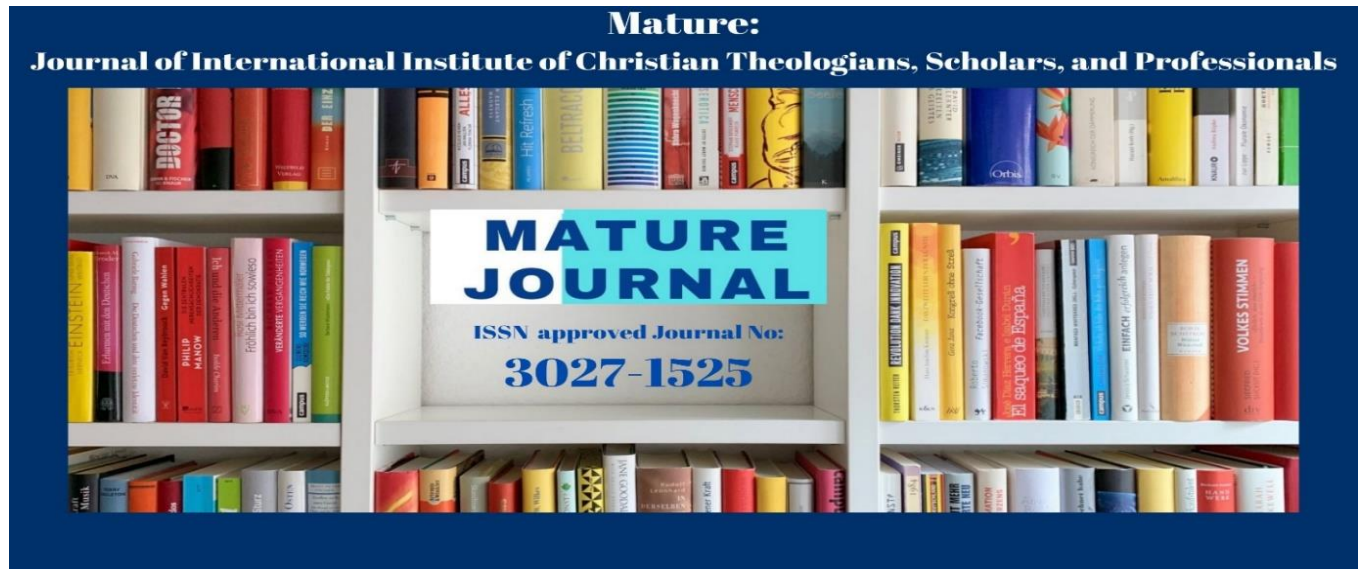


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## FULFILLING THE GO-YE COMMAND

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## INTRODUCTION

The Go-Ye Command or Great Commission is an order, a command given by Jesus Christ to his followers propagate gospel in all Nations of the world. It's a mandate to teach on the doctrines of our Lord of Jesus Christ, to make known God's love and plan of salvation for mankind. The followers of Jesus Christ are to reproduce Christ-Likes all over the world.

How can they hear when there's no one to preach, how can they preach when they are not sent. The Go-Ye Command is an obligation to all Christ followers to reach out to the entire world, showcasing God's love which must reflect on the Carrier of the message, as you can't give what you don't have. Christians are the true and real episodes of Jesus Christ.

Paramilitary officers are the unsung heroes and patriots of our society, working tirelessly behind the scene to maintain law and order, protect our borders, and ensure our safety and security. Despite their crucial role, they often go unappreciated and unrecognized. It is essential that we acknowledge and respect the dignity of these brave man and women. Paramilitary officers face numerous challenges and sacrifices in their line of duty. They often work long hours on harsh environments, away from their families and loved ones. They are exposed to physical harm, mental stress, and emotional trauma, yet they continue to serve with courage and dedication.

Some examples of this Paramilitary Officers work in different units and organizations such as:

- (1) The Police Force.
- (2) The Custom Service.
- (3) The Immigration Service
- (4) The Federal Road Safety Corps
- (5) Drugs Law Enforcement Agency
- (6) The Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corp
- (7) Civil Chaplaincy Ministry Nigeria
- (8) International Fellowship of Christian Chaplains Incorporated
- (9) Brotherly Love Chaplaincy International, and many more of them.

Before delving into the discussion on the topic, let's look at some concepts relating to the topic before us.

Definition of terms:

**DIGNITY:**

Dignity is the quality of person that makes him or her deserving of respect sometimes shown in behavior and appearance. The importance or value that a person has that makes other people respect him. One have to value and respect himself before he could be respected. Dignity is calm, service and controlled behavior that makes people respect you, as it is said that respect is earned or deserved. Dignity is respect, honour, recognition given to someone of good conduct, behaviour and of good reputation. There are certain conducts, behaviour that attracts or accords dignity.

**PARAMILITARY:**

Oxford Language dictionary defines paramilitary as, (an unofficial force) organized similarly to a military force. Wikipedia further defines paramilitary as a military that is not a part of a country's official or legitimate armed force. Mariam webster Dictionary says, of rating to, being or characteristics of a force, formed on military pattern, especially as a potential auxiliary. Auxiliary means providing supplementary or additional help and support, such as is commonly found in the nursing field. Meaning that paramilitary renders complementary and supportive aid to the military Cambridge Dictionary says that paramilitary is, connected with and helping the official armed forces. This is to say that the paramilitary assist in curtailing or reducing crime, promoting peaceful coexistence in society ,curtail excesses, capable of disrupting peace and harmony.

## **SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY OFFICERS WITH CHAPLAINCY IN VIEW**

An officer is someone holding a position of authority especially one with a commission in the armed service. A holder of public, civil or ecclesiastical office.

1. Comportment and decorum which has to do with the way of behavior and acts is a common attribute among the military and paramilitary. These sets of personnels conduct themselves in a unique manner, in decency, calmness, smartness, neatness and orderliness dressing, even in communication they have a special way of conducting themselves as a result of the training they receive from time to time, and they have or possess the behaviour of keeping to good taste, propriety, and dignity.
2. Courtesy: This is an excellence of good manners or social conduct, or polite behavior. The uniform personnels are courteous and respectful.
3. Discipline: This is qualified or being able to behave and work in a controlled way or manner which involves obeying particular rules or standards. These people undergo a systematic training in obedience to regulations and authority which becomes their lifestyles. Both the military and paramilitary are disciplined personnel who work to ensure strict adherence to rules and regulations as they carryout their duties.
4. Bravery: Bravery is not just limited to the military but also in the paramilitary. They dare the unbearable, so courageous, and determined to success and overcome. The act of bravery could be seen in the ministry of apostle Paul when he could not be stop despite faced with series of challenges, oppositions, trails such as; perils of waters, perils of rubbers, pencils in the city and in the wilderness, in the sea and all manner of hardship and persecution. All these rather made him stronger, more toughened, hunger driven for the work. Act. 11:26-29 can tell us more of his peris and exploits for kingdom service. Apostle James, Stephen, Peter, John, are a chaplains of old.
5. Selfless/sacrificial services: selfless service is putting the needs of others over yours. These personnels go out of their ways to ensure that other people's needs are met even at the detriment of their lives. Put their lives in danger just to see that the right things are done.
6. Persistence/perseverance: They never give up in pursuit of their assignment or responsibilities, despite difficulties. They don't take no for an answer. They must reach their goa against all odds.
7. Reconcilers: They settle disputes, reconcile deference, provide counseling services just as the chaplains are given the ministry of counseling.
8. Warlords/warriors: While the armed forces war with physical weapons as they war against flesh and blood, the chaplains war spiritually with spiritual weapons and armors of war Eph.

6:10-15, 2Cor. 10:3-5. They don't look for trouble but when trouble comes knocking they handle it the appropriate way Matt. 11:12

9. Peace keepers / advocates: Ps 34:14 Matt. 5:9 Rom. 12 :18 they maintain peace and order advocates for peace, with man and with God.
10. Assigned to Duty: Just as the government assigned the military the paramilitary are also assigned either by government or organizations they belong, especially the chaplains with the Go-ye command matt. 28:19 Mk 16:15-16
11. They operate and function with high level of authority. Lk 9:1 so they have power and authority to arrest function. They are assigned with power and authority. You dare not touch them, if you do, they will unleash the weight of their power on you.
12. They are ambassadors of their countries and kingdoms they represent. 2Cor. 5:20, Eph. 6:20
13. They obey before complains and don't give flimsy excuses. don't shy away from responsibilities, they are known for obeying orders, instructions and commands.
14. They watch out for each other as a soldier will never leave an injured partner in the battle field even at the point of death. We're our brothers keeper
15. Just as a soldier is ready to die for his country that is how chaplains operated ,we are ready to die of the gospel.

The dignity of paramilitary officers lies in the manner in which they see and carry themselves, the excitement and joy while caring out their functions, duties and assigned responsibilities. The feeling of fulfilment in them makes them put in their best performance without regrets sadness or complains, disregarding the stress, pain, hardship, difficulties, challenges, trail, faced in the cause of carrying out or fulfilling their assignments. In the book of act. 5:40, the apostles were arrested, beaten, well flogged and warned stantly not to ever preach in the name of Jesus again. They never get angry, rather they were happy excited and glad that they could suffer in such manner for Christ's sake This is dignity in service. In the same vain, Apostle Paul who was arrested severally, in chains hunger in much afflictions never denied his master nor quit the race, but said he rejoice in his suffering. Col. 1:24 will tell us more.

The words of apostle Paul to Timothy goes thus, as for you, be calm and cool, and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry. An experienced man, a soldier of the cross addressing and encouraging an up coming soldier. 2Tim. 4: 5

1Thes. 3:3, Says no man should be moved by these afflictions. 2Tim. 11:6-7, for I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand (7) I have fought a good fight I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

The dignity of paramilitary officers (with chaplaincy in view) is in Job satisfaction, service fulfilment and successful accomplishment of their assignment. The dignity of paramilitary officers is to stand for the right course till the very end, even all the point of death.

The words of the great commander Lk. 9:62 and Jesus said unto him. No man having put his hand on the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. It's forward ever and backward never, it's to keep pressing on. Phil. 3:14. Irrespective of unprevailing circumstances that may pass as threats, opposition. 2Cor. 1:8, said, for we would not brethren have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure above strength, inasmuch that we despaired even of life. All these could not weary them, rather, they were determined to end well. This is dignity.

#### *Weapon of praise*

Paul and silas prayed and sang praises to God and the power of God came down, in that process their chains get loosed Act 16:25. The same happened when Jahoshaphat led men to war, that through praises to God, God came down and took over the battle. 2Chro. 20:17-25. The master has already assured us of his ever presence with us even unto the very end. As he was with the Apostle of old, so he is with us. Hold firm your integrity.

## **CONCLUSION**

The dignity of paramilitary officers is rooted in their selfless services, bravery, doggedness, resilience, and sacrifices. It is our responsibility to acknowledge and respect their dignity by showing appreciation, providing support and recognizing their contribution to our society. By doing so, we can ensure that these brave men and women receive the respect and recognition they deserve.

As paramilitary officers, walk with your head high as you fly the flag of your organization, protecting and defending her image at all cost. A soldier never betray the trust of his country at any cost, chaplain who are soldiers of the cross much do same.

May Almighty God bless us all and help us to sit up and make adjustments were necessary and strive to improve our services as unto the Lord

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