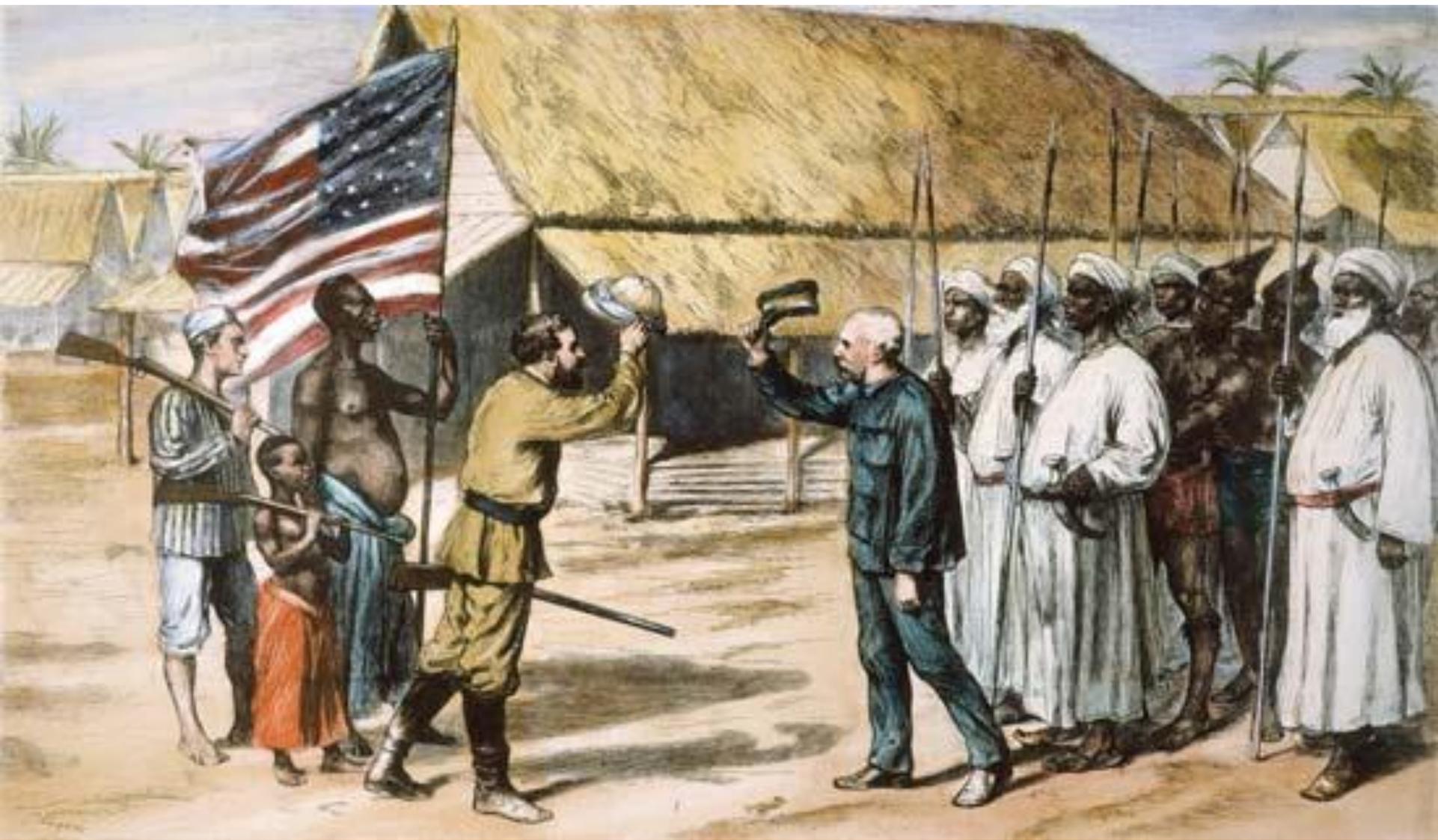


Few things are needed...



Dr Livingstone, I presume?

Every morning when I get up and look at the horizon, I see the smoke from a thousand villages where the name of Christ has never been heard.

... few things are needed – or only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

Luke 10: 42

... because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:16

**Forgetting what is behind and
straining toward what is ahead, I
press on toward the goal to win the
prize for which God has called me
heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3: 13b-14

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When Saul was anointed king, he was:

**“...accompanied by valiant men
whose hearts God had touched.”**

1 Samuel 10:26

Good teamwork:

Paul says, **“I planted the seed,
Apollos watered it, but God made it
grow.”**

1 Corinthians 3:6

Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

Conclusions

1. A common denominator between at least some of the people whom God uses, is the ability to cut through the unimportant details to a “few important things”, and to pursue these few things single-mindedly.
2. It will always be difficult to say “no”, but we stand a better chance of doing so if we have clarified, in prayer, what our key tasks are and can hold new tasks against these.
3. This applies not just to Christian work, but to employment and voluntary work as well.

4. Not everyone is called to be a *leader*.
Some of us are called to be ‘valiant men and women’ in supporting roles
5. While we’re engaged in the key tasks we also need to help willingly with the chores.
6. We need to get wisdom by regularly being quiet to build connections and also to listen to what “few things are needed”.