

Effective Evangelism:

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There are 9 keys for effective evangelism. This is not an exclusive list but just what I felt was some of the most important things to keep in mind while you are sharing your faith.

- 1- Understand that sharing your faith is part of the calling of all believers.
- 2- You don't have to be good at communicating or talented in order to share Jesus with others.
- 3- Ask effective questions.
- 4- Preach the Gospel- Romans 1:16- The gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe! The Word of God is powerful and effective!
- 5- Communicate our sin nature and need for true repentance.
- 6- Keep praying!
- 7- Hear God's voice and step out in faith to give prophetic words.
- 8- Be ready in season and out of season.
- 9- Be courageous! Boldness comes from being with Jesus.

1-Understand that this is your calling. God is sovereign. He has set you on this earth (in the God-ordained place at the God-ordained time) - Acts 17:26-27. He has put you here for a purpose. What is your purpose? Like Esther? To bring a mighty deliverance and salvation to a whole nation? Like John the Baptist? To prepare the way of the Lord through prayer, fasting and proclaiming. Like Anna? To be an anointed evangelistic intercessor. Like Peter? To see multitudes saved and healed by the power of Jesus. Like Jesus? "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Isa 61- *To preach good tidings to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives; to comfort those who mourn.*

- a. 2 Cor 5:20- *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*
 - o We are Christ's ambassadors, sent from God to represent the Kingdom of heaven and to bring the gospel to those who are perishing that they may turn to Jesus and accept Him into their lives.
- b. Esther 4:14- *...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*
 - o You are here on the earth for divine purpose. Live in such a way as to have no regrets. If you feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel, listen to those promptings. Know that Jesus loves your heart and your desire for people to come to know Him in a personal way.

2- You don't have to be good at communicating or talented in order to share Jesus with others. You don't need special schooling to evangelize. You don't need to pray and fast for 21 days straight in order to work up the anointing. If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit dwells in you, and He will be your helper. He will anoint your words and convict hearts. 1 Corinthians 2:3-4- Apostle Paul (one of the greatest evangelists to ever live) says this of himself: "I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Trust not in the Holy Spirit's power in your life to preach the gospel!

3-Ask effective question.

- a. Be lead by the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord for Him to give you the questions that would open hearts to receive the gospel.
- b. Some questions I have found to be effective to introduce the gospel:
 1. Would you be interested in knowing more about how to have a personal relationship with Jesus?

2. What is your source of comfort or strength in this illness? Let them share, and then you share about what your source of comfort and strength is- JESUS!
3. How has this present illness or life circumstance affected the way you see yourself? Others? God?
4. If you were to die tonight, where do you think you would go? Heaven or hell?
5. Simply asking someone to pray for them is a great way to start off a conversation about the Lord and to gauge if they are truly interested in the things of the Spirit.

4- Preach the Gospel- Romans 1:16- The gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe! The Word of God is powerful and effective!

- a. Romans 1:16- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel for Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*
- b. Hebrews 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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
 - There is power when you speak out the God-breathed, God-inspired Word.
- c. Romans 10:9-10 NIV- *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*
 - Salvation isn't some mystical formula – it is confession (that Jesus is Lord- which includes making Him the LORD of your life) and true belief about God's power (that if He can raise Jesus mortal body from the dead, He also has power to raise our spirits from the dead and give us everlasting life).
 - You cannot go to heaven and be saved by being a good person, going to church, being a member of the church or even just knowing what Jesus did for us. It is about receiving Jesus Christ as Your personal Savior and Lord and receiving forgiveness of sin. Ephesians 2:8-9- *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

5-Communicating our sin nature and need for true repentance

- a. Repentance is a change in mind. It is to change your mind to cease from sin and to become obedient to God. Jesus commanded repentance and remission of sins in Jesus name should be preached to all nations in Luke 24:47. Romans 6:23- *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 3:23- *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*
 - a. Sin separates us from having a relationship with God, but God made a way to be forgiven, and friendship can be restored through Jesus!
- b. 2 Cor 7:10- *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*

6- Keep praying!

- a. Matthew 7:7-8- *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*
 - The words ask, knock and seek are words that imply to keep doing it and is not meant to be just a one time event. When we ask and the answer doesn't come immediately (which sometimes it does), we need to keep asking! Keep asking, seeking and knocking for salvations! Salvations are not just your heart's desire; you share that same burden as the Lord, and the Lord yearns for those souls to come to know Him far greater than you do!

7-Hearing God's voice and stepping out in faith to give prophetic words

- a. God wants to use you to prophecy. Who knows if the word that you share will open someone's heart to receive Christ or supernaturally encourage them or cause them to know that God really does exist since He can speak to people about my life.
- b. 1 Corinthians 14:1- *Purse love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*
 - The Lord can soften hearts through prophetic words and truly cause people to believe that God is real and cares enough to speak to them.

8- Be ready in season and out of season (aka: at all times).

- a. 2 Timothy 4:2- *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*
 - Practically speaking, know your testimony by heart: a short version of it and a long version of it. Know the Word and what you would share to an unbeliever who would be interested in starting a relationship with Jesus. Be ready to share when you feel like it and are "in season" and when you don't even feel prepared or ready "out of season".

9-Boldness comes from being with Jesus

- a. Acts 4:13- *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled, and they realized that they had been with Jesus.*
 - The boldness Peter and John had made people marvel, because they realized they are the way they are because of their relationship with Jesus.
 - Boldness cannot be taught. It comes by simply being with Jesus. It doesn't come by attending the best Bible College in the state or by memorizing the whole Bible front to back. It doesn't come by finally being ordained as a minister. Boldness comes from being with the One who has fire in His eyes (Rev 2:18). It comes from staring at the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who will boldly declare His identity before the whole world at His return.
- b. Mark 3:14-15- *Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.*
 - Jesus appoints the twelve apostles to first and foremost be with Him. I love it – Jesus always emphasizes relationship above miracles. God is an intimate God. And out of that place of intimacy and being with Jesus, they received boldness to preach and the also received power to heal the sick and cast out demons. Being with Jesus releases the supernatural. Seek a relationship with Jesus first and foremost, and He WILL use you! 😊

