

“How to Evangelize”

- I. Motivation: If we aren't motivated, nothing else will matter. Love will find a way.
 - A. Command/duty: Matt. 5:13-16; Col. 4:2-6.
 - B. Love for God: Mark 12:30-31.
 - C. Love for neighbor: remember, there is no hope apart from Gospel.
 - D. Assurance: when we obey, strengthens assurance.

II. Matter:

- A. Truth: “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).
 - 1. Who God is. (Who is Jesus Christ?)
 - a. He is the Creator/Sovereign.
 - b. He is Triune.
 - c. He is gracious/loving.
 - d. He is holy and just.
 - 2. Man's condition. (Why do I need to be saved?)
 - a. What man was like when he was created.
 - b. How the Fall affected man.
 - (i) What sin is.
 - (ii) The wages of sin.
 - c. Whether a man can save himself.
 - 3. What God did to save man: sent His Son into the world. (Who is Jesus? What did He do to save man?)
 - a. Both God and man.
 - b. Born of a virgin.
 - c. Lived a perfect life.
 - d. Died to provide a payment for sins.
 - e. Rose from the dead the third day.
 - f. Ascended into heaven.
 - g. Sits at the right hand of God.
 - h. Is coming again in judgment.
 - 4. How can a person be saved: repent and believe. (What does it mean to believe?)
 - a. What it means to repent.
 - (i) The different kinds of repentance.
 - (ii) The three elements of a genuine repentance?
 - b. What it means to believe.
 - (i) The different kinds of faith.
 - (ii) The three elements of a true and saving faith.

- B. Testimony: What the Lord has done in my life.
 - 1. What I was before Christ.
 - 2. What I am after Christ.

III. Method:

- A. Natural Revelation.
 - 1. Enough to leave without excuse (Rom. 1:18-20).
 - 2. But not enough to save them (Rom. 10:14-15).
- B. Need to communicate Gospel.
 - 1. How? Tell them the Gospel. Then,
 - a. Ask questions; find out what they know/what they need to know.
 - b. Tell them what they need to know.
 - c. Don't use bait and switch; be forthright.
 - 2. How do we gain opportunities?
 - a. Pray.
 - b. Watch.
 - c. Be brave and bold.
 - 3. Hindrances.
 - a. Heaven and hell *don't seem real*: more of the Spirit.
 - b. *Fear* that people will reject the Gospel and us.
 - (i) Don't be surprised: their hearts are evil.
 - (ii) Trust that the Lord will call His elect in His time.
 - (iii) Pray for the Spirit's help/courage (Acts 4:31).
 - c. *Fear* that we won't be able to share it clearly.
 - (i) Study and practice.
 - (ii) Share what you know: the Lord will use your efforts.
 - (iii) Share from the heart.
 - d. *Lack* of desire/love.
 - (i) Pray for more love for God/Christ.
 - (ii) Pray for more love for your neighbor.
 - (iii) Draw nearer to the Lord.
 - e. Too busy: try to reach those in your sphere of influence.
 - f. Don't have the strength: usually lack of desire: pray.
 - g. Can't on company time: use breaks.