

OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES TO EVANGELISM

I. INTRODUCTION

II. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

III. WHY SHOULD YOU EVANGELIZE?

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

V. OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES THAT MIGHT HINDER YOU

A. You may lack proper VISION in this area

1. This is almost always due to an _____ preoccupation with _____.
2. This lack of vision for the lost occurs when your vision is _____ by the things of this _____ system around you.

* What is the remedy for this kind of thinking?

B. You may be gripped by FEAR

1. Fear is a normal human _____, but how you _____ it becomes the real issue.
2. Understanding different types of fear...
 - a. General _____
 - b. Approbation fear— the “*fear of* _____” (Prov. 29:25; Jer. 1:8)
 - c. The fear of _____

C. You may be INTIMIDATED by the successes of others

1. It is a _____ if others are simply _____, but understand they may be just excited that they were used by the Spirit of God to lead someone to the Savior.

* If someone else has a great singing voice does this mean you should just stop singing altogether?

2. If you are thinking _____, the genuine successes and the _____ of others should help motivate you to continue steadfastly serving the Lord.

D. You may resist because you feel GUILT or PRESSURE from others

1. Actually this is a _____ reaction.
2. You have at least 3 options when you feel this way...
 - a. You can say _____ and _____ evangelize at all.
 - b. You can evangelize for the _____ reasons... simply to please _____.
 - c. You can allow God to _____ your _____ with a burden for the lost, and then you evangelize effectively unto _____.

E. You may not KNOW HOW to evangelize

1. If you have been sitting under sound _____ for a decent amount of time, you have more than enough _____ to share with the lost; believe it or not, you already know _____!
2. If you are coming out to church _____, you should be able to rehearse the gospel message in your _____, unless of course you typically “_____” during that portion of the message.

* How can you apply some of the truths shared here this morning?