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Introduction

1. **Evangelism**- is the act of a person sharing the **gospel** with another.
 - *Evangelism* brings to mind a person speaking to large crowds about Jesus and giving an invitation for salvation.
 - Some evangelists do speak to large, public crowds, but the truth is there are many approaches to evangelism and many different strategies.
2. **Servant evangelism** is sharing God's love by simply serving others in practical ways without asking for or expecting anything in return.
 - While servant evangelism is a biblical practice, it is incomplete as a form of evangelism until the message of Jesus is spoken.

(Romans 10:17) tells us, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

- To complete the process of evangelism—to bring someone to accepting Christ as Savior—we need to speak “the word about Christ.”
- Servant evangelism can be effective in opening that person’s heart to receive the message once he or she hears it.
- ❖ The word about Christ: The message about the crucified and resurrected Christ.
- ❖ Gospel means “good news,” which is the message of forgiveness for sin through the atoning work of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ It is God’s rescue plan of redemption for those who will trust in His divine Son in order to be reconciled to a just and holy God.

3. What is Lifestyle Evangelism? Lifestyle Evangelism is introducing people to Jesus Christ in a way that displays God’s love for the lost.

- Lifestyle Evangelism is a STRATEGY that focuses on living a holy life among unbelievers, with the GOAL of winning them to Jesus.
- Strategy-A plan of ACTION designed to achieve a goal or aim.
- We should share our faith through our LIFESTYLE in ADDITION to our verbal TESTIMONY.
- Lifestyle Evangelism focuses on building relationships with one person at a time.
(Through friendship, opportunities arise to share the Gospel.)
- Some may say that Lifestyle Evangelism is insufficient, or it ignores the Bible command to share the gospel VERBALLY.

The Bible says doing good works alone is not enough, we must speak the truth.
(Lifestyle Evangelism CAN and SHOULD do both)

4. How do I know that?

- There are many EXAMPLES in the **BIBLE** of those who both LIVED OUT THEIR FAITH and VERBALLY SHARED THEIR FAITH.

(**ACTS 2:41**) Apostle Peter boldly shared his faith in Christ on the day of Pentecost in the streets of Jerusalem and 3000 people were converted to Christ and baptized.

(ACTS 6:1-7) He and the other Apostles were taking action to meet the needs of widows.

5. What do you want to be KNOWN for?

(ACTS 5:13) Members of the EARLY CHURCH were known for their good works, being highly regarded by the people.

6. What are people saying about you?

- Do you think your lifestyle have impact on your EVANGELISM? Yes

(1 Tim 4:16) Paul told Timothy to KEEP A CLOSE WATCH on yourself and teaching. (WHY) Because TIMOTHY LIFESTYLE was important in the effort to EVANGELIZE OTHERS.

(EPH 4:1-3) Paul used the same principle. I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

- (Though we're called to **BOLDLY** proclaim Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:16) We also have a clear call to live a life **REFLECTIVE** of Jesus Christ.

7. LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

- LIFESTYLE Evangelism can be a wonderful way to show faith in action in a world that needs to see what true Christianity looks like.
- The Gospel message must REFLECT the lifestyle of the one proclaiming it.
- Evangelist must be willing to open their lives to others. (WHY) We must offer them the PEACE and HEALING we have experienced.
- Like Jesus, we must CARE FOR THE LOST and be free to enter their brokenness with COMPASSION as he does.
- Jesus received with JOY the DOWN and OUTERS of society.
- Those rejected by mainstream. We must be concerned and have COMPASSION for the hurting, and all alienated in today's society.

- The Gospel must be **PRESENTED** as **GOOD NEWS**. Like Jesus, we must **BECOME** the “**VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE INVISIBLE GOD**”.
- People don’t care how much we know until they know how much we care.

8. Who should evangelize?

- Evangelism should be the lifestyle of every true Christian.
- We’ve been given a great gift, and our Master left us with clear instructions: “Go into all the world and make disciples of every nation” (**Matthew 28:19**).
- Before we can “*make disciples*,” we must evangelize.
- There are other reasons, besides Jesus’ command, that should also motivate us to share the greatest news in the world with people who haven’t heard it:

9. What love got to do with it?

Evangelism is an act of love. Love must be the defining characteristic of every follower of Jesus Christ (**John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13:1–7**).

- It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, so anyone who walks in the Spirit will demonstrate love in dealing with people (**Galatians 5:16, 22–23**).
- We possess the best news in the world, and love propels us to share it with those who haven’t heard.
- Love wants everyone to have a chance to respond to God’s offer of salvation.
- Withholding news that could save someone’s life is the utmost cruelty; therefore, those who truly love God will love the people whom Jesus came to save (**John 3:16–18; 1 John 4:20**).

10. How does evangelism impact your faith?

Evangelism builds our own faith. Nothing helps us learn a subject like teaching it to someone else.

- When we make a practice of sharing our faith with those in our lives, we strengthen our own beliefs.

- Regular evangelism forces us to wrestle through the hard questions, find answers for ourselves, and prepare to respond to the questions of others.
- We should “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”.

(1 Peter 3:15) But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

- We prepare by studying God’s Word for ourselves, listening to sound Bible teachers, and staying in close fellowship with Jesus.
- Those practices keep our own lives pure so that we are not hypocrites who preach one thing but do another.

(Galatians 6:1) Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

11. What benefits we get from evangelism?

Evangelism provides eternal benefits. Jesus encouraged His followers to store up treasure in heaven.

(Matthew 6:19) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

- That treasure consists of rewards for what we did on earth in His name and for His glory.
- It is not self-centered to make choices that will ensure eternal treasure for ourselves.
- Jesus told us to! Our service to Him can be as simple as offering a cup of cold water to one of His own.

(Matthew 10:42) And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

The parable of the unjust steward underscores the importance of doing whatever we can to bring people to faith in Christ **(Luke 16:1–13)**.

12. How does evangelism impact your relationship with God?

Evangelism pleases the Lord. The Christian life must never be lived according to “shoulds.”

- We hear that word often in relation to Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, and other Christian practices. “I should do that, *but* . . .” The *but* is a bigger problem than we want to admit.
- God’s children will naturally want to please their Heavenly Father; it is their greatest delight.
- Teaching other people how to have a relationship with Jesus is one way to please Him. And in pleasing Him we are most fulfilled ([Galatians 2:20](#)).

([Galatians 2:20](#))²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

13. Application to Evangelism

Prayer. Beautiful words and impassioned speeches may move a soul, but they cannot transform a hard heart. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can bring conviction and repentance ([2 Timothy 2:25](#)). The first Christians relied on massive amounts of prayer before they attempted to do anything for the Lord, and God blessed their efforts ([Acts 1:14](#); [4:31](#); [6:6](#); [13:3](#); [Colossians 4:4](#)). When our prayer lives are consistent and meaningful, we are ready to engage in personal evangelism.

Biblical knowledge. We don’t have to possess a seminary degree or the ability to read ancient Greek, but we do need an overall understanding of what the Bible says. Many people allow this factor to silence them, citing their lack of biblical knowledge as a reason they don’t witness for Christ. But there is no reason that we cannot study and learn for ourselves what God says about His plan of salvation. Christians should be experts on the gospel. ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)) commands us to study as unto God so that we will become “as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” We need to know the basic truths of Scripture in order to have effective personal evangelism.

A story. We all have a story. If we’ve come to know Christ and have experienced forgiveness of sin and his transforming power in our lives, then we have a story to tell. Effective personal evangelism often incorporates a [personal testimony](#). Paul often recounted his own conversion story in his evangelism, reminding his audience of how wicked he had been and how far God’s grace had brought him ([Philippians 3:4–6](#); [Acts 26:9–23](#); [1 Corinthians 15:9](#)). An example of how a story affects personal evangelism is found in [John 9](#). Jesus healed a man born blind. The Pharisees plied the healed man with questions about Jesus that he could not answer. Finally, in

frustration, the man cried out, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” (verse 25). We may not know the answers to every question we are asked, but we do know what Jesus has done for us. We know that once we were blind to spiritual truths, and now we see.

The right attitude. Much damage has been done in the name of Christ by people trying to conduct personal evangelism without love and without humility. (1 Corinthians 13:1–3) reminds us that we may do any number of noble-looking deeds, but if we don’t do them in love, we have accomplished nothing. Love for Christ must be first (Mark 12:30), followed closely by a love for people. Our motivation in personal evangelism must never be anger, a desire to condemn someone, or a need to win an argument. We should check our own hearts before embarking on a quest to evangelize others (Matthew 7:3–5). We don’t have to be perfect, but we need to be certain that our desire is the salvation of the lost, not the motivation to look spiritual or to be right. Galatians 5:22–23 is a list of character qualities that will be a part of effective personal evangelism.

Obedience, not results. It is often tempting to scale down biblical truth in personal evangelism in order to elicit the response we desire. But to do so only undermines the work God wants to do in that person’s life. Scripture is replete with examples of people obeying God’s commands, even though the results were nothing like they assumed: Abraham followed God to Canaan—and a famine hit right away (Genesis 12:10). Mary accepted the role of mother to the promised Messiah—then watched Him be mocked and crucified (Luke 1:38; John 19:25). Paul followed the Holy Spirit’s leading to Philippi—and was arrested and imprisoned (Acts 16:6–24).

In our personal evangelism, it is good to remember that we are only responsible to God for our obedience, not the results of that obedience. We may present the gospel thoroughly and lovingly, and the person to whom we witness may hear and understand but choose to walk away. We are not responsible for that reaction, only the level of obedience involved in our presentation.

Personal evangelism is the responsibility of every believer. God calls each of us to different tasks and endows us with different gifts, but the goal is the same—the salvation of the lost (1 Corinthians 12:6–7; Luke 19:10). He places us in strategic positions for influence, not privilege. We have neighbors, coworkers, friends, and relatives who need to hear the good news about Jesus. Whether we’re called to lead evangelistic crusades or simply cultivate a relationship with an unsaved neighbor, personal evangelism should be the driving force in our lives. Jesus’ words spoken to His disciples more than two thousand years ago still apply to His followers today: “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work” (John 9:4). As long as we have breath, we can do personal evangelism. As long as we stay surrendered to the Holy Spirit, He will do it through us (Luke 12:12).

CONCLUSION:

Are you a SECRET AGENT? One who never talks about Christ or any personal relationship with him.

When God the son became a man in the person of Jesus, he entered into most of the same relationships you and everyone else has. Mary was his mother. Joseph was his stepfather. He had brothers and sisters, cousins, and uncles. He loved his family. Even as he died on the cross, he made arrangements for John, his special friend, to take care of his mother. Jesus loved his earthly family and friends; he was most concerned that they be in God's heavenly family.

Evangelism should be a way of life or LIFESTYLE, not a program. As LIFESTYLE Evangelism you will be able to witness to people in the context of their daily lives.