

Fundamentals Of The Church

Evangelism 101

(Mt 28:19-20)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Greeting....
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church."
 - a. We have looked at lessons on...
 - i. Jesus' mission
 - ii. Worship
 - iii. The family
 - iv. Church organization
3. Today we are going to examine "Evangelism 101."
 - a. A look at what it will take personally within to be a biblical evangelist.
 - b. Let it be said here there is a right way and a wrong way, let us see what is the right way.

I. The Reason To Evangelize

- A. This might seem like a silly point
 1. After all we all know why to teach someone the truth right?
 - i. Wrong, if we really knew it we would do it more.
- B. Paul shows the reason to evangelize
 1. **Ro 9:3** "For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh"¹
 2. **Ro 9:3** "I am so concerned about my people, who are members of my own race. I am ready to be cursed, if that would help them. I am even willing to be separated from Christ." (NIRV)
 - i. The reason we evangelize...because we love people, and thus do not want to see anyone in hell.
- C. Here is the question we must ask ourselves...do we love people this much?
 1. One thing we notice about love is it is not an emotion but an emotion with actions.
 - i. Thus we need to examine our fruit. In other words do you see fruit from that which you have reaped.
 2. Now it is one thing to have influenced and taught your family. That is great and what God expects.
 - i. However have you influenced and taught someone that isn't family?
 - ii. There is not going to be a single person in heaven who has not in some way brought people to Christ.
 - iii. Why, because if we haven't we first haven't obeyed God (**Mt 28:19-20**). but second we haven't loved God's creation.

¹ All scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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II. The Equipment Needed To Evangelize

A. We need God's Word

1. **He 4:12** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
2. We don't need manmade books like creeds or anything else, what we need is the unadulterated Word of God.
 - i. It is the Word of God (Bible) that does the work on the soul not us.
3. Keep J. I. Packer's statement in mind, " Our business is to present the Christian faith clothed in modern terms, not to propagate modern thought clothed in Christian terms. Confusion here is fatal." (<http://tinyurl.com/3wzb326>)

B. We need our mind

1. **Ja 1:5** "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."
2. **Ps 1:2** "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night."
3. We need to be sharp to recognize those opportunities that are out there. We also need to use our mind to make opportunities.
 - i. We need our mind to not only recognize them but to act on them. The more we seek and make opportunities the more easier it will be.

C. We need our mouth

1. **II Ti 2:2** "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."
2. **Ro 10:14** "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"
3. No one was ever taught the gospel without someone teaching them the gospel.
 - i. We need to open our mouth or whatever communication we can to communicate with people the love we have for them.

D. We need our feet

1. **Mk 16:15** "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
2. Now feet here simply means get out and work for the Lord.
 - i. **Ep 2:10** "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
 - ii. **Ja 2:18, 26** "But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works...26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

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III. The Way To Evangelize

- A. Here we are not looking at the process of study but the process of organization
 1. What I mean is this what is the way in which we can organize our life to be better evangelists?
- B. First set simple goals
 1. To go from hardly ever talking with someone about the gospel to telling everyone about it is difficult if not cultivated early on, while babes in Christ.
 2. Set up some simple goals to begin with like looking at two people that are not Christians that you **know well** and make it a goal to study the Bible with them or to get a Bible study for them.
 - i. What I mean by have or get a Bible study is this; certainly we need to be able to teach the gospel to anyone so we can study with someone anytime, but there is nothing wrong with pointing a person to someone else (elder or preacher for example) to have them study with this one.
 3. **Jn 1:43-45** "The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.""
- C. Second set more difficult goals
 1. After setting the previously mentioned goal expand it. Expand it to people you do not know as well.
 - i. This could be coworkers, people you volunteer with, or even people that work where you frequent such as gas stations, grocery stores...
 2. **Mt 9:9-10** "As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples."
- D. Third set difficult goals
 1. This is the most challenging yet it is well worth it and very surprising.
 - i. This is random people you meet that you do not know.
 - a. Example: Dezmond at the gas pump.
 2. **Jn 4:6-9** "Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."
 - i. Jesus not only didn't know this woman, she was considered by Jews an enemy of them.
- E. The point as you can see is set goals and be organized about evangelism. If we go into it haphazard we will get haphazard results

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CONCLUSION

1. Rebecca M. Pippert once said, "Being an extrovert isn't essential to EVANGELISM—obedience and love are."
 - a. How true, how true.
2. Ask yourself this question today, "am I organized in my evangelistic effort?"
 - a. If not why not, and if not why not start right now.
3. Next week we will look at examples of evangelistic efforts and see how to teach the gospel.
4. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**