi tru tru. Em samting yumi papa mas mekim. Dispela kain papa em i no save ranawe long meri bilong em na pikinini. Nogat. Em save dediketim em yet tru tru long wok bilong em long helpim famili bilong em. I min olsem em i no lusim ol wok samting em i mas mekim long blesim femili bilong em. Mi tok tru long yu: meri na pikinini i lavim kain papa olsem. Hamaspela man ol i marit na promisim meri bilong ol olsem, ol bai i lukautim gut ol na lavim ol na pikinini wantaim. Tasol i no longtaim na sampela traim i kamap, narapela meri i grisim ol, na ol i lusim femili.

Tru tumas wanem ol papa i givim ol yet tru long femili bilong ol, ol stap Kristen. Ol i bilip tru long Krais, bikos ol i nidim strong bilong Krais long inapim ol dispela gutpela wok. Olsem na long kamap gutpela papa yumi mas givim yumi yet long Jisas pastaim. Olsem Baibel i tok long Kolosi 3:17, "Long toktok bilong yupela na long wok bilong yupela na long olgeta samting yupela i mekim, yupela i mas mekim long nem bilong Bikpela Jisas!"

Na dispela dedikeson long Krais em i karim kaikai insait long femili. Yumi bai lavim meri na pikinini bilong yumi. Na yumi bai painim taim long toktok wantaim pikinini na skulim ol long ol gutpela samting God i bin mekim. Yumi bai pilai wantaim ol. Yumi bai lavim ol. Yumi bai lukautim ol gut tru.

#### **A = Action**

Dispela tok Action (o Akson) em i man bilong wok na mekim ol samting i kamap. Yumi ken tok olsem em wanpela akson man. Kain papa olsem em i no lesman. Em i tingim Gutpela Sindaun 20:4, "Lesman i no save go brukim graun long gaden bilong en long taim bilong planim kaikai. Olsem na long taim bilong kisim kaikai i mau, em bai i go painin nating long gaden bilong en." Ol gutpela papa em ol lain bilong painim rot long lukautim femili. Ol i save wok hat. Taim ol i kisim fortnait o sampela mani ol i no tingim ol yet na baim wanpela katon bia, nogat ol i putim nids

**S**ampela krismas i go pinis mi lukim wanpela piksa. Long dispela piksa wanpela papa i sindaun na wok long pilai wantaim pikinini bilong em. Pikinini i amamas stret. Na wanpela tok i stap aninit long dispela piksa, "Be a daddy to your child today." "Stap olsem papa long pikinini bilong yu tude."

Mi no inap stori planti long putim ples klia wanem samting i kamap long dispela kain piksa. Samting i kamap bikos papa i givim taim wantaim pikinini na em i amamas tru. Ol i wokim dispela piksa long soim olsem papa mas givim taim long pikinini na mekim em i amamas.

Be a daddy for your child today!

Wanpela evangelist long Amerika bin tokaut olsem:

# Y for your child today!

## a papa long pikinini bilong yu tude!

bilong femili i go pas. Tru tumas, pikinini i lukim dispela kain pasin papa bilong ol i mekim na ol i amamas tru.

Na tu ol pikinini i save bihainim pasin bilong papa bilong ol yet. Mi save olgeta papa i laik bai pikinini i lainim pasin bilong wok. Long helpim pikinini yu mas stap olsem wanpela akson man. Yu noken kamap lesman! (Ritim Gutpela Sindaun 10:5; 15;19;22:13; 26:13,26 etc).

### D = Directs

Dispela tok directs (dairiks) i min olsem givim stia long pikinini. Taim God i kirapim kontrak wantaim Abraham dispela pasin i stap bipo i kam inap long nau. Yumi mas lidim ol pikinini long tok bilong God.

Buk Song 145:4, *"Ol lain manmeri i stap nau bai ol i tokaut long ol arapela lain i kamap bihain long ol samting yu mekim na bai ol i litimapim nem bilong yu."*

Efesus 6:4 i tok olsem, *"Na yupela papa, yupela i no ken bagarapim tingting bilong pikinini bilong yupela na mekim ol i belhat long yupela. Nogat. Yupela i mas mekim gutpela pasin long ai bilong Bikpela, na stretim gut ol pikinini bilong yupela na skulim ol long tok bilong Bikpela."*



Skulim ol long tok bilong Bikpela i nambawan wok. Yumi mas dairiktim pikinini long Jisas Christ! Ol gutpela papa i save painim taim long sindaun wantaim wanwan pikinini bilong em na strongim ol. Gutpela papa i no save dairiktim ol pikinini wantaim pasin belhat na bikmaus. Nogat. Gutpela papa i save lidim ol long beten na bringim ol long trupela lotu we Krai i save kisim Biknem.



*"Skulim pikinini bilong yu long bihainim gutpela pasin, na em bai i wokabout long dispela rot inap long em i lapun tru"* Gutpela Sindaun 22:6.

### D = Disciplines

Dispela tok discipline (disaplin) – em i olsem stretim pikinini taim ol i wokim rong. I gat tupela rot bilong stretim pikinini. Namba wan rot em i toktok. Pikinini i mas save olsem wanem samting em i stret na wanem samting i no stret. Pikinini mas klia tru long dispela. Tasol, sapos pikinini i bikhet, sakim tok, daunim yu o mama bilong en, papa i mas stretim em.

Gutpela Sindaun i tok olsem, *"Sapos yu stretim pikinini na givim kanda long em, orait em bai i kisim gutpela tingting na save. Tasol sapos pikinini i bihainim laik bilong em yet oltaim, orait em bai i mekim mama bilong en i sem."*

Yumi mas pret liklik taim yumi disaplinim pikinini bilong yumi sapos yumi no inap bosim gut belhat bilong yumi. Planti pikinini i kisim taim bikos papa o mama i save belhat tumas. Dispela kain pasin bilong belhat na paitim pikinini em i rong long ai bilong God.

Olgeta taim yumi mas stretim pikinini wantaim lav. Lav! Pasim Laikim! Hau bai yumi stretim ol: firs, taim ol i mekim rong yu mas painim gutpela ples bilong stretim ol na tokim ol long wanem rong ol i bin mekim. Tu, yusim han bilong yu long paitim as bilong ol, na bihainim krismas bilong ol long painimaut hamaspela taim yu bai paitim ol. (Kain olsem, sapos em i gat tripela krismas,

paitim as bilong em tripela taim). Tri, bihain long paitim ol yu tokim ol, *"Mi lusim rong bilong yu na mi lavim yu."* Na larim ol i go. Tasol, mi tok gen, no ken mekim wantaim belhat.

Mi askim yu papa: pikinini i save olsem yu lavim ol, o nogat? Buk Baibel i tok, *"Bikpela i save stretim ol man em i laikim tumas"* (Hibru 12:6). Bikpela i lavim mipela. Bikpela i stretim mipela. Bikpela em i papa bilong mipela. Mipela mas mekim wankain olsem long pikinini bilong yumi – stretim pikinini wantaim lav!

### Y = Yearns

Dispela tok yearns (yurns) em i nupela tok long planti lain, tasol em i gat gutpela mining. Em i min olsem yu gat bikpela laik na wari long bel bilong yu long ol pikinini bilong yu. Wanem krai na beten em i nambawan long laip bilong wanpela papa? Em i olsem em i save krai na beten long God olsem pikinini bilong em mas bihainim Tok bilong God, lavim God Triwan na pas gut wantaim Krai olgeta de long laip bilong ol. Klostu olgeta taim dispela beten bai karim kaikai insait long haus taim papa i save wok long skulim gut pikinini. Mi tokim yu stret: Ol papa o daddy i luk olsem sapos yu nogat dispela laik na krai long bel bilong yu, ating yu no fit long kisim dispela nem papa. Trupela papa i gat bikpela hangre long skulim pikinini long Tok bilong God!

Tarangu, planti papa i no bisi long spiritman bilong pikinini na planti ol pikinini i bikhet na ol i no sindaun gut. Hamaspela pikinini i save bihainim rot nogut bilong papa bikos papa i wanpela giaman man, o stilman, o spakman o man bilong tok nogutim na paitim meri bilong en. Olsem na planti pikinini i save bihainim lek mak bilong papa bilong ol na stap wankain olsem papa bilong ol.

Olsem na yu daddy o yu papa, plis lukluk gut na skelim gut ol wokabout bilong yu long ai bilong pikinini bilong yu. Plis lukluk long Krai na stap olsem papa bilong pikinini bilong yu tude, na olgeta de!

Be a DADDY to your child today!

**Pastor Ian Wildeboer**



Wanpela bikpela hevi planti femili i save bungim em long sait long mani. Planti femili i no sindaun gut bikos fortnait o pei i no bikpela na ol expenses i bikpela tumas. Olsem na ol i painim hat nau.

## Hau bai yumi bosim gut?

Tasol, i luk olsem i gat fopela narapela risin wai planti lain i no stap gut na mani i sot olgeta de.

1. Nambawan risin planti lain i no sindaun gut na yusim mani gut bikos ol i lusim Bikpela. Planti lain i wok long stil long Bikpela (Malakai 3:8). Ol i stilim hona, pres na mani wantaim. Ol i stil long Bikpela taim ol i no harim tok stia bilong God na presim Em na ol i lukim mani olsem samting bilong ol yet. Ol i kisim fortnait na ol i no bisi liklik long givim tithe (wanpela hap insait long tenpela hap).
2. Planti lain i yusim mani hariap long kain kain samting nogut (bia, buai, smok, bingo, pokeys, hors betting, drugs, coke na planti narapela samting tu long amamas o kisim win mani long wanpela de tasol). Na taim yumi nidim mani long kaikai, skul fee, klos samting, em yumi nogat nau.

3. Planti lain i save yusim o painim maket mani. Dispela dinau mani i kam wantaim bikpela win mani olsem 50% long wanpela fortnait, na dispela kain dinau i save bagarapim planti lain. Olsem K50 i kamap olsem K75 insait long wanpela fortnait.
4. Planti lain i no tingting long holim (savim) sampela toea long taim bilong nid. Sapos ol putim K20 olgeta fortnait long sef ples em bai gro hariap na ol ken baim skul fee na mitim ol bikpela nid wantaim.

**Nambawan risin planti lain i no sindaun gut na yusim mani gut bikos ol i lusim Bikpela**



Long helpim yumi putim Bikpela i go pas long sait long yusim mani mi laik serim wanpela stori.

Wanpela rabis man i stap long strit na em i save beg o askim ol man olgeta de long kisim liklik toea. Em i tarangu man olgeta na sampela taim em i laik i dai. Tasol wanpela de wanpela bikpela bisnisan i kam na lukim em. Na wantu rabis man i askim dispela maniman, 'plis, inap yu helpim mi, liklik, bikman?' Nau bisnisan i lukluk long em na em i bekim olsem, "orait, bai mi helpim yu." Rabisman i amamas na em i wet long kisim wanpela 5kina o samting olsem. Tasol bisnisan i tok, "harim, mi laik helpim yu, olsem na em gutpela sapos yu kamap olsem wanpela wokman bilong mi." Na rabisman i amamas na askim em "olsem wanem bai mi mekim dispela?" Bisnis man i bekim, "bai yumi wok bung. Mi bai givim yu planti rice, tinfis samting na yu bai salim long hia, na tu bai mi helpim yu long sanapim wanpela liklik haus sel bilong yu. Na yu bai kisim sampela winmani long dispela wok yu mekim na mi bai kisim sampela tu." Ah, rabisman i amamas tasol em i wari na askim bisnisan, "bai mi kisim wanem kain winmani?" Sapos mi kisim K100 winmani long wanpela de, bai mi givim yu K90 na mi bai kisim K10, o yu ting wanem? Bisnis man i bekim tok, "nogat, sapos yu kisim K100, mi bai kisim K10 na yu kisim K90." Rabisman i skelim dispela na em i kirap nogut wantaim amamas. Tenkyu bikman, tenkyu tenkyu!!

Neks de bisnisan i helpim em long sanapim maket bilong em. I no longtaim na planti lain i kam baim kaikai bilong dispela rabisman. Rabisman i amamas tru. Na em i ting olsem em tu i kamap wanpela kain bisnisan. Firs taim bisnis man i kam, rabisman i givim sampela toea long em wantaim amamas. Tasol i no longtaim na rabisman i lukim planti mani na em i laikim moa na moa olgeta de. Na sampela mun bihain bisnisan i kam long kisim hap bilong em. Rabisman i tokim em. "Ah, sori, nogat mani long yu. Harim, mi kirap long olgeta moning long maket na mi hatwok tru long salim ol dispela kaikai. Em pe bilong tuhat bilong mi. Yu

no ken kam klostu klostu long kisim tithe. Yu go!" Bisnisan i no toktok. Em i lusim rabisman na i go.

Yumi filim olsem wanem taim yumi ritim dispela stori? Rabisman i mekim gut o nogat long bisnisan? Dispela tok piksa em i stori long hau God i save blesim yumi, tasol, harim, planti taim yumi no save tok tenkyu wantaim bel bilong yumi na tithe bilong yumi. Nogat. Yumi save lukim ol samting Em i givim olsem tuhat bilong yumi yet. I no stret. Buk Baibel i tok, "Yu gat wanpela gutpela samting yu no bin kisim long God, a?" (1 Korin 4:7).

Nau long helpim yumi givim firs long Bikpela na bosim mani gut mi laik helpim yumi long sait long budget. Mi makim tripela fortnait na las fortnait i gat dinau bilong em.



## Sampela tok piksa long sait long budget

### Fortnait: K250

Skelim funds	Fortnait – K250
Sios/Bikpela	K25
Savings – skul fee/haus krai, etc.	K25
Kaikai	K175
Klos/Travel/Bungs/Sik/Phone	K25
Dinau – maket mani	NO DINAU

### Fortnait: K350

Skelim funds	Fortnait – 350
Sios/Bikpela	K35
Savings – skul fee/haus krai, etc.	K35
Kaikai	K200
Klos/Travel/Bungs /Sik/Phone	K90
Dinau –makit mani	NO DINAU

### Fortnait: K500

Skelim funds	Fortnait – 500
Sios/Bikpela	K50
Savings – skul fee/haus krai, etc.	K50
Kaikai	K300
Klos/Travel/Bungs/Phone/Sik	K100
Dinau – makit mani	NO DINAU

### Fortnait: K300 wantaim K50 dinau

Skelim funds	Fortnait – 300
Sios/Bikpela	K30
Savings – skul fee/haus krai, etc.	K10
Kaikai	K180
Klos/Travel/Bungs/Phone/Sik	K5
Dinau –maket mani (50)	K75

### NOTES:

- ▶ Maski yu gat dinau, putim Bikpela i go pas. Givim bel bilong yu long Em.
- ▶ Sapos yu no save kisim fortnait tasol yu salim kaikai, skelim long sem rot.
- ▶ Olgeta taim holim sampela toea long sait long savings.
- ▶ Tru tumas pasin bilong baim bia na pilai laki, dispela kain samting no ken stap long budget bilong yumi!

**Maski yu gat dinau, putim Bikpela i go pas. Givim bel bilong yu long Em!**

# LESSONS FROM ONE FATHER TO ANOTHER

## SKUL BILONG WANPELA PAPA I GO LONG NARAPELA

Remember, the only way to start your day is with the Lord. Start in prayer and meditate upon the richness of God's Word. *"On my bed I remember you..." (Psalm 63:6). "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love..." (Psalm 90:14)*

Tingim, yumi gat wanpela rot long statim de bilong yu. Yumi mas kirapim de wantaim Bikpela. Statim olgeta de wantaim prea na skelim tok bilong God, dispela tok i pulap long laip. *"Long nait mi save tingting long yu tasol..." (Buk Song 63:6). "Yu save laikim mipela oltaim, na dispela i ken pulapim mipela long olgeta moningtaim." (Buk Song 90:14)*

To be a man of integrity is difficult and without Christ in you it is impossible. For it is Christ who said, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5)

Sapos yu laik kamap olsem wanpela stretpela man em i hat tru, na sapos Krai i no stap long bel bilong yu, bai yu no inap tru long stap olsem wanpela stretpela man. Krai yet i tok olsem, *"Mi yet mi diwai wain, na yupela i han bilong diwai wain. Man i pas long mi na mi pas long em, em save karim planti kaikai. Sapos yupela lusim mi yupela no inap mekim wanpela samting."* (Jon 15:5)

A man of faith is a man who knows and loves the faith – the sound teachings of Scripture – and loves to teach them to his family. *"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house."* (Deut 6:7)

Man bilong bilip em i save laikim trupela bilip bilong Buk Baibel na em i gat bikpela laik tru long skulim meri na pikinini bilong em tu long dispela bilip o tok tru. *"Na yupela i mas lainim ol pikinini bilong yupela long ol dispela lo. Na tokim ol taim yupela i stap long haus..."* (Lo 6:7)



A wife wants a husband she can be proud of. *"Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land."* (Proverbs 31:23)

Olgeta meri i laik i stap wantaim wanpela kain gutpela man na ol man bilong ples na taun bai respektim em. *"Ol hetman bilong ples i givim biknem long man bilong en. Na man bilong en i wanpela bilong ol dispela hetman."* (Gutpela Sindaun 31:23)

One of the best gifts you can give your wife is to remain sexually pure. Nothing destroys a healthy marriage more than pornography or sexual unfaithfulness. *"Keep the marriage bed pure."* (Hebrews 13:4)

Nambawan presen yu ken givim meri bilong yu i olsem, yu mas stap olsem wanpela man i no save mekim sexual sin, olsem pasin pamuk, lukim ol piksa nogut na kain doti pasin olsem. I nogat narapela samting olsem dispela kain sin. Dispela kain sin i save bagarapim marit bilong yutupela. *"Yupela ol marit i mas lukautim gut marit bilong yupela, bai em i klin tru long ai bilong Bikpela."* (Hibru 13:4)

The home is a home of peace when the father is a man of patience. *"A gentle answer turns away wrath."* (Proverbs 15:1)

Haus bilong yu bai kamap olsem ples bilong bel isi sapos yu man bilong bel isi. *"Sapos man i belhat long yu, orait bekim tok isi long em, na bai belhat bilong en i dai."* (Gutpela Sindaun 15:1)

A good man does not treat his wife like property, because Jesus never treated the church like property. He treated her as His bride and He gave His life for her. *"Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her."* (Ephesians 5:25)

Sapos yu gutpela man bai yu no inap lukim meri bilong yu olsem samting nating yu baim, long wanem, Jisas i no lukim sios bilong em olsem. Nogat. Em i lukautim sios bilong em olsem wanpela naispela meri i laik maritim man na em i givim laip bilong Em long em. *"Yupela man, yupela i mas laikim tumas ol meri bilong yupela, olsem Krai i laikim tumas sios na i givim laip bilong em yet bilong helpim sios."* (Efesus 5:25)

If you want to know if you are a good husband, look at the face of your wife – is she happy? Is she content? Is there hope, and love, and joy in her eyes? *"Husbands live with your wives in an understanding way... since they are heirs of the grace of life."* (1 Peter 3:7).

Sapos yu laik painimaut olsem yu wanpela gutpela man, yu mas lukim fes bilong meri bilong yu – em i amamas? Em i stap wantaim bel isi? Em i pulap long hop, na laikim long ai bilong em? *"Yupela i mas bihainim gutpela tingting na sindaun gut wantaim ol meri bilong yupela... Yupela i mas save olsem, ol meri tu bai i kisim laip bilong i stap oltaim."* (I Pita 3:7)

Your home must always be a safe place, a safe haven. Fathers, you have the God given responsibility to keep it that way. Pray that God may help you do this. *"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15)

Haus o ples bilong yu i mas i stap olsem wanpela sef ples, olsem wanpela ples we ol lain bilong yu i ken sindaun gut. Papa God, i givim yu yet dispela wok long bosim gut ples bilong yu. Askim God long helpim yu i kamapim kain ples olsem. *"Tasol mi wantaim famili bilong mi, mipela bai i lotu long Bikpela tasol."* (Josua 24:15)



# LESSONS FROM ONE FATHER TO ANOTHER

Don't try to keep up with the Joneses (your neighbor), just keep up to Jesus in the power of His Spirit. *"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection."* (Philippians 3:10)

No ken tingting tumas na mangal long olgeta samting ol wantok bilong yu i kisim. Nogat. Yu mas tingting long bihainim Jisas wantaim pawa na strong bilong Holi Spirit. *"Mi laik save tru long Krai. Krai i bin kirap bek long matmat, na em i gat bikpela strong..."* (Filipai 3:10)

What your children need to see in you is true love – for Christ, for your wife, for them, for others. *"Love must be sincere hate what is evil, cling to what is good."* (Romans 12:9)

Ol pikinini bilong yumi i mas lukim trupela pasin laikim long bel bilong yumi. Yumi mas laikim tru Jisas, meri, pikinini na olgeta man. *"Yupela i mas givim bel bilong yupela tru long ol arapela."* (Rom 12:9)

Hold your children. Play with them. Pray for them and with them. Speak tenderly to them. Show them love even when you must discipline them for their disobedience. *"Fathers do not exasperate your children."* (Ephesians 6:4)

Holim pikinini bilong yu. Pilai wantaim ol. Beten long ol na stap wantaim ol. Tok isi long ol. Soim ol olsem, taim yu stretim ol long taim ol i mekim bikhet pasin, yu stretim ol wantaim pasin laikim. *"Yupela papa, yupela i no ken bagarapim tingting bilong ol pikinini bilong yupela na mekim ol i belhat long yupela."* (Efesus 6:4)

Remember when you teach and discipline your child in love you are trying to direct their hearts to God. *"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child..."* (Proverbs 22:15) so the child's heart needs to be trained to seek and serve the Lord.

Tingim, taim yu wok long skulim ol pikinini bilong yu wantaim marimari o pasin laikim, yu wok long stiaim bel bilong ol long God. *"Ol pikinini i save mekim olkain longlong pasin..."* (Gutpela Sindaun 22:15), olsem na pikinini i mas kisim gut skul pasin long painim na bihainim Bikpela.

Do not think that you can be an effective leader outside the home when you are a poor leader inside the home. (Read: 1 Timothy 3)

No ken ting olsem yu bai stap wanpela gutpela lida autsait long haus bilong yu sapos yu no gutpela lida long femili bilong yu insait long haus bilong yu. (Ritim: 1 Timoti 3)

Teach your children about God and God's great plan of salvation through Jesus Christ as soon as they can understand. *"One generation will commend (speak about) your works to another."* (Psalm 145:4)

Skulim ol pikinini long marimari bilong God na wok bilong God long kisim bek yumi insait long Krai taim ol i yangpela ol mas wok strong long kisim save bilong dispela. *"... Ol lain manmeri i stap nau bai ol i tokaut long ol arapela lain i kamap bihain long ol samting yu mekim."* (Buk Song 145:4)

Faithfully and joyfully lead your family to church, the house of God, where the Triune God is highly exalted and His Word is preached in truth. *"How I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord."* (Psalm 122:1)

Stap strong long lidim femili bilong yu go long haus bilong Bikpela na lotu, we God Triwan i kisim Biknem taim pasta i autim Tok bilong God wantaim strong na pasin i tru. *"Ol i tokim mi olsem, "Goan, yumi go long haus bilong Bikpela. Ol i tok olsem na mi belgut tru."* (Buk Song 122:1)

Abuse is a sin that can leave scars that never fully heal. So don't emotionally, physically or sexually abuse your wife (or your children)! Just love them unconditionally! *"Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself."* (Ephesians 5:28)

Bagarapim meri na pikinini wantaim tok nogut, o pait, o mekim ol doti pasin long ol em i sin na dispela sin em i no orait olgeta. Olsem na lusim kain pasin olsem. Lavim ol wantaim bikpela bel sori, tasol! *"Olsem tasol yupela man, yupela i mas laikim tru ol meri bilong yupela olsem yupela i save laikim bodi bilong yupela yet."* (Efesus 5:28)

Christ died to make fallen men real men who are humble, holy, honorable and lovingly devoted to Him! *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."* (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Krai i bin dai bilong mekim yumi man i pundaun long sin i kamap olsem trupela man. Kain man olsem em i pulap long daun pasin, em i save mekim stretpela pasin na pasin laikim na em i gat bikpela hangre long Bihainim Krai. *"Yupela i mas i stap strong, na yupela i no ken pret long wanpela samting. Na yupela i mas givim bel bilong yupela long God na long ol man..."* (1 Korin 16:13-14)

Always, always, always remember that God's grace is enough to cover all of your sins and give you what you need to be an effective husband and father. So seek Him in prayer constantly. *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Olgeta taim, olgeta taim, olgeta taim tingim dispela tok tru. Marimari bilong Bikpela em inap long karamapim olgeta sin na olupela bel bilong yu na helpim yu winim sin na kamap olsem wanpela strongpela papa na trupela man long meri bilong yu. Olsem na olgeta de painim Bikpela long prea. *"Marimari bilong mi em inap long yu. Long wanem, strong bilong mi em i save kamap strong tru long man i no gat strong."* (2 Korin 12:9)

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# The challenge of being a Father and holding a professional career – *a personal account*

Holding a professional career may look wonderful on the outside but it comes with great expectations; and the stress it brings is only known to the person who holds the career. The ability to hold onto the job depends on a number of things, but ultimately it's one's ability to do the job well.

As an instructor in math at Unitech, my work is mostly done under contract. This means that the contract can only be renewed if the organisation is happy with my work at the end of each contract period (3 years). This brings with it a lot of pressure each time as I cannot expect that my contract will automatically be renewed. As a result, for the rest of my career I have to do my best to honour this contract and meet its constant demands.

I have learned that to give your best, two precious assets are demanded of you: time and energy. Your work definitely will demand extra hours outside your normal working hours. Usually this is the option taken to provide quality in planning and teaching; or, other responsibilities like research that cannot be done during normal working hours. As an academic, research shows that there is an ongoing desire to improve one's knowledge and skills, which is a very important part of contract renewal.



Coupled with this is the responsibility of being a godly husband to my wife and father to my children. I will focus on the role of the father. Sadly, many men think if they can provide food, shelter, clothing, security and education for their children they have done their job. Although a good friend might encourage you, and your wife gently admonish you at times, no one ever really checks how well you are doing your job as a father. This means for many the pressure is less. Not so for a believer in Christ!

For a believer, the demand is just as enormous as your professional career. In fact, as a Christian father, you could say, I have a spiritual contract with God to care for my children. I have promised at their

baptism to raise them to love and serve the Lord. But again, two precious assets are needed: time and energy. As a father, the family needs your time and energy at home. Your presence helps with order at home and allows your family to socially and emotionally interact with you. Then, as the spiritual head of your home, you have to lead your family to Christ, to weekly Sunday worship and see them grow under your Biblical teaching and leadership. To maintain this on a daily basis seems



almost impossible. However, as a believer I am called to be obedient to the Lord. Just as there are principles and guidelines that I have to follow in my professional career, there are also those that I follow in responsibility to my family. Of course, this is more challenging than if I chose not to have any principles in life. Because Christ has saved me and I am now living for Him, the old has gone and the new has come. I feel a deep burden to keep watch over my children as they grow in our home. Yes, this can be very tiring/exhausting but there is no other way. 1 Corinthians 16:13 calls us to *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men and be strong."* In Christ we must work hard to be dedicated fathers in the home.

I have been guilty many times of not sharing my time properly between both responsibilities. It is a challenge. I continue to live knowing that the demands of

both responsibilities continue to grow and change with time. But one thing I have learnt is that without Christ's help, meeting these demands is impossible. I know I am not perfect; I cannot meet the full requirement of both responsibilities. However, where I fall short I pray that God, in His amazing grace, will turn my weak efforts into something worthwhile for His glory.

Friends, God deserves praise and honour on a daily basis no matter what responsibilities you have. And God must be part of your daily schedule, especially through prayer and meditation on His Word. I start my day in the Word and prayer and I end it with prayer. I ask God for the strength and wisdom to complete my tasks each day, knowing that every day is not the same. I pray that in my work, I follow the path of righteousness and that the Lord keeps all temptation and evil far from me. And in following the path of righteousness, I can know that my Lord will be glorified and exalted in my home and in my place of work at Unitech. At the end of the day, I say a prayer of thankfulness, asking forgiveness for my sins and failures, protection for the night and energy for the day ahead. This has been the content of my personal prayers in regards to my responsibilities, apart from other prayer sessions with the family – always believing that *"I can do all through Christ who strengthens me"* Philippians 4:13.

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# TECHNOLOGY

## for GOOD or for EVIL?

When you open the Bible you read about shepherding, farming, swords, and plowshares in the everyday life of the people. The Gospel uses shepherding and farming as examples in its stories and parables. Shepherding and farming are still the way of life for many people around the world, which reminds us that God's Word endures through all time and is relevant in all places.

God gave people the job of having dominion over the earth. This means that we must build, explore, create, and discover. In a word, it demands technology. Like most things, technology can be used for good or for evil. We must always think carefully about how we use it. Ever since the Tower of Babel was built, technology has been a source and expression of human pride. On the other hand, Solomon's Temple and Hezekiah's Tunnel depended on the best technology of the day. The same World Wide Web (WWW) that has opened up new ways for the Gospel to go out into the world, has also brought pornography into millions of homes or onto millions of phones. Technology can be a dangerous force or a true blessing; the key (as with all things) is to bring it under the lordship and leadership of Jesus Christ.



In only twenty years or so, our everyday experience of technology has grown by leaps. Computers, smart phones, social media, and email are normal parts of our daily routine. Life is faster because of these things, but speed has its downside. For

instance, we use many technologies in everyday life to save time, but we rarely ask ourselves – save time for what? Is it so that we can better use our time in some way for God's glory (Eph. 5:15), or just waste it more foolishly? Still, I believe that many of our time-saving technologies have only made us busier, and our spiritual lives suffer because of it.



Social media has become a distraction from real life, even an obsession. It is rare to go anywhere and not see someone quickly talking with their thumbs, or "Facebooking" with any free moment. Staying in touch is easier than ever, which is a blessing, but has social media made us more social, or less social? Has social media made our relationships any deeper or more meaningful? Spending hours on social media is a sign that it has turned into a great distraction. This reminds me of what Henry David Thoreau said in the nineteenth century when post offices became common: "For my part, I could easily do without the post office. I think that there are very few important communications made through it. I never received more than one

or two letters in my life that were worth the postage." It makes me wonder how many of the seven trillion text messages sent in the last year alone were "worth the postage". Proverbs has something to say about a "multitude of words", and it's not good (Proverbs 10:19).

One of the biggest daily challenges a Christian faces in the modern world is to think clearly about his or her use of any technology. Does it help you achieve good ends in your heavenly calling and service to Christ, or is it just a way to be distracted and fall into temptation? Would Jesus look on and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?



The word "technology" makes us think of things that are complex and complicated, but the Bible reminds us of a simpler time. It reminds us that living faith depends on something that is timeless and simple – the grace of the living God. And our fathers in the faith – shepherds, farmers and fishermen – remind us that a faithful life does not need to be a complicated one. Along with them, we still rejoice in the promise, and look forward to the day when Jesus returns on the clouds of heaven. Until then, it is good to embrace the Gospel message in all of its glorious simplicity, and live our lives accordingly.

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# Why 40 Years?

Hello, fellow Papua New Guineans! On the 16th of September 2015 we celebrated our country's 40 years of Independence, as we gained our independence from the Colonial Rule on the 16th of September 1975.

All Papua New Guineans, regardless of age, gender or education had thoughts about the Independence of our nation as we approached the 40 year anniversary.



For a regular, common citizen, he hoped to see some tangible developments that result in the betterment of the common people. For the government, it commended itself on how well it governs the country.

However, in the Christian circles, some brothers and sisters made connections to the 40 years of the ancient Israelites wandering in the wilderness. This subject interests me also, so I would like to make some connections as well.

First and foremost, I believe the question you and I need to ask is: Why did God allow the Israelites to sojourn in the desert for 40 years? The Word of God provides some striking answers to this question. We can draw out some good examples to live by from these answers – we can learn what God demands from His people in the New Testament.

Answer 1 – The Sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure (Genesis 15:16). The Amorites were one of the inhabitants in the Land of Canaan. This verse shows us

some remarkable revelations of who God is. God is SOVEREIGN over every nation on this earth. He sets His eyes on every nation. And God takes into account every nation and every individual – that includes PNG – me and you. We also see the GRACE of God here. For a very long time God waited patiently for the Amorites. Yes, God hates sin, so God will definitely bring judgment even on PNG if there is not true repentance.

Answer 2 – When the 10 spies who had gone up with Joshua and Caleb shared a bad report about the land they had explored, the Israelites rebelled against God (Numbers 13:31, 32). So God swore an oath that this disobedient generation would die in the wilderness as they wished, except Joshua and Caleb. Forty years to compensate for each one of the 40 days that the 12 spies explored the land (Numbers 14:27-34). Their disobedience is the result of lack of faith in God, despite seeing God at work. God does not tolerate disobedience. Therefore, people who are disobedient and reject God promises, even today, will not inherit eternal rest.

Some say that PNG has come a long way and is now on the banks of the Jordan River, about to cross over into the Promised Land. But what better land do we have beyond the land of Papua New Guinea? No land! No matter where you go in this

world, you will never find true peace and rest. This implies that the true peace and rest can only be obtained somewhere else, away from this world.

The Israelites gradually entered the Promised Land, however true PEACE & REST were not fully obtained there. Yes, they took rest from working as slaves in Egypt, but battles were fought because the Canaanites were still in the land.

Of course, the land was flowing with milk and honey, but unfortunately Israel's prosperity brought about apostasy (unbelief). An example is King Solomon – his wealth drove his heart away from God (1 Kings 11:1-11). Thus, our Lord Jesus commands us to store up our treasures in heaven.

Israel's little rest is a small foretaste of the coming eternal rest. Nevertheless, only through Jesus Christ, can we enter the New Earth. Jesus is our Perfect Deliverer and Mediator and He walked in perfect obedience before God.

On the New Earth we will not have to toil for milk and honey for there will be no more hunger and thirst (Revelation 7:16).

Hence, my beloved Papua New Guineans, look to the cross of Jesus Christ. There you will have access to the Promised Land from above.

**Candidate Pastor Anthony O'Aufa**



# Reformed Sios Em i Wanem Kain Sios?

## Tok Tru i Stap Pinis long dispela Sios, o Nogat?

**Dispela nem  
Reformed i  
min olsem,  
wokim senis  
na kamapim  
niupela. Sapos  
sios i yusim  
dispela nem i  
min olsem ol i  
laikim senis i  
kamap.**

Nogut sampela taim yu lukim dispela nem Reformed Sios o Reformed Ministries na yu gat sampela askim i stap. O, nogut sampela taim wanpela man o meri tokim yu olsem, mi Reformed o mi save lotu long Reformed sios. Ol dispela lain i save lotu long wanem kain sios? Ol i holim wanem kain as bilip o teaching?

Planti ol i no klia tumas bikos dispela nem Reformed Sios em i nupela long Papua New Guinea. Tru tumas, i no nupela long planti hap bilong graun. Em i winim 500 Krismas long planti hap bilong graun, tasol em i nupela long PNG. I luk olsem Reformed mission i no bin kamap long PNG long taim ol narapela mission lain olsem ol Lutheran o Catholic o SDA mission. Ol i bin kamap long hia long 1900 -1950. Tasol, tru tumas, Reformed o Presbyterian sios, em i no nupela sios. Em i bin kirap long taim bilong Reformasion long yia 1520 nabaut, na i stap yet. Na tu, as bilong bilip bilong ol Reformed i go bek long taim bilong ol Aposel na papa bilong sios taim sios i yangpela yet (yia 50 AD – 500 AD).

Dispela nem Reformed i min olsem, wokim senis na kamapim niupela. Sapos sios i yusim dispela nem i min olsem ol i laikim senis i kamap. Wanem senis? Senis i mas kamap long sios taim sios em i lusim tok bilong God, paulim sampela tok bilong God, o bihainim laik na tingting bilong man tasol.

Long helpim yumi skelim na save long sampela skul o as bilip bilong ol Reformed bai yumi skelim dispela askim: Reformed i holim tok tru bilong Buk Baibel, o nogat? Olsem na long helpim yumi long bekim dispela askim, mi makim faipela bikpela poin long soim olsem Reformed i wok long sanap long tok bilong God tasol, na ol i laikim God i kisim olgeta glori na pres na biknem long wok bilong Em long kisim bek yumi manmeri nogut.

**1. TOK TRU BILONG TOK BILONG GOD** – Ol Reformed i bilip olsem, tok bilong God em i wok bilong Holi Spirit na em trupela, holi na i gat olgeta strong long *“skulim yumi long tok tru, na bilong stretim ol manmeri tingting bilong ol i no stret*

*na bilong stretim wokabout bilong yumi na bilong skulim yumi long ol pasi n i stret long ai bilong God”* (2 Tim 3:16). Long tok Inglis mipela tok olsem, mipela bilip *“in the infallible and inerrant Word of God.”* Olsem na, sapos ol narapela tok bilong ol man bilong graun—maski ol i hetman bilong sios o nogat—i abrusim tok bilong God, em i no stret na yumi mas lusim.

### **2. TOK TRU I STAP LONG TAIM SIOS I YANGPELA YET**

– Ol Reformed i wanbel tru long ol tok sios i bin pasim long ol bikpela kibung long taim sios i yangpela yet (300- 500 AD). Ol dispela Kibung i bin kamapim ol as bilip bilong ol trupela sios long dispela taim. Ol i bin raitim ol dispela as bilip long sampela krid (olsem Apostle’s Creed, Nicene Creed na Athanasian Creed).

Nau bai mi tokaut long tripela bikpela poin bilong ol dispela krid.

- God Em i God Triwan. God Em i wanpela, tasol i gat tripela insait long dispela wanpela God. Olsem na, God Papa Em i God, na God Pikinini Em i God, na God Holi Spirit Em i God. Yumi no lotu long tripela God. Nogat tru. Yumi lotu long wanpela God, tasol Em i God Triwan. Jisas i soim dispela tok tru long taim yumi kisim baptais. Em i tokim ol disaipel olsem, *“Na yupela baptaisim ol long nem bilong (GOD) Papa na bilong (GOD) Pikinini na bilong (GOD) Holi Spirit”* (Matyu 28:19). God Papa, God Pikinini, na God Holi Spirit i gat wankain pawa na glori na hona, tasol wok bilong ol i no wankain olgeta. God Papa Em i wokim heven na graun na Em i wokim yumi tu. Em i gat plen bilong kisim bek yumi (salvesen plan). God Pikinini Em i kamap man long inapim plen bilong God Papa long kisim bek yumi man. Na God Holi Spirit i kam long mekim yumi i kamap nupela na bringim yumi long Kraisis Jisas.

**God Em i God  
Triwan. God  
Papa Em i God,  
na God Pikinini  
Em i God, na  
God Holi Spirit  
Em i God.**

b. Tu, long dispela taim ol i putim ples klia olsem Jisas Krai's Em i trupela God na trupela man wantaim. Em i kamap long bel bilong mama Maria, Em i wokabout long dispela graun, Em i dai long sin bilong yumi, Em i kirap bek long matmat long de namba tri na tude Em i sindaun long hansut bilong God Papa long heven.

c. Sios em i wanpela na i stap long olgeta hap bilong graun. Sampela i kolim dispela olsem universal sios. Olsem Aposel krid i tok, *"Mi bilip long Holi Spirit, long Holi Kristen Sios."*

### 3. TOK TRU I KAMAP PLES KLIA LONG TAIM BILONG REFORMASIE

– Ol Reformed i holim strong ol tok tru i bin kamap ples klia long taim bilong Reformasien (1520 AD). Olsem na ol i holim strong tripela bikpela konfesien bilong tok tru olsem, Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism na Canons of Dort. Mi no inap skelim olgeta gutpela skul insait long dispela tripela konfesien bilong mipela, tasol mi ken makim olsem faivpela poin long soim as bilong ol dispela konfesien bilong mipela.

a. By the Bible Alone o long Tok Latin, Sola Scriptura

Yumi no nidim narapela tok, Buk Baibel tasol em inap long soim yumi rot bilong selvesen (2 Timoti 3:16).

b. By Grace Alone o long Tok Latin, Sola Gratia

Long marimari tasol God i kisim bek yumi (Efesus 2:8-10).

c. By Faith Alone o long Tok Latin, Sola Fidei

Long bilip tasol, yumi ken kisim ol dispela presen (Rom 3:28).

d. In Christ Alone o long Tok Latin, Sola Christus

Insait long Krai's tasol yumi ken i stap gut (Galesia 2:16).

e. God's Glory Alone o long Tok Latin, Soli Deo Gloria

Ol dispela bai givim glori long God tasol (2 Korin 1:20).

### 4. TOK TRU BILONG MARIMARI BILONG GOD

– Ol Reformed i bilip olsem God Em i king bilong heven na graun. Em i Bikpela. Em i gat olgeta strong. Em i gat olgeta pawa (sovereign). Nogat narapela olsem Em yet. Dispela giaman man Satan na ol pasin nogut bilong en i no stap autsait long pawa na atoriti bilong God (lukim Jop 1 na 2). Bikos God i holi na i stap Bikpela bilong olgeta samting na i pulap long pasin laikim, Em wok bilong kisim bek yumi (olsem yumi tok bipo). Tasol dispela wok em i wok bilong God tasol. I min olsem, marimari bilong God yet i kisim bek yumi manmeri. Olgeta glori na hona em bilong Bikpela. *"Bikpela em wanpela tasol i save kisim bek yumi na yumi i stap laip"* (Jona 2:9). Ol i kolim dispela wok olsem tok tru bilong marimari o long Ingli's *"doctrines of grace."* Faivpela i stap.

a. Man i bagarap tru long sin (Total Corruption)

I min olsem olgeta manmeri i bagarap long sin na sin i kilim ol i dai. Na sapos God i no bin sori long yumi na kisim bek yumi long wok bilong Krai's, yumi olgeta bai dai long sin na lus long hel. (Plis ritim Buk Song 14, 51; Rom 3:9-21). Tingim, afta Adam na lv i pundaun, God i go painim ol na soim ol marimari bilong En. Ol i dai pinis long sin na God i kam kisim bek ol! (Stat 3)

b. God yet i makim yumi pinis (Unconditional Election)

Bikos olgeta man i bagarap long sin, long marimari na laik bilong God yet, Em i makim husat man bai i kamap pikinini bilong En na pas wantaim Krai's oltaim oltaim. Buk Baibel i tok, God i makim ol pikinini bilong Em taim graun i no kamap yet. (Plis ritim Efesus 1).



c. Jisas i dai long ol sipsip bilong Em (Particular Atonement)

Jisas i kamap long graun na em i baim bek olgeta lain God i makim pinis long pas wantaim Em. (Plis ritim Jon 6:37,39; John 10). *"Mi yet mi gutpela wasman..."*

*mi save long ol sipsip bilong mi, na ol sipsip bilong mi ol i save long mi...na bai mi lusim laip bilong mi long ol sipsip"* (Jon 10:11,14-15). Ol sipsip bilong God em ol lain God i makim pinis long pas wantaim Krai's taim graun i no kamap yet (Efesus 1).

d. Marimari bilong God bai karim kaikai (Irresistible Grace)

I min olsem, sapos long marimari bilong God, God yet i makim sampela man na meri long kamap pikinini bilong En, ol bai tanim bel (Jon 6:44). Marimari bilong God bai karim kaikai insait long laip bilong ol man Em i makim pinis long pas wantaim Krai's. (Plis ritim Efesus 2:1-10).

### Yes, sampela taim ol bai pundaun long sin yet, tasol ol bai tanim bel gen na pas wantaim Krai's

e. Trupela Kristen bai no inap lus insait long plen bilong God long kism bek ol (Perseverance of the Saints)

Husat man o meri God i makim pinis, na God i kirapim bilip wantaim strong bilong Holi Spirit long bel bilong ol, na ol i bilip tru long Krai's, ol bai i no inap lusim pasin bilong bihainim God. Na God bai helpim ol dispela lain husat Em i makim pinis long stap wantaim Em. Yes, sampela taim ol bai pundaun long sin yet, tasol ol bai tanim bel gen na pas wantaim Krai's (Plis ritim Jon 10:27-29; Jon 17:11, Filipai 1:6).

### 5. TOK TRU BILONG TUPELA SAKRAMEN

– Mipela Reformed i holim na mekim tupela sakramen: Holi Bapta's na Holi Kaikai (Tebol bilong Bikpela). As bilong tupela i stap long Olpela Testamen/Kontrak. Wanpela i katim skin; narapela em i kam long taim God i kisim bek ol lain bilong En long Isip. Dispela tupela mak long Olpela Kontrak em i soim blut. Tingim, taim God i wokim kontrak wantaim Abraham na Em i promis long lukautim em na olgeta pikinini bilong em, God i tokim Abraham long katim skin bilong pikinini man bilong em olsem mak bilong dispela kontrak. Dispela mak i gat planti blut. Na tu, taim God i kisim bek ol lain bilong Em, Israel, long Isip God i tokim ol long kisim wanpela sipsip, kilim em na penim ol dua wantaim blut bilong en. Dispela tu i kamap wanpela mak bilong soim olsem God i kisim bek ol lain bilong En. Ol i kolim dispela mak Passover (bikpela de bilong tingim taim God i kisim bek



ol lain bilong En long Isip). Long Nupela Kontrak Krai inapim tupela mak bilong blut (katim skin na Passover) taim Em i dai na blut bilong En i kapsait long diwai kros. Olsem na Holi Baptaisi i kisim ples bilong katim skin (lukim Rom 4, Kol 2:11-12) na Holi Kaikai i kisim ples bilong Passover insait long sios bilong Jisas

Krais. Nau yumi save mekim Baptaisi na Holi Kaikai long tingim dai na kirap bek bilong Krai. Wanpela mak bilong Nupela Kontrak, baptaisi, em bilong ol manmeri i autim bilip wantaim ol liklik pikinini bilong ol. Long wanem, promis bilong Olpela Kontrak em i bilong papamama na pikinini wantaim (Stat 17, Rom 4).

Nambatu mak bilong Nupela Kontrak (Holi Kaikai), em bilong ol bilip manmeri tasol, long wanem, ol i mas save gut long dispela wok God i bin mekim long kisim bek ol na autim bilip bipo ol i sindaun long tebol bilong Bikapela.

## Long bungim ol dispela skul bai yumi lukim 'statement of belief' bilong mipela ol Reformed IN ENGLISH NA TOK PISIN

**We believe that the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is trustworthy and without error (infallible and inerrant) as the supreme authority in all matters of faith and lifestyle.**

*Mipela bilip olsem Tok bilong God i kamap long strong bilong Holi Spirit na em i tru olgeta na i nogat wanpela rong i stap insait long en. Em inap skulim yumi long olgeta samting bilong bilip na pasin yumi mas mekim long bihainim Krai.*

**We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Mipela bilip olsem God em i God Triwan. Tru tumas, i gat God Papa, God Pikinini na God Holi Spirit ol i stap bipo, nau, na oltaim oltaim.*

**We believe in the universal sovereignty of God over all that He has made in heaven and on earth, including the spirit world, demons, sorcery, sanguma and all other forms of witchcraft. And that He rules over all things for the purpose of His church.**

*Mipela bilip olsem God em i bikpela na bos bilong olgeta samting em i wokim, ples heven na graun wantaim. I min olsem em i bos bilong ol spirit, dimon, sanguma na pawa bilong tudak. Na em i bosim olgeta samting long strongim na blesim sios bilong Em.*

**We believe that God created man good, but because of the fall into sin men became dead in their sins and are totally unable to save themselves from God's wrath against sin.**

*Mipela bilip olsem taim God i wokim man, man i nogat wanpela sin. Tasol, taim man i pundaun long sin na i dai long sin, i nogat wanpela man o meri inap kisim bek em yet long dispela bel hat bilong God long sin bilong ol. Nogat!*

**We believe that from out of all the peoples of this world, God has chosen to save a people for Himself. This choice of God is made only by His good pleasure through Christ's work and not according to who we are or what we have done.**

*Mipela bilip olsem God i makim sampela lain long olgeta hap bilong graun long stap wantaim Em oltaim oltaim. Dispela wok bilong God em i samting Em yet i mekim long gutpela pasin bilong En insait long wok bilong Krai. Em i no tingim nem o namba bilong yumi o wok yumi bin mekim taim Em i makim yumi.*

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, and His work was so complete that all who were chosen to eternal life will be saved.**

*Mipela i bilip olsem Jisas Krai Em i pikinini tru bilong God i save stap oltaim oltaim. Wok bilong Krai, em inap long kisim bek olgeta lain God i makim pinis long kisim.*

**We believe that salvation is only possible through true faith in Jesus Christ, who took our place and received our penalty for sin.**

*Mipela bilip olsem long kisim selvesen na pas wantaim Krai yumi mas bilip tru long Krai pastaim, husat i bin kisim ples bilong yumi na pe bilong sin bilong yumi.*

**We believe the chief work of the Holy Spirit is to work repentance and faith in the hearts of sinners through the Word of God and bind them to Christ in order to live a new life with Him.**

*Mipela bilip olsem nambawan wok bilong Holi Spirit em i samting bilong helpim yumi sinman long tanim bel na bilip long Bikapela Jisas Krai. Em i save yusim Tok bilong God long mekim yumi i go klostu long Krai long helpim yumi stap long nupela laip.*

**We believe there is one holy and universal church and all believers and their children on account of God's covenant are called to be members of that church.**

*Mipela bilip olsem i gat wanpela holi sios i stap long olgeta hap bilong dispela graun na olgeta bilip manmeri wantaim pikinini i mas kamap memba bilong dispela sios na stap insait long kontrak bilong God.*

**We believe that Jesus Christ is now in heaven, at the right hand of God the Father, and on the last day will return to judge the living and the dead. All who are declared righteous by faith will live with Him, in glory, forever, but the wicked will perish eternally in hell.**

*Mipela bilip olsem Jisas Krai i stap pinis long heven na Em i sindaun long han sut bilong God Papa, na long las de Em bai i kambek long skelim olgeta man – em ol lain i dai pinis wantaim ol lain i stap laip. Mipela bilip tu olsem wanem ol lain God i kolim ol stretpela manmeri insait long bilip bilong ol bai i stap wantaim Em long dispela nupela graun oltaim oltaim, tasol ol lain i givim baksait long Bikapela bai bagarap oltaim oltaim long hel paia.*

**We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.**

*Mipela bilip olsem olgeta hap bilong laip bilong yumi mas wok long givim glori long God na stap aninit long biknem o strong bilong Jisas Krai.*

# The Reformed Churches of PNG

The Reformed Churches of PNG is a small denomination with churches in NCD, Central and Morobe Province. These churches have their roots in the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century and are linked to Reformed Churches all around the world. The word 'reformed' points to the fact that these churches always seek to go back to the truth revealed in God's Word in all areas of life and faith.

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**The Reformed Churches Bible College (RCBC)** is near Port Moresby at 14 mile along the Sogeri Road. The College was established in 2007 for those interested in learning more about Reformed, Biblical theology and becoming leaders within the church. It offers a two-year Certificate Program and upon successful completion of this program, a three year Diploma Program.

**Certificate program** courses include: *Through the Word, Christian Doctrine, Teaching Techniques, Children's Ministry, Public Speaking, Missions, Marriage and Family life, Sorcery and Witchcraft in PNG, Church History, English and others.* An important part of the program is to encourage students to apply spiritual truths they learn to their lives. **The Diploma program** is an intensive program that prepares students for pastoral ministry. Students will be expected to complete assignments and work with in the churches as part of their studies.

**Fees** for single students – K600/year. For married students with families – K800/year with an additional K50 per child. In order to keep the fees down the students will be expected to assist in the College gardens.

If you are interested in receiving the student handbook, an application form (which are due early November), or if you have further questions, please contact the Principal either by letter, email or phone (details above).



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