

THE PROPER APPROACH TO EVANGELISM

I. INTRODUCTION

II. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

III. WHY SHOULD YOU EVANGELIZE?

IV. THE CORRECT APPROACH TO EVANGELISM (“Channels Only”)

A. Salvation is of GOD

1. Salvation is strictly a _____ event, and by necessity so is _____; and this is why God must be the _____ of all evangelistic endeavors from start to finish.
2. You _____ learn to _____ on the divine power source to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ; and allow the Lord to work in and through you.

B. God PROVIDES the supernatural ABILITY in order for evangelism to be effective

1. God had promised evangelistic _____ to His disciples, and then He proceeded to faithfully _____ throughout the early Church. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:19; Eph. 3:6-7; 1 Thess. 1:5)
2. Before the advent of the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ disciples were seen _____ in the Upper Room, impacting no one for Christ; but once the Spirit took up residence these men turned the world _____ with their teaching.
3. You cannot do evangelism _____, you need the Spirit’s guidance, but at the same time you can also approach witnessing with a great deal of _____ (in the Lord).

C. The proper mindset to evangelism is to ALLOW God to perform HIS work through you

1. This is the basic idea for the Christian life, _____ how to _____ with the Lord; Jesus said in John 15:5, “*Apart from Me you can do _____.*”

* 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

2. As you _____ to the Lord's will for your life and you seek to witness, as with anything you need to be _____ upon Him to give you the power, the ability the _____ to communicate the gospel message.

D. Making evangelism a part of your everyday WAY OF LIFE

1. **Your Awareness**

* The sad news is that most people are lost and perishing; but surprisingly there are many people who are open to discussing spiritual things.

2. **Your Acquaintances**

* God wants to use YOU to reach the lost people in your circle of friends; your acquaintances can help bridge the gap and alleviate that feeling of "awkwardness".

3. **Your Availability**

* The Lord desires that you would consider witnessing for Him as a privilege and not a burden; and that you would seek to exercise that privilege whenever possible.

* How can you implement some of the principles stated here in this message?