

# 1 KUTHIMOTHI

1 UPhawuli, umphostoli kaKhristu

uJesu ngomlayo kaNkulunkulu  
uMsindisi wethu lokaKhristu uJesu  
ithemba lethu,

<sup>2</sup> KuThimothi indodana yami eqotho  
ekukholweni:

Umusa, lesihawu kanye lokuthula  
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba  
lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu kakube  
kuwe.

*Isixwayiso ngabafundisi bomthetho  
abamanga*

<sup>3</sup> Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ekuyeni  
kwami eMakhedoniya, hlala khonapho  
e-Efesu ukuze ulaye abantu abathile  
ukuba bangafundisi imfundiso yamanga  
futhi <sup>4</sup> loba ukuchitha isikhathi  
ngezinganekwane langezinsendo  
ezingapheliyo. Lokhu kubanga  
ukuphikisana hatshi umsebenzi  
kaNkulunkulu – ongokukholwa.

<sup>5</sup> Inhloso yalo umlayo luthando oluvela  
enhliziyweni emhlophe, lesazela esihle  
lokholo oluqotho. <sup>6</sup> Abanye sebedukile  
kulokhu baphendukela ekukhulumeni  
okuyize. <sup>7</sup> Bafuna ukuba ngabafundisi  
bomthetho, kodwa kabakwazi  
abakhuluma ngakho loba lokhu  
abakuqinisa kangaka ngesibindi.

<sup>8</sup> Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ulungile  
uma umuntu ewusebenzisa kuhle.

<sup>9</sup> Siyakwazi lokuthi umthetho  
kawenzelwanga abantu abalungileyo,  
kodwa wenzelwa abeqa imithetho  
labahlamuki, abangamaziyo  
uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangencwele  
labangakholwayo; wenzelwa ababulala  
oyise labonina, lababulali, <sup>10</sup> lezifebe,  
kanye lezixhwali, abathengisa izigqili  
labaqamba amanga kanye labafungela  
amanga – kanye lokunye okuphambene

lemfundiso eqotho <sup>11</sup> evumelana  
levangeli elilenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu  
obusisekileyo, angiphathisa lona.

*Umusa weNkosi kuPhawuli*

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyambonga uKhristu uJesu iNkosi  
yethu, onginike amandla, wangibona  
ngithembekile, wangibeka emsebenzini  
wakhe. <sup>13</sup> Lanxa ngake ngaba  
ngumhlambazi lomhlukuluzi  
lesidlwangudlwangu, ngenzelwa isihawu  
ngoba ngangenze ngokungazi  
langokungakholwa. <sup>14</sup> Umusa weNkosi  
wathululelwa phezu kwami ngokwanda  
okukhulu, ndawonye lokukholwa kanye  
lothando okukuKhristu uJesu.

<sup>15</sup> Nansi isitsho esiqotho esifanele  
ukwamukelwa esithi: UKhristu uJesu  
weza emhlabeni ukuba asindise izoni –  
mina ngingesibi kakhulu sazo. <sup>16</sup> Kodwa  
ngenxa yasonalesi isizatho ngenzelwa  
isihawu, ukuze kuthi ngami, isoni esibi  
kakhulu, uKhristu abonakalise  
ukubekezela kwakhe okungelamkhawulo  
njengesibonelo kulabo abakholwa kuye  
bamukele lokuphila okungapheliyo.

<sup>17</sup> Manje, kuyo iNkosi yaphakade,  
engafiyo, engabonakaliyo, uNkulunkulu  
yedwa, akube kuye udumo lenkazimulo  
kuze kube nini lanini. Amen.

<sup>18</sup> Thimothi, ndodana yami, ngikunika  
umlayo lo mayelana leziphrofetho ezake  
zenziwa ngawe, ukuze kuthi  
ngokuzilandela ungalwa ukulwa okuhle,  
<sup>19</sup> ubambelele ekukholweni lesazela  
esihle. Abanye bakwalile lokhu ngakho  
babbidliza ukukholwa kwabo.

<sup>20</sup> Phakathi kwabo kuloHimenayo  
lo-Elekizanda, esengibanikele kuSathane  
ukuba bafundiswe ukungahlambazi  
uNkulunkulu.

*Imilayo ngokukhonza*

**2** Ngakho-ke kuqala, ngiyakhuthaza ukuba izicelo, lemikhuleko, lokuthandazela abanye, kanye lokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke –<sup>2</sup> amakhosi labo bonke abaphethe amandla, ukuze sihlale ngokuthula empilweni enhle kukho konke ukumesaba uNkulunkulu lobungcwele.<sup>3</sup> Lokhu kuhle, njalo kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu,<sup>4</sup> ofuna ukuba abantu bonke basindiswe njalo balazi iqiniso.<sup>5</sup> Ngoba uNkulunkulu munye, lommeli munye phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKhristu uJesu,<sup>6</sup> owazinikelayo njengenhlawulo yabantu bonke – ubufakazi obanikwa ngesikhathi sabo esifaneleyo.<sup>7</sup> Ngenxa yalokhu mina ngakhethelwa ukuba ngumanduleli lomphostoli – ngikhuluma iqiniso, kangiqambi manga – lomfundisi wokholo oluqotho kwabezizweni.<sup>8</sup> Ngifuna amadoda ezindaweni zonke aphakamise izandla ezingcwele ekhuleka, kungelakuthukuthela kumbe ukuphikisana.<sup>9</sup> Ngifuna ukuba abesifazana bagqoke ngokuchumileyo, ngokuhle lokufaneleyo, kungabi ngezinwele ezelukiweyo loba igolide loba amangqongqo loba izigqoko ezidulayo,<sup>10</sup> kodwa ngenzenzo ezinhle, ezifanele abesifazana abathi bayamkhonza uNkulunkulu.<sup>11</sup> Owesifazana kumele afunde ethule langokuzithoba okupheleleyo.<sup>12</sup> Kangivumeli ukuba owesifazana afundise loba ukuba lamandla phezu kowesilisa; kumele athule.<sup>13</sup> Ngoba u-Adamu wabunjwa kuqala; kwalandela u-Eva.<sup>14</sup> Njalo u-Adamu kasuye owakhohliswayo; ngowesifazana owakhohliswayo wasesiba yisoni.

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa abesifazana bazasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uma beqhubeka ngokukholwa, langothando kanye lobungcwele ngokufaneleyo

*Ababonisi labadikoni*

**3** Nansi isitsho esiqotho esithi: Uma umuntu ebeke inhliziyo yakhe ekubeni ngumbonisi ufisa umsebenzi olesithunzi.<sup>2</sup> Umbonisi akumelanga abe ngosolekayo, abe yindoda yomfazi oyedwa, ezithibayo, elamandla okuzibamba, ehloniphekayo, ephatha kuhle izihambi, engafundisa,<sup>3</sup> engayisiso sidakwa, engeladlakela kodwa emnene, engathandi ingxabano, engathandi mali.<sup>4</sup> Kayibe ngephatha kuhle umuzi wayo ibone ukuba abantwana bayo bayayilalela ngenhlonipho efaneleyo.<sup>5</sup> (Uma umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha umuzi wakhe, angaliphatha njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu na?)<sup>6</sup> Akumelanga kube ngosanda kukholwa, hlezi azikhukhumeze abe ngaphansi kokwahlulelwa kuye loSathane.<sup>7</sup> Njalo kumele abe ngodume ngokuhle kwabangaphandle, ukuze angangeni ehlazweni lasemjibileni kaSathane.<sup>8</sup> Ngokunjalo, abadikoni labo kumele kube ngabantu abahloniphekayo, abaqotho, abanganathi iwayini elinengi, abangadingi inzuzo ngobuqili<sup>9</sup> Kumele babambelele eqinisweni elizikileyo kanye lasekukholweni ngesazela esihlanzekileyo.<sup>10</sup> Kumele baqale bahlolwe; nxa kungekho lutho olubi ngabo, kabasebenze njengabadikoni.<sup>11</sup> Ngokunjalo, labomkabo kumele babe ngabesifazana abahloniphekayo, abanganyeyiyo kodwa abazithibayo labathembekileyo ezintweni zonke.<sup>12</sup> Umdikoni kabe lomfazi oyedwa kuphela njalo ophatha kuhle abantwana bakhe kanye labendlu yakhe.<sup>13</sup> Labo

abasebenze kühle bayazuza isithunzi lesithembiso esikhulu ekukholweni kwabo kuKhristu uJesu.

<sup>14</sup> Lanxa ngithemba ukuba ngizakuza kuwe masinyane, ngikulobela iziqondiso lezi ukuze kuthi <sup>15</sup> uma ngiphuzile, ukwazi ukuthi abantu kumele baziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. <sup>16</sup> Kungekho kuthandabuza imfihlakalo yokwesaba uNkulunkulu inkulu:

Wabonakala engumzimba,  
wafakazelwa nguMoya,  
wabonwa yizingilosi,  
watshunyayelwa phakathi kwezizwe,  
umhlaba wakholwa kuye,  
wenyukiselwa phezulu ngenkazimulo.

*Iziqondiso kuThimothi*

**4** Umoya utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazalahla ukukholwa balandele imimoya ekhohlisayo lezinto ezifundiswa ngamadimoni. <sup>2</sup> Ukufundisa okunjalo kuza laba qambi bamanga abangabazenzisi abalezazela ezatshayo kungathi zahaqazwa ngensimbi etshisayo. <sup>3</sup> Balela abantu ukuba bathathane njalo babalaye ukuba bazile ukudla okuthize, uNkulunkulu akudalela ukuthi kwamukelwe ngokubonga yilabo abakholwayo labalaziyo iqiniso.

<sup>4</sup> Ngoba konke uNkulunkulu akudalayo kulungile, njalo akulalutho okumele lwaliwe uma lusamukelwa ngokubonga, <sup>5</sup> ngoba kungeweliswe yilizwi likaNkulunkulu lomkhuleko.

<sup>6</sup> Uma lezizinto uziphawula kubazalwane, uzakuba ngumfundisi omuhle kaKhristu uJesu, okhuliselwe phakathi kwamaqiniso okukholwa lemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo.

<sup>7</sup> Ungazinaki izinganekwane ezikhohlakeleyo kanye lezindaba eziyize, kodwa wena zifundise ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. <sup>8</sup> Ngoba imfundiso yokuqinisa umzimba ilosizo oluthile, kodwa ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kulosizo ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso ekuphileni kwakhathesi lasekuphileni okuzayo.

<sup>9</sup> Lesi yisitsho esiqotho okumele samukelwe ngokupheleleyo <sup>10</sup> (njalo lokhu siyakusebenzela sikutshikatshikele), ukuba ithemba lethu silibeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu owalabo abakholwayo.

<sup>11</sup> Laya njalo ufundise ngalezizinto. <sup>12</sup> Ungavumeli muntu ukuba akweyise ngenxa yokuthi usakhula, kodwa abakholwayo benzele isibonelo ngokukhuluma, langokuphila, langothando langokukholwa kanye langokuhlambuluka. <sup>13</sup> Zinikele ekufundeleni uzulu imibhalo, ekutshumayeleni kanye lasekufundiseni, ngize ngifike. <sup>14</sup> Ungasideli isipho sakho, owasiphiwa ngelizwi lesiphrofetho lapho ibandla labadala labeka izandla zalo phezu kwakho.

<sup>15</sup> Khuthalela izinto lezi; zinikele ngokupheleleyo kuzo, ukuze umuntu wonke abone ukuqhubeka kwakho.

<sup>16</sup> Qaphela kakhulu ukuphila kwakho kanye lemfundiso. Bambelela kuzo, ngoba uma usenza njalo, uzazisindisa wena ngokwakho kanye labakuzwayo.

*Izeluleko ngabafelokazi, labadala kanye lezigqili*

**5** Ungamkhuzi ngolaka umuntu omdala, kodwa mncenge ngokungathi nguyihlo. Amajaha apathe njengabafowenu, <sup>2</sup> abesifazana abadala njengonyoko, abesifazana abatsha

njengodadewenu, ngokuhlambuluka okupheleleyo.

<sup>3</sup> Woba lonanzelelo olufaneleyo kubafelokazi abaswelayo kakhulu.

<sup>4</sup> Kodwa uma umfelokazi elabantwana kumbe abazukulu, labo kumele bafunde kuqala kulakho konke ukusebenzisa ukholo lwabo ngokukhathalela abendlu yakwabo ngalokho besenanisa kubazali babo lakubazali babazali babo, ngoba lokhu kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu.

<sup>5</sup> Umfelokazi oswelayo kakhulu njalo esele eyedwa ubeka ithemba lakhe kuNkulunkulu njalo aqhubeke ebusuku lemini ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu. <sup>6</sup> Kodwa umfelokazi ophilela intokozo ufile lanxa esaphila. <sup>7</sup> Banike labo abantu izeluleko lezi, ukuze angabi khona ongasoleka. <sup>8</sup> Uma umuntu enganakekeli izihlobo zakhe, ikakhulu abendlu yakwabo, uselulahlile ukholo lwakhe njalo mubi kakhulu kulongakholwayo.

<sup>9</sup> Akulamfelokazi ozabekwa eluhlwini lwabafelokazi ngaphandle kokuba eseleminyaka edlula amatshumi ayisithupha, obengokade ethembekile kumkakhe, <sup>10</sup> njalo edumile ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle, ezinjengokondla abantwana, lokuphatha kuhle izihambi, lokugezisa izinyawo zabangcwele, lokusiza abahluphekayo kanye lokuzinikela kuzo zonke izenzo ezinhle.

<sup>11</sup> Abafelokazi abasebatsha ungababeki eluhlwini olunjalo. Ngoba lapho izinkanuko zabo zomzimba sezikhulela ukuzinikela kwabo kuKhristu, bafuna ukwenda. <sup>12</sup> Ngalokho bazilethela ukwahlulelwa phezu kwabo, ngoba bephule isithembiso sabo sokuqala.

<sup>13</sup> Langaphandle kwalokho, basuka babe lomkhuba wokuvilapha batshone benquma lezindlu. Njalo kababi ngamavila nje kuphela, kodwa bangabanyeyi labathandi bezindaba zabanye, besitsho izinto

okungafanelanga bazitsho. <sup>14</sup> Ngakho, abafelokazi abasebatsha ngibacebisa ukuba bende, babe labantwana, baphathe izindlu zabo njalo banganiki isitha ithuba lokuba kube lokuhleba. <sup>15</sup> Abanye bavele sebedukile balandela uSathane.

<sup>16</sup> Uma umuntu okholwayo elabafelokazi emzini wakhe, kumele abasize hatshi ukuyekela besinda ibandla, ukuze ibandla lisize abafelokazi abaswela kakhulu.

<sup>17</sup> Abadala abaqhuba kuhle imisebenzi yebandla bafanele ukhlonitshwa okuphindiweyo, ikakhulu labo abasebenza ukutshumayela lokufundisa.

<sup>18</sup> Ngoba umbhalo uthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke lapho ibhula amabele,” njalo uthi, “Isisebenzi sifanele umholo waso.” <sup>19</sup> Ungalamukeli icala eletheswa umuntu omdala ngaphandle kokuba limangalwa ngofakazi ababili loba abathathu. <sup>20</sup> Abenza izono kumele bakhuzwe phambi kwabantu, ukuze labanye baxwayiseke.

<sup>21</sup> Ngiyakulaya, phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu lezingilosi ezikhethiweyo, ukuba ugcine iziqondiso lezi kungekho bandlululo, lokungenzi lutho ngokukhetha.

<sup>22</sup> Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla emuntwini, njalo ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye. Zigcine uhlambulukile.

<sup>23</sup> Yekela ukunatha amanzi kuphela, usebenzise lewayini elincane ngenxa yesisu sakho lokuhlala ugula.

<sup>24</sup> Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zifika endaweni yokwahlulela kuqala kulabo; kodwa abanye ezabo izono zilandela ngemuva kwabo.

<sup>25</sup> Ngokufanayo izenzo ezinhle zisobala, njalo lalezo ezingenjalo azingeke zifihlwe.

**6** Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe lobugqili kumele bakhangele amakhosi

abo ngokuthi afanele ukuhlonitshwa, ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu kanye lokufundisa kwethu kungachothozwa.<sup>2</sup> Labo abalamakhosi akholwayo kabangawadeleli ngoba angabazalwane. Kodwa kabawasebenzele ngcono kakhulu, ngoba labo abasizakala ngokubasebenzela kwabo ngabakholwayo, labathandekayo kubo. Lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise njalo ugcizelele kuzo.

### *Ukuthanda imali*

<sup>3</sup> Uma umuntu efundisa imfundiso yamanga njalo engawuvumi umlayo oqotho weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu lemfundiso yokwesaba uNkulunkulu,<sup>4</sup> uyazikhukhumeza njalo akulalutho aluzwisisayo. Ulezifiso ezimbi enkanini lasekuphikisaneni ngamazwi, okudala umona, lombango, lezinkulumo ezilimazayo, ukucabangelana okubi<sup>5</sup> kanye lokuxabana kokuphela kwabantu abalengqondo ezixhwalileyo, asebelahlekelwa liqiniso abacabanga ukuthi ukulalela uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yokuzuzisa imali.

<sup>6</sup>Kodwa-ke ukulalela uNkulunkulu ngokusuthiseka kuyinzuzo enkulu.<sup>7</sup> Ngoba akulalutho esalulethayo emhlabeni, njalo akulalutho esingasuka lalo kuwo.<sup>8</sup> Kodwa uma silokudla lezigqoko kumele sisuthiseke ngalokho.<sup>9</sup> Abantu abafuna ukunotha bawela ezilingweni lasemijibileni lasezinkanukweni ezinengi zobuthutha ezilimazayo eziwisela abantu ekufeni lasekubhujisweni.<sup>10</sup> Ngoba ukuthanda imali kuyimpande yezinhlobo zonke zobubi. Abanye abantu, ngokutshisekela imali, baphambuka ekukholweni bazibangele izinsizi ezinengi.

### *UPhawuli ulaya uThimothi*

<sup>11</sup> Kodwa wena, muntu kaNkulunkulu, kubalekele konke lokhu, ufune

ukulunga, lokulalela uNkulunkulu, lokukholwa, lothando, lokubekezela kanye lobumnene.<sup>12</sup> Lwana ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa. Bambelela ekuphileni okulaphakade owabizelwa kukho ekuvumeni kwakho okuhle owakwenza kulabofakazi abanengi.<sup>13</sup> Phambi kukaNkulunkulu, onika izinto zonke ukuphila, laphambi kukaKhristu uJesu, owathi efakaza phambi kukaPhontiyu Philathu, wenza ukuvuma okuhle, ngiyakulaya<sup>14</sup> ukuba ugcine umlayo lo kungekho sici loba ukusoleka kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu,<sup>15</sup> okuzalethwa nguNkulunkulu ngesikhathi sakhe – uNkulunkulu obusisekileyo njalo onguyena Mbusi kuphela, iNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi,<sup>16</sup> onguye kuphela ongafiyo lohlala ekukhanyeni okungafinyelelekiyo, okungekho owake wambona loba ongambona. Udumo lamandla akube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> Balaye labo abanothileyo kulo umhlaba wakhathesi ukuba bangazikhukhumezi loba babeke ithemba labo enothweni engathembekanga, kodwa ukuba babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu, osinika kakhulu konke okwentokozo yethu.

<sup>18</sup> Balaye ukuba benze okuhle, bande ngezenzo ezinhle, baphane njalo bathande ukwaba okungokwabo.

<sup>19</sup> Ngalokhu bazazibekela inotho njengesisekelo esiqinileyo sesizukulwana esizayo ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikuphila okuqotho.

<sup>20</sup> Thimothi, londoloza lokho okuphathisiweyo. Xwaya izinkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu lokumelana lalokho okuqanjwa amanga kuthiwa yikwazi,<sup>21</sup> abanye asebekuvumile njalo okuthe ngokwenza njalo baphambuka ekukholweni. Umusa kawube kuwe.