

### The invasion of Life-Light

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*



### Without the Word, darkness reigns

Matthew 4:15-16 (MSG)

<sup>15</sup> *Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up.*



### The Word = The Gospel

Matthew 4:15-17 (MSG)

<sup>17</sup> *This Isaiah- prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."*

*Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand (NKJV)*



### Kingdom of darkness = death

Infant mortality, stunted physical and mental growth, death to curable diseases, vulnerability to sex trafficking and slave labour, violence against women and children, substance abuse, neglect of orphans and physically and mentally handicapped people....



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[The Global Report for Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty](#): "Poverty creates conditions that favour the spread of infectious diseases and prevents affected populations from obtaining adequate access to prevention and care. Ultimately, these diseases... disproportionately affect people living in poor or marginalised communities."



### Kingdom of darkness = death

Social, economic and biological factors interact to drive a vicious cycle of poverty and disease from which, for many people, there is no escape."



### Watch over the gate

John 10:10 (AMP)

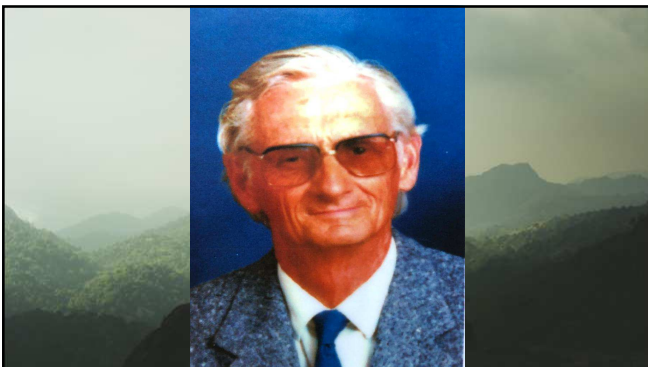
<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].



### The Word confronts

Luke 9:23 (AMP)

"If anyone wishes to follow Me (as My disciple), he must deny himself (set aside selfish interests), and take up his cross daily (expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come) and follow Me (believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me).




### He received the Word

The spirit of generosity (the Spirit of Christ) invaded and confronted **his spirituality and his professional life**. It flowed from his heart into his prayer life, into his thinking, into his budget, his time, his career and his very future and the future of his descendants.




### He believed the Word

At its essence, the gospel to the poor: this lifestyle of generosity, is **invasive and counter cultural**. There is no way we can expect to live it, really live it, and not have it disrupt our family routines, our holidays, our priorities, our board meetings, our budgets and even the way we do church, family and business.



### He loved the Word more than tradition

**Romans 12:2 (NKJV):**  
 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.  
*transformed and progressively changed (AMP)*  
 Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit in without thinking (MSG)



### Gates can be transformed

Clash of kingdom of light vs kingdom of darkness in the Titus bloodline:

- Fatherlessness and sense of illegitimacy
- Alcohol abuse and marital disintegration
- Sexual abuse
- Poor education
- Political segregation



### 2. Transformational

**Fatherlessness and Illegitimacy**



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**Alcohol abuse & marital disintegration**



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**Sexual abuse**



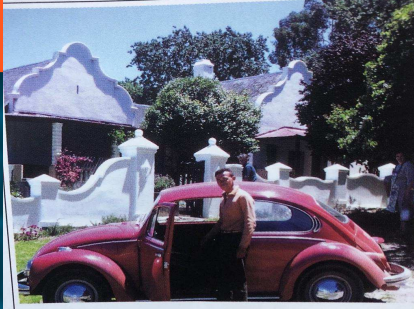
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Poor Education



*Albertus Titus by die Volkswagen wat ons aan hom geskenk het.*

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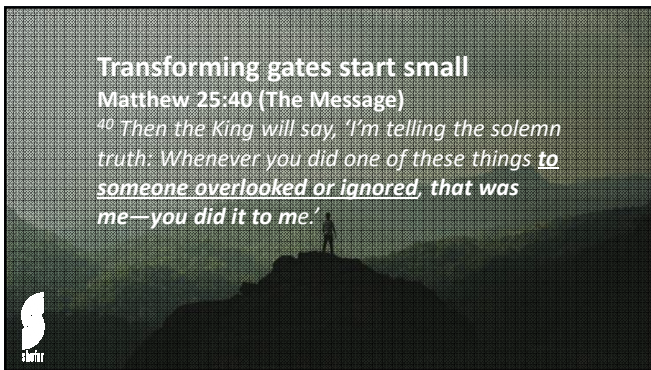
Political segregation



Transforming gates start small

Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

*40 Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'*

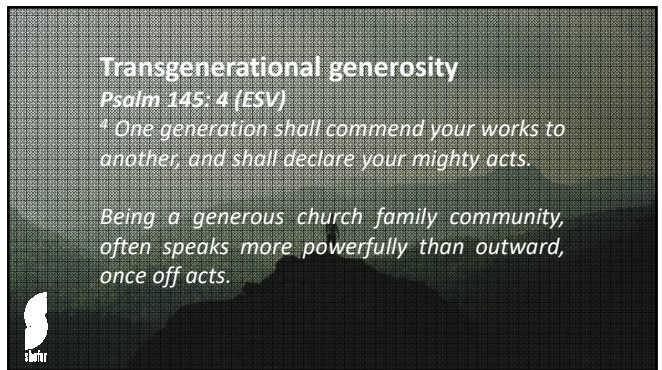


Transgenerational generosity



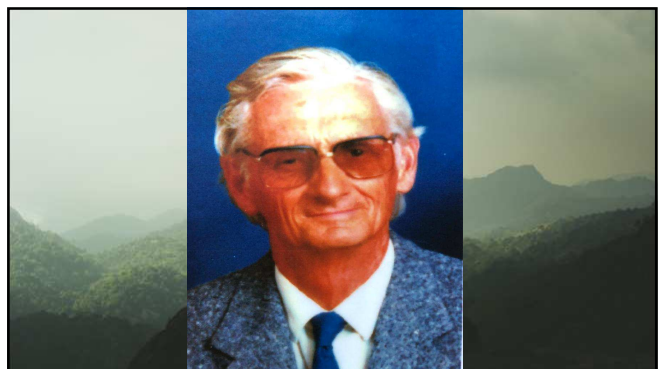
Psalm 145: 4 (ESV)

*4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*Being a generous church family community, often speaks more powerfully than outward, once off acts.*



You have kept the Word

Where do you need grace?

1. Receive the Word with a soft heart (heart).
2. Believe the Word, allow it to challenge you (mind).
3. Love Jesus, the Word, spend time with Him (time).
4. Obey the Word, take small steps (hands).
5. Share the Word, start today (feet).

