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### OKTOBER 2018



#### **FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

*Shalom .... Para Rekan di Marketplace yang luar biasa.*

*Saya menulis kata pengantar ini didalam sebuah pesawat Transnusa menuju Makasar untuk melanjutkan ke penerbangan lainnya ke Jakarta dan ke Singapore.*

*Negara kita diberkati dengan kekayaan yang luar biasa, partner business saya dari India dan Singapore tidak hentinya menyampaikan keagumannya.*

*Kekayaan laut, hutannya, alamnya dan sumber daya alamnya, Indonesia diberkati melimpah, tapi dimanakah putra-putri bangsa ini dalam memberikan nilai lebih dari sumber daya yang melimpah itu? Darmin Nasution Menteri Koordinator Perekonomian menyampaikan seperti dikutip Kompas, 27 Sep'2018, bahwa jika ekonomi global pulih sebentar lagi, maka Indonesia akan ketinggalan, karena neraca perdagangan kita menunjukkan impor jauh lebih besar dari pada ekspor.*

*Tiga hari sebelumnya, Presiden Amerika dalam sambutan di forum PBB, menyampaikan dengan jelas perkembangan ekonomi Amerika dalam kurun waktu dua tahun terakhir yang meningkat pesat dibandingkan dengan era sebelumnya dari Amerika. Trump menyampaikan sikap tegasnya berhadapan dengan China dan Rusia, bahkan dalam beberapa hal saat ini saat China membeli Shukoi dari Rusia, Amerika memberikan sanksi. Indonesia akan mengalami masalah yang serius jika kita tidak segera bebenah untuk mengambil inisiatif memberikan nilai lebih atas sumber daya kita yang berlimpah untuk di ekspor ke luar negeri, dimana potensi dan ruang untuk itu sangat besar sekali. Anak Tuhan mari arahkan perhatian kita untuk bangsa ini tidak hanya berdikari tapi dapat mengubah neraca perdagangan kita dengan meningkatkan pendapatan devisa melalui ekspor, yang juga mampu membuka lapangan pekerjaan yang baru dan membawa Kerajaan Allah di marketplace.*

*Selamat datang tahun gejolak Politik, dimana kedua pasangan calon Presiden sudah mulai untuk berkampanye. Sebagai Anak Tuhan kita wajib menyukseskan Pileg dan Pilpres ini supaya tahun politik ini terhindar dari potensi konflik horizontal, dan tetap kondusif agar perekonomian dapat bertumbuh dengan baik.*

*Mitra Tuhan di marketplace yang luar biasa, mewakili seluruh National Board, kami menyampaikan terimakasih untuk seluruh doa, donasi dan partisipasi anda untuk ICCC-Indonesia (International Christian Chambers of Commerce).*

*Selamat membaca Newsletter bulan ini, dimana Anda akan menemukan tulisan-tulisan dan berita yang menarik dan menjadi berkat. Tuhan Yesus memberkati*

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## NATIONAL BOARD ACTIVITIES

Pada tanggal 8 September 2019, National Board ICCC Indonesia berkumpul untuk melakukan Rapat Rutin bulanan, dan sekaligus memeluai pendalaman Transformed Working Life (TWL) versi baru yang lebih praktis, untuk selanjutnya diteruskan dalam berbagai kesempatan baik langsung kepada para pelaku bisnis, leweat seminar dan training dan juga di gereja-gereja yang membuka pintu. Hadir Benjamin B. Juwono selaku Regional Director Asia yang mensharing TWL versi baru, Umbu Pekuwali – National President, Tonny Soetjoadi – V.P. Admin/National Secretary, Johanis S. Najoan – Treasurer, Juga National Board lainnya: Maria Sitorus, Manimbul L. Sitorus, Simon Aditan dan Eliezer H. Hardjo





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## **INSPIRATION, WISDOM, TESTIMONY**

# **7 Reasons Why the Marketplace Is a Great Place for Christians**



If God has called you into business, please don't wish you were called somewhere else. The marketplace is a great place for Christians right now. Here's why:

## **Reason #1: Almost all non-Christians are in the marketplace.**

Today, less than 20% of Americans attend church regularly. In many European countries, the percentages are much lower. At the current rate, regular church attendance is projected to drop to 11.7% by 2050.

The good news is that these people who aren't attending church will still be waking up to go to work alongside their Christian co-workers in the marketplace each morning.

## **Reason #2: Almost all Christians are in the marketplace.**

At least 85% of the Christian workforce spends 60-70% of their waking hours in the marketplace. In addition to serving our families and our local churches, the marketplace



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is the primary context in which our spiritual gifts should be used. The ministry potential for Christians using their spiritual gifts collaboratively in the marketplace is astounding!

(In case you don't know what your spiritual gifts are, my forthcoming book will include a spiritual gifts assessment as well as teaching on how you can use your unique gifts for ministry in the marketplace.)

### **Reason #3: Discipleship actually can happen in the marketplace.**

Church leaders often are criticized for the lack of discipleship and spiritual growth among their congregations. Let's give our pastors a break. How much discipleship actually can happen during a two-hour church service on Sunday?

Discipleship—that is, becoming more like Jesus—happens in everyday life. Yes, discipleship can happen anywhere... even during a two-hour, lecture-style event on Sunday. However, the potential for discipleship and ministry investment in a weekly service is a fraction of what is possible during an entire work-week spent with our co-workers, clients, etc.

### **Reason #4: The marketplace is a more authentic showroom of Christianity.**

If you were shopping for a car, you'd probably go to a showroom. Before you bought anything, you'd probably want to see if the car actually functions properly on the road. You might even ask the dealer to allow you to take the car home for a day or two to test it out.

The local church is like the showroom for Christianity. The marketplace is the test drive. The marketplace is where our unbelieving co-workers get to see if they really want what we have. Daily, they see how we react under pressure. They see how we treat people. They see how much God truly matters to us in our daily lives.

As mentioned in "Reason #1," most people aren't even coming to the "showroom" anymore, so marketplace Christians are now serving as both the showroom and the test drive of Christianity.

### **Reason #5: The marketplace forces the Church to use all of its capabilities.**

Personality-driven and super-pastor Christianity doesn't work in the marketplace. Having a bunch of Christians sitting on the sidelines of ministry may not prevent a local church from increasing numerically, but it won't transform the marketplace for the glory of God.



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So far, most of the teaching about “marketplace ministry” has been defining marketplace ministry without regard for people’s unique spiritual gifts. For example, if I have an apostolic gift, of course I’m going to view marketplace ministry as a mandate to “ascend and take the Business Mountain for God” If I have a pastoral gift (i.e. marketplace chaplains), of course I’m going to view marketplace ministry as a calling to “care for the personal needs of my employees and/or co-workers.”

We need to approach marketplace ministry in a way that leverages the spiritual gifts of all Christians in the marketplace. The “one-size-fits-all” approach only produces self-condemnation and ineffectiveness for marketplace Christians attempting to operate outside of their God-given spiritual gifts.

### **Reason #6: Denominational divisions are less-destructive in the marketplace.**

We can choose whether to attend a Baptist Church, Pentecostal-Charismatic Church, Presbyterian Church, a Non-Denominational Church, etc... but most of us don’t have the luxury of co-working only with Christians with whom we agree theologically. The marketplace has a way of diluting some of these differences. This opens the door to collaborative ministry beyond the walls of our local churches and traditions.

### **Reason #7: Everything gets funded from the marketplace.**

All money comes from value that has been created in the marketplace, and business professionals ultimately decide what gets funded. These business professionals need to know God and His plan for their lives in order to make righteous decisions concerning money.

Although business is often thought of only as the economic engine of the Church, I hope that we will begin to see and realize its full potential for transforming society for the glory of God.

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## VISI DAN TUJUAN ICCC



International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) lahir dari kepatuhan terhadap visi yang diberikan selama kurun waktu enam tahun kepada seorang usahawan Swedia J. Gunnar Olson, yang diteguhkan dengan nubuatan dan terbukanya pintu kesempatan disekitarnya yang sebelumnya tertutup.

ICCC merupakan panggilan yang serius dan menantang bagi pengusaha Kristen untuk mengenali jaman yang sedang kita masuki dan dengan terang dari pengenalan itu memasuki dimensi iman yang baru yang disediakan bagi mereka yang ..." takut akan TUHAN ... berbicara satu sama lain ... dan menghormati namaNya." (Maleakhi 3: 16)

Visi ini memanggil para pengusaha dan kaum profesi di seluruh dunia yang terbebani untuk saling berhubungan, bertukar pendapat, memperdagangkan barang dan menyediakan jasa, saling mendukung dan menguatkan secara rohani dan materi.

Berdasarkan eksistensi dari visi itu sendiri memproklamirkan otoritas Kristus yang mutlak diseluruh dunia.

Pada intinya ICCC adalah kehendak TUHAN untuk memperluas tali kasih-Nya, melalui gereja-Nya, didalam dunia usaha. Hal ini menuntut para pelaku bisnis mencari terlebih dahulu Kerajaan-Nya dan segala Kebenaran-Nya.

Urapan tersedia bagi mereka yang dengan mata melihat dan telinga mendengar panggilan jaman.

Sebagaimana halnya Raja Daud yang menerima urapan untuk menjadi raja, jauh sebelum dia menjadi Raja, yang keadaan pada saat urapan diberikan sama sekali tidak mungkin bagi Daud untuk menjadi Raja, demikianlah ICCC memanggil para pengusaha Kristen sebelum peristiwanya terjadi untuk mengalami kebebasan masuk ke dalam dimensi baru, dimana sasaran, strategi dan perencanaan bersama-sama diwujud-nyatakan sesuai dengan iman di dalam Kristus.

ICCC mencanangkan panggilan itu sejalan dengan rencana TUHAN bagi jaman ini sebagai kunci memperoleh berkat dan pertumbuhan dan agar dapat bangkit berkemenangan diatas gelombang ombak yang mengancam.



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Panggilan ICCC: “*Mereka akan menjadi milik kesayanganKu sendiri, firman TUHAN semesta Alam pada hari yang Kusiapkan. Aku akan mengasihi mereka sama seperti seseorang menyayangi anaknya yang melayani dia. Maka kamu akan melihat kembali perbedaan antara orang benar dan orang fasik, antara orang yang beribadah kepada TUHAN dan orang yang tidak beribadah kepada-Nya.*” (Maleakhi 3: 17-18)

### KEYAKINAN IMAN ICCC:

- Satu-satunya TUHAN pencipta segala sesuatu dalam kesatuan Trinitas: Bapa, Anak, dan Roh Kudus.
- Keilahian TUHAN Yesus Kristus. Kelahiran-Nya dari rahim seorang Perawan. Karya penебusan dosa manusia melalui kematian-Nya diatas kayu salib. Kebangkitan-Nya. Hak otoritas diri-Nya atas dunia dan Kedatangan-Nya yang kedua kali dalam Kuasa dan Kemuliaan-Nya.
- Alkitab, sepenuhnya sebagai Firman TUHAN yang memberikan inspirasi dan berbagai peraturan bagi kehidupan yang dilandasi iman.
- Keselamatan pribadi orang berdosa dan kebutuhannya untuk mengalami proses regenerasi melalui karya Roh Kudus dalam menuju menjadikannya sebagai manusia yang dikehendaki oleh TUHAN, seutuhnya.



## TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE

Transformed Working Life (TWL) adalah Pelatihan resmi dari Kantor Internasional bagi anggota ICCC dalam memperlengkapi anggota dengan pengetahuan dan pemahaman latar belakang, tujuan dan penerapan prinsip-prinsip Kerajaan TUHAN bagi dunia bisnis dan profesi.



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**TWL diperuntukkan bagi anggota dan dapat diikuti secara cuma-cuma, namun terbuka juga bagi siapa saja yang berminat untuk mengikutinya.**

TWL diselenggarakan dalam bahasa Indonesia dan dilengkapi dengan buku panduannya, yang telah diterjemahkan kedalam Bahasa Indonesia juga, sehingga para peserta betul-betul akan memperoleh manfa'at yang besar dan mengalami transformasi dalam kehidupan pribadi maupun bisnisnya.

**TWL difasilitasi oleh anggota National Board yang terlatih dan dikoordinir oleh V.P. Teaching: Benjamin B. Juwono bersama dengan Teaching Team: Johanis S. Najoan dan Eliezer H. Hardjo**

**Transformed Working Life (TWL) akan ditayangkan dalam salah satu channel di Indonesia agar dapat dimanfaatkan oleh para pebisnis & profesional Kristiani di Indonesia bagaimana menerapkan prinsip-prinsip Kerajaan Tuhan dalam kehidupan berbisnis dan bekerja mereka.**

TWL bagi members secara rutin diadakan pada hari Sabtu ke 2 setiap bulan dan terbuka dan dianjurkan bagi semua member untuk mengikutinya sebagai pembekalan wajib.

# TWL SERIES





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Realitas memiliki dua dimensi .

### Natural (immanent)

= sementara

- Sesuatu yang dapat dibuktikan secara scientific dan dapat dilihat dengan fakta-fakta empiris .

### KNOWING (TAHU)

### Spiritual (transcendent)

= tak terbatas; kekal

- Sesuatu yang melampaui apa yang dapat diterima oleh panca idera dan nalar manusia.

### BELIEVING

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## Materialism

Pandangan tentang penciptaan:  
**THE BIG BANG!**

Mayoritas atau diktator, atau partai yang menentukan apa yang

Mengarah kepada pembatasan kebebasan individu dan perbudakan demi meraih keuntungan.

Hanya ilmu pengetahuan dan fakta yang nyata yang dikenal-karena

Hasil hasil ekonomi menentukan apa yang berharga

Hanya yang kuatlah yang bertahan.



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### Humanism



### Animism dan "New Age"



### Christianity





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## CORPORATE MEDIATION AND SERVICES

Corporate Mediation and Services (CMS) is known as the emergency clinic provided by the ICCC Indonesia to help and assist any company owned by the ICCC Indonesia members, individually and/or a partnership corporation belong to two or more members. In addition, CMS is also providing assistance to any company belong to non-members as long as they are willing to follow the rules and biblical principles offered by and through CMS.

### I. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

1. To link and bring the companies together.
2. To provide consultation to the company in trouble.
3. To provide training to the staff using Transformed Working Life (TWL) training materials.
4. To act as a mediator between two or more parties that involve in conflict due to many reasons.

### II. PROCEDURE:

1. The ICCC Member to contact CMS Centre
2. The participating consultant to visit the company or companies which require help, to discuss about the problems and possible help and assistance to solve the problems.
3. To pray together
4. To set-up the follow-up
5. The CMS will evaluate and submit a proposal on how to handle the problem.



## **DEVOTIONAL**

### *The Key to Understanding God's Will*

*Don't you want to know they key to understanding God's will? Life would be so much easier if we just knew God's plan for our lives, right? Well, directions for every twist and turn of your life may not be written out on paper, but God does tell us in His Word how we can test and approve what His will is. We don't have to wander in the dark.*



Have you ever heard the Bible study tip that suggests you slow down? Read small portions of Scripture and really zoom in? We will do that today.

What will we learn? You will walk away with a deep appreciation for each of God's words through Paul, and you will be challenged to allow God to transform your mind so that you can commit to

His will more fully.

Ready?

Let's read **Romans 12:1-2**

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Have you ever seen two verses jam-packed with rich truth? Here is one example. It's a good idea to really slow down and take a close look.

Let's get started...

Therefore...

Yes, we are going to pause after just one word, because it begs the question, "What is the 'Therefore' there for?"

I've been studying Romans lately, and it is full of rich theology surrounding the gospel. In the first 11 chapters, Paul, the author of Romans, digs deep to explain that we are redeemed through faith, free not to sin though ever-struggling to obey, and saved from the eternal death we deserve.



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Therefore... because Christ redeemed us, because freedom from sin is available in Christ, because we have been spared and made new...

Paul is about to make this theology lesson applicable and tell us how it should affect our lives.

He begins with this...

I urge you, brothers and sisters...

It's not a vague suggestion or mini-tip. Paul is *urging* them. He is passionate about this.

Paul urges them humbly and as a peer, calling his fellow believers "brothers and sisters". We all are spiritual siblings as children of God. We belong to the same family.

This is the kind of relationship we should have with one another - to encourage each other to follow the Lord.

... in view of God's mercy...

Similar to starting this sentence with "therefore", Paul connects his upcoming command with a reason, a motivation: God's mercy.

Since God has been merciful to us, we in return should...

... to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God...

That's some strong language. If you are very familiar with this verse, you may need to take a step back to see it.

We are to offer ourselves up to God as a sacrifice. Sacrifices made in Old Testament times were burned on the altar. We - in a sense- die and live for Christ.

We give up our very bodies to be a living sacrifice for Jesus - one that is holy and pleasing to God. Surely that entails following His commands and will.

... This is your true and proper worship.

Worship is not just what happens in sanctuaries across the globe on Sunday mornings. We worship God with our lives when we are committed to Him and His will.

Part of His will for you may be mundane things like taking care of your home. Yet, [every toilet cleaning is an act of worship](#) when it's done with a spirit of servanthood.

Do not conform to the patterns of this world...

Much of the Bible's teaching stands in contrast to the patterns of this world that we live in. As we are constantly surrounded by the world's values and habits, we are called to be different.



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How do we guard ourselves from conforming to this world?

... but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Paul told us what NOT to do (conform to the patterns of this world), and here is what we ought to do instead: be transformed.

In Jesus, our minds are actually renewed over time as we grow in our faith, and we undergo a transformation. Once we lived like the world but now we live for Christ as living and holy sacrifices.

Notice that while most of these verses are in an active voice, meaning you, the believer, are responsible, this phrase is in the passive voice, meaning this is something that happens to you.

God is the one who transforms you by renewing your mind when you do not conform to this world but give your life as a sacrifice to the Lord. You do not have to figure out how to transform yourself. That's the power of Christ in you!

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...

You know what's the best part of being transformed by the renewing of your mind?

You are able to:

1. figure out what God's will is.
2. whole-heartedly agree with and commit to His will for you - yes, even when you don't fully understand what He is doing.

How can that be?

His good, pleasing and perfect will.

As believers, we have a relational knowledge of God, and one thing we know is that His will is good, pleasing, and perfect.

It may not be the easiest route or the one we would have picked if we were in charge. But as believers, we live with the certainty that God's will is better than ours. We rejoice that we are not in charge but rather the holy God of heaven and on earth.

Has this been your experience? Comment below and share a time that God led your life in a direction you would originally not have chosen but are now glad He did.

I trust that even if we never see His reasoning this side of heaven, we will always seek and trust His will above all. May God grant us understanding to know His will and commit to it completely.

Ellen



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### NATIONAL BOARD - ICCC INDONESIA

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