

Evangelism

(4) Methods & Motives

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2 Tim 2:22-26 NIV

22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 **Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.** 25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Titus 3:1-8 NIV

3 Remind the people to **be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient,** to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to **slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate,** and to show **true humility** toward all men. 3 **At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved** by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.** He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 **This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things,** so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

The Biblical Attitude in Evangelism

What is the *first priority* of witnessing for Christ? Acts 1:8; IPet.3:15; IICor.5:20-21

There are multiple ways / methods to be a witness. What is the most basic? Eph.4:1-4, 5:6-21

Flowing out of that, what is likely to happen? IPet.3:15

When that happens, what is to be our attitude / approach? IPet.3:13-17

If that answer results in more questions, what might you use to present the Gospel? Rom.6:23

Along the way, *how* (attitude) do you answer questions? IPet.3:15; IITim.2:22-26

What guiding truth should always surround this process? Lu.6:31; Titus 3:1-8; Eph.2:1-5

Are there other styles of evangelism? Eph.4:11; IITim.4:5; Mt.28:19-20; Rom.10:14-15

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We are all called and appointed to be a witness for Christ. We are His ambassadors.

There are multiple ways / methods to be a witness. What is the most basic? Eph.4:1-4, 5:6-21

This is simply the way we live. Our choices / behavior. It's called 'life style evangelism'.

Flowing out of that, what is likely to happen? IPet.3:15

Unbelievers observe this and may ask you to give a reason for your lifestyle.

When that happens, what is to be our attitude / approach? IPet.3:13-17

Be prepared (ahead of time) to give an answer but with gentleness and respect. Bridge??

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A great tool is the simple bridge illustration. Just memorize Rom.6:23 / GIFT diagram.

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Be gentle and respectful. Do NOT engage in foolish and stupid arguments. Discern which!

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Use the Golden Rule! Remember you were once dead also! Pray God's grace for them, too!

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YES! Some are extra gifted, all are told to GO. It's God's heart and should be ours as well!