

Fellowship of the Unashamed

(Formerly known as "A Zimbabwean Martyr's Prayer")

The author is unknown, but is believed to be a young pastor in Zimbabwe who was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ. It was found in his study:

"I am a part of the fellowship of the Unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit Power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

"I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, learn by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer and labor by power.

"My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

"I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until He returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes."

"And when He comes to get His own, He will have no

problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear for "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.." (Romans 1:16)."

(Despite Google and all of the research available on the internet to us today I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the story or the origin of this note. There are two possibilities and they are listed below but the fact is, this prayer exists!:

Dr. Robert Morehead tells the story of a young man from Rwanda, A missionary with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship, who was forced by his tribe in 1980 to renounce Christ or face death. He refused to renounce Christ, and he was murdered on the spot. The night before he had written the following commitment which was found in his room:

This is believed to have been written by a young African pastor/evangelist and was found among his papers in Zimbabwe after he was martyred. This essay is said to have been given to Dr. Nina Gunter, general NMI (Nazarene Missions International) director, by the late Dr. Louise Robinson Chapman, former missionary serving in Swaziland and the Transvaal from 1920-1942 and general NMI president making this document 100+ years old. This article is in the public domain.)