



SHARE YOUR FAITH

Pt. 1 - Notes

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES:

- Gain a better understanding of the Bible
- Gain a closer walk with Jesus
- Learn how to share your faith
- Memorize scripture

7 REASONS WHY EVANGELISM MATTERS:

1 – *Evangelism is Heaven's Means of reaching lost people*

- A. Most religious leaders write everything themselves – Jesus wrote nothing about Himself
- B. Many religious leaders kill their enemies – Jesus prayed for His enemies.
- C. Most other religions require a sacrifice to appease God – Christianity reveals the character of a God who was willing to become a sacrifice to save those that He loved
- D. Most religious leaders have no eye witnesses that verify the supernatural experience they had – Jesus had thousands
- E. Most religious sects demand that people respect and honor God in return for His reward and power in their lives and, their level of commitment to that demand determines their salvation. – Christianity offers choice...

2 – *Evangelism is Heaven's means of building up the body of Christ, the church*

3 – *Evangelism is Heaven's way of personal spiritual growth*

If we would be saved at last, we must be drawn out of ourselves and the only way to do this is to become intensely interested...

Your profession in life may be anything, but your calling in life is to be a soul winner for Christ!

4 – *Evangelism is Heaven's means of unifying the church*

5 – *Evangelism is Heaven's way of bringing joy to God's heart*

Lost sheep, coin, son parables
-Luke 15:7, 10, 32 Joy in heaven

6 – *Evangelism is Heaven's ordained means of finishing God's work on Earth*

7 – *Evangelism matters because there is a generation of sleeping saints that has gone on before us whose blood cries out from the grave.*

Evangelism pg. 456

"Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly father. We are to take our bibles and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls – Channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing."

Types of witnessing

Forceful/Confrontational VS Loving and Kind

Acts 16:17 – Nothing wrong with what she said but who she was saying it to.

-The devil doesn't care if we say the right thing, as long as we say it the wrong way.

-The manner in which the truth is presented often has much to do in determining whether it will be accepted or rejected. **[Testimonies, Vol. 4. P. 404]**

-It is OK to be hated by the world because of your goodness. It is not OK to be hated by the world by purposefully making unnecessary conflict with others in wrongly sharing your faith.

Calming your nerves

-Do you get nervous when sharing your faith? Who is it that wants you to be nervous?

Common reasons for being nervous when sharing your faith:

-Rejection, lack of knowledge, might say the wrong thing etc...

A. Knowledge:

-While having a foundation of Bible knowledge and knowing the Greek and Hebrew can be helpful, not knowing when to use it can be a hindrance. Remember KISS (keep it simple stupid).

-Start with the knowledge you have, the more we use our knowledge and exercise our power the more knowledge and power we will gain, like the demoniac that wanted to go with Jesus.

Conditions of gaining more knowledge and successfully witnessing:

- Begin with little knowledge
- Tell what you know
- Seek to impart light
- Try to explain the Word

Promises:

- Whole heavenly treasure will be open unto you
- You will receive more light
- the Word becomes plainer
- You will gain more knowledge and power

-Do you want to know the word of God better? Do you want to gain a closer walk with Christ? Then start with the knowledge you have.

-There are those who for a lifetime have professed to be acquainted with Christ, yet who have never made a personal effort to bring even one soul to the Saviour. They leave all the work or the minister. He may be well qualified for his calling, but cannot do that which God has left for the members of the church. **[DA p. 141]**

It all starts with having a heart for people. We will get to specific strategies but it all starts with love for others.

-Pray for divine appointments

- Calm those nerves get out and look for those divine appointments
- Zacchaeus divine appointment – God knew where He was and changed his life

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- Fighting instead of witnessing (Street corner battle with JW)
- If he wasn't so hardheaded I wouldn't have acted like that
- We need to have a winning witness
- Take aim not with a gun but with the Bible
 - We aim for the wrong part of the body.
 - Key to success aim for the heart not the head.
- The truth is so logical and so compelling we feel we just have to go out and tell everybody
- But when the truth is received as truth by the heart, it has passed through the conscience, and has captivated the soul with its pure principles. It is placed in the heart by the Holy Spirit, who reveals its beauty to the mind, that its transforming power may be seen in the character. [Evangelism, p. 291]**
- During the reformation the truth was proclaimed in such a bold way that it gave the Romanists a pretext for what they desired, the utter destruction of the protestors.
- Preach like a lion and visit like a lamb. Remove the idea of a public evangelist from your mind
- Success depends on finding your way to the heart
- If all it took was knowledge Jesus would not have needed to come.
- Jesus was a Socializer; He went where He was invited
 - Audience** – Go to our neighbors one by one
 - Target** – Find our way to the heart
 - Method** –Come close to the people
 - Means** – Sympathize...pray with them, watch for opportunities to do them good...and open the Word of God.
 - Don't Neglect** – The power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God.

If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be *ONE HUNDRED CONVERSIONS* to the truth where now there is *ONLY ONE*. [Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 189]

Remedy for Laodicea (The judged people – last day church)

- Revelation 3:17
 - If God doesn't do something special in our lives this will be our outcome. Don't let the fire go out.
- The best medicine you can give a church is to get to work for the Lord
- Do you want to know your Bible better?
- As your witnessing and sharing the Word of God, you open yourself up to the Holy Spirit. You have to study your Bible more, you have to pray more, and it gets the dust out of your soul.
- God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Truth that is not LIVED, that is not IMPARTED TO OTHERS, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. [Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 47]**
- The lost need us to witness to them. Many have been lost who might have been saved had their neighbors, common men and women, put forth personal effort for them.
- How many people in your life can convince you to make drastic change? God has put us in a circle of influence that only we will be able to reach. 1 Corinthians 3:6 = We must each do our part.

**-Let the ministers teach church members IN ORDER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY they must carry the burden that the Lord has laid upon them - - the burden of leading souls into the truth.
[Gospel workers, p. 200]**

-We must get our eyes off ourselves and other church members and focus on Jesus and the lost.

Assignment – Read Ezekiel 33