Help Wanted: An Ambassador

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I. Introduction.

A. People are at war with each other. (James 5)

B. The basic war is that people are at war with God, which explains why people are at war with themselves and with others.

C. God is at work to bring peace in the world not war.

D. We are ambassadors in the world.

II. Characteristics of an ambassador.

A. Ambassadors are citizens of the country they represent. Heaven is the country of followers of Christ. (Philippians 3)

B. The ambassador must be commissioned. Every Christian has been commissioned to bring peace. (2 Corinthians 5:19; John 17:15; 20)

C. The ambassador must represent the ruler. (2 Corinthians 4:5, Colossians 3)

D. The ambassador has all his or her needs provided.

E. The ambassador must keep in touch with headquarters.

F. Generally speaking, an ambassador is called home before war.

III. Terms of peace.

A. Admit you are at war.

B. Admit that you are a sinner.

C. Accept Jesus as your savior.
Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?
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2. How would you respond to some Christian who says she has no obligation to share her faith?
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3. How would you counsel someone on being a good ambassador for Christ? Explain.
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