First, the freedom of will
Second, the evolutionary nature of the world
Third, the law-abidingness of the universe
Fourth, the intermeshed relationships of human life

In this handwritten outline King criticizes the hypocrisy of international missionary efforts in light of domestic racial injustice. "The paradox of it all is that the white man considers himself the supreme missionary. He sends [millions] of dollars to the foreign field. And in the midst of that he tramples over the Negro."

"Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel"

[22 January 1956]
(Montgomery, Ala)

1 Cf Matthew 28:19. Dexter's 22 January 1956 program indicates that King preached this sermon.
2 In a similar sermon filed in the same folder, King followed this point with a reminder: "Use the ill of something being too good to hold (A secret or a piece of cake being so good that it must be shared) The Gospel is good news" (King, "The Mission of the Church," 1953–1956). King also considered this illustration in "Propagandizing Christianity," Sermon at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, 12 September 1954, pp 184–187 in this volume.
VI Now two impressions got out about the missionary which have come down to us
   1. The use of the phrase "into all the world" has often left many with the impression that missionary work is only foreign.
      a. State the untruth of this
   2. It has often been looked upon as the occasional work of a few Christians or a particular society
      a. State the untruth of this

VII All that I am saying leads to this—along with our work on the foreign field we must begin to do missionary work right here. Each of us must do this. And we must begin with the white man.

VIII He is pagan in his conceptions. What is more pagan than... Milan & Bryant are church members.

IX The paradox of it all is that the white man considers himself the supreme missionary. He sends millions of dollars to the foreign field. And in the midst of that tramples over the Negro.
   a. Tell story of Church in Florida. They went into the temple singing.
   b. No wonder Mahatma Gandhi said to someone that the greatest enemy that Christ has in India is Xn.
   c. Shakespeare's "Who steals my purse steals trash".
   d. It seems that we can hear the almighty God saying 'your hands are full of blood.'

X Now how are we to do this
   (1) A good missionary understands the situation of those he seeks to help as goes back to the root of the problem
   (2) Love him
   (3) Sit down and preach to him

XI Conclusion—Be maladjusted.

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3. On 29 September 1955, J W Milam and Roy Bryant were found not guilty of the murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till.

4. King may refer to a story that a law school principal told Howard Thurman during his 1935 visit to Ceylon. "One of my students who went to your country sent me a clipping about a Christian church in which the regular Sunday worship was interrupted so that many could join a mob against one of your fellows. When he had been caught and done to death, they came back to resume their worship of their Christian God." (Thurman, Jesus and the Disinherited, pp. 14-15)

5. King may refer to a story told by E. Stanley Jones in The Christ of the Indian Road. When Jones asked Gandhi how Christianity could become more a part of Indian culture, Gandhi suggested that Christians "live more like Jesus Christ," that they refrain from toning down their religion, that they "put [their] emphasis on love," and finally, that they "study the non-Christian religions and culture more sympathetically" (Jones, The Christ of the Indian Road, pp. 118-120). In "The Mission of the Church" (1953-1956), King noted, "Use the exp of a chicken being clipped by his own wings."


7. Cf Isaiah 1:15.

8. King would elaborate on this notion of being maladjusted to unjust laws and social conditions throughout his life, for an example, see King, The Christian Way of Life in Human Relations, Address Delivered at the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, 4 December 1957, pp 322-328 in this volume.