



Follow Me,

everyday

and I will make

EVANGELISM

you fishers

Choosing to Witness Some Way Every Day!

of men.

ever

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“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life a ransom for many.” —MARK 10:45

Why Should I Think About Evangelism Every Day?

And as [Jesus] walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him. When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.
—MARK 1:16-20

Three Reasons:

1. I am commanded to walk in a new direction.

Repent means to turn from going one direction and go in the opposite direction. You have been called to walk in a new direction as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ.

2. I am called to work in a new occupation.

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. God wants to take your occupation to a new level, to elevate and transform it into something usable to extend His kingdom.

3. I am confident in my witness because of Christ's affirmation. Jesus said, "I will make you become fishers of men." Can you trust Him at His word? Can He make you that kind of person? The answer is "Yes!" He will use your gifts and empower you as He did Peter and Andrew.

"I saw that it was better to make a mistake in one's first effort at personal spiritual conversation, and correct that mistake afterwards, than not to make any effort. There can be no mistake so bad, in working for an individual soul for Christ, as the fatal mistake of not making an honest endeavor. How many persons refrain from doing anything lest they possibly should do the wrong thing just now! Not doing is the worst of doing." —HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL

TODAY

- **Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?** If you are unsure or need assurance, review "Life Connection" (Appendix 1).
- **Have you been obedient in baptism?** If not, what keeps you from giving this testimony to Christ's death, burial and resurrection? Baptism is identification with Christ and His work in you (Acts 8:38).
- **Do you know people who are unbelievers? Not sure?** Write their names in "My Fishlog" (Appendix 2). Pray that God will give you opportunities to share the gospel and give witness of your faith in Christ.
- **When Christ says, "Follow Me," are you willing to follow?** Confess whatever fears you may have to Him as you begin this exciting journey of faith.

They came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was.

So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ... “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” —MARK 2:3-4, 11

Would God Use Me?

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. —JOHN 15:16

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word ...

—JOHN 17:20

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. —I COR. 3:5-6

If you feel you are one of the most unlikely people God would use, you may be one of the best examples of who God can use! The Bible is filled with people who, at first glance, seemed insignificant and unusable, but God chose them for His purposes and we have their testimony in Scripture today. So the answer to the question, “Would God use me?” is most definitely “Yes!” Do you believe it? Be pro-active and consider the following steps in preparation to be used by God!

1. **Surrender.** Don’t argue or debate. You are the loser when you don’t surrender to Christ and experience the

joy of seeing someone transformed by the power of the gospel.

2. Expect God to use you.
3. Pray for a heart of compassion, concern and spiritual sensitivity.
4. Recognize you are not alone. God works in mysterious ways and through many people. The key is to remain available whether your point of contact is the first, the middle or the last voice in someone's life.
5. Risk. Obedience may mean stepping out of your comfort zone.
6. Believe in the transforming power of the living Christ. Jesus saves!

TODAY

- **Do you encounter unbelievers with many needs:** physical illness, marital problems, depression, etc.? Pray God will not only use you to show His compassion, but direct unbelievers to their greatest need—the need of a Savior.
- **Do you exhibit behavior that would draw others to Christ?** Focus on the big picture rather than allowing false criticism to distract you from your mission.
- **Do you make room for others to come to Christ, even when it is not convenient?** It is best to be flexible. God's appointments sometimes come at the most inconvenient times.
- **Is there one (or more) of the six steps mentioned in this section that is harder for you to embrace?** Commit the difficult areas to God and allow Him to work in your life.

“Other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.” And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” —MARK 4:8-9

Who is Responsible for the Results?

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred.” And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” —MARK 4:3-9

“Every generation is strategic. We are not responsible for past generations, and we cannot bear the full responsibility for the next one; but we do have our generation. God will hold us responsible as to how well we fulfill our responsibilities to this age and take advantage of our opportunities.” —BILLY GRAHAM

1. The Principle of Activity

Jesus Christ = Sower of the Good Seed

The harvest of evangelism is not just a human work; it is a divine work. God is moving and working among us, but Jesus invites us to be partakers with Him in the sowing of seed and reaping of the harvest.

Seed = Word of God

He who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. —MATT. 13:37

The sower sows the word.

—MARK 4:14

...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever... —1 PETER 1:23

...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

—ROMANS 10:17

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. —ISAIAH 40:8

The seed we sow is not just our message, our method or our thoughts. It is the Word of God. Why? This is the only seed that can take men and women from death to life. This seed has been sown for over 2,000 years, and it has incredible power.

2. The Principle of Receptivity

Soil = People

While the seed is always powerful, the soils are not always equal. Not everyone Jesus touched responded in faith, surrender or submission.

If it happened to Jesus, it will happen to you.

“Our Lord’s ministry raises some interesting questions: Did He “fail” in His witnessing? Did He fail when the rich young ruler walked away from Him, refusing to give God first place in his life? Did He fail because Judas Iscariot never received him as his Messiah? Did He fail because one of the thieves crucified with Him refused to acknowledge His lordship? Was He a failure because many in the throngs around Him didn’t trust in Him? Our Lord Himself answered these questions in His prayer to His heavenly Father at the end of His earthly ministry: ‘I brought glory

to you here on earth by doing everything You told Me to (JOHN 17:4 TLB).”

—BILL BRIGHT

I planted, Apollos watered, but
God gave the increase.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

2. The Principle of Responsibility

Results = God

You should witness, scattering seeds of the gospel, but it is not your responsibility to convince, save, or deliver people from sin. Your responsibility is to be faithful to sow the seeds of the Good News! Divine activity in receptive soil through a willing servant will ultimately bring forth a harvest to the glory of God.

“Success in witnessing is simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results to God.”

—BILL BRIGHT

TODAY

- **Have you ever wanted “do overs” in witnessing?** Write that person’s name on “My Fishlog” (Appendix 2), and continue to pray for his or her salvation, trusting God with the results. Who knows, as you continue to express His love, He may give you the opportunity to *do over!*
- **Review the four types of “soil” mentioned in Mark 4:3-8:**
 1. **Wayside** = Hard to penetrate (hard hearts)
 2. **Stony Ground** = Shallow roots (temporary experience)
 3. **Thorny Ground** = Weed infested (importance placed on worldly matters)
 4. **Good Soil** = Seed takes root and is fruitful (authentic salvation and witness)

Go into all the world and preach the gospel... —MARK 16:15

What is the Gospel?

(See **Appendix 3** for diagram)

I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...

—1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-5

...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—ROMANS 6:23b

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. —EPHESIANS 2:8-9

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

—ROMANS 3:23

Grace

Gospel = Good News

Heaven is not a reward for a righteous life. Heaven is a gift guilty people—who don't deserve it—receive through the grace of God.

(*Grace* is represented by the **thumb** because the thumb is the one part of the hand that sticks out—it's extended; it's free!)

Man

Man has a sin problem. You'll notice the middle letter of the word sin is "l." *Sin* is man living for himself, feeling no need for God. The Bible teaches that man is a sinner by nature, by choice and by practice.

(The **index finger** is used for man, picturing "I'm number one!" as well as pointing, giving directions, being in charge.)

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

—1 JOHN 4:8

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. —HABAKKUK 1:13a

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

—JOHN 1:1, 14

God

There is only one true and living God. God is all loving and God is all just. In order to satisfy God's justice, He has to deal with the problem of sin. If God didn't deal with sin, He would be unjust.

(The **middle finger** is used for God because it is the center point of the hand, the tallest and the most significant.)

—*What is God's solution?*—

Jesus Christ

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. Through His death and resurrection, He purchased a place for us in heaven, which He offers as a free gift. He became the sacrifice for us all, releasing us from the old covenant of the law to a new covenant of grace.

(The **ring finger**, representing covenant, is a symbol of Jesus Christ.)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—ROMANS 6:23

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

—ROMANS 5:8

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...

—ACTS 16:31

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. —EPHESIANS 2:8-9

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes... —ROMANS 1:16

using Scripture passages and inserting your testimony.

• **Practice sharing your testimony and the gospel with another believer.**

This is a great confidence builder. However, be flexible when sharing with an unbeliever. The Holy Spirit may prompt you to share additional Scripture passages or experiences specific to what the unbeliever needs to hear at that moment.

Faith

Faith is not just intellectual knowledge of Christ or a crisis encounter. Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You are saved by faith alone in Christ alone!

(The **smallest finger** represents faith.)

Outline taken from *Evangelism Explosion*
www.eeinternational.org

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• **Are you ready to share your testimony?**

The foundation of your testimony will remain the same—personal faith in Christ alone for salvation. However, as you grow in your faith, you will want to continually add new experiences to your testimony. Keep it fresh and current—what God *has done* and *is doing!*

• **Memorize the five sections of the gospel presentation.** Type them from memory,

Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow Me. —MARK 8:34b

How Do You Make the “Final Approach?”

When [Jesus] had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

—MARK 8:34-38

1. You Must “Take Up” Your Cross if You Are to “Take Off” as a Witness for Christ

Witnessing will always be an experience of “cross bearing”—to die to self in an uncomfortable moment in order to witness for Christ and be identified with Him.

“Take Off” Check List:

✓ **Care for People**

Show love and concern.

✓ **Connect with People**

Take time to get to know something about the person.

✓ **Converse with People**

Shift from talking about common, trivial things to a discussion about eternity.

Transition Questions:

- Do you think much about spiritual things?
- What is your spiritual/church background?
- Do you ever wonder what happens when we die?
- What do you think it takes to become a Christian?
- Where are you in your spiritual journey?

Diagnostic Questions:

- Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you can say for certain if you were to die today you would go to heaven?
- What would you say if you were to stand before God and He asked you, “Why should I let you into my heaven?”

(Diagnostic questions from *Evangelism Explosion*, www.eeinternational.org)

2. You Must Risk the Shame of Rejection to “Land” Your Witness for Christ

After presenting the gospel, invite people to trust in Christ. Ask for a response, a commitment.

Sample questions:

- Does this make sense to you?
- Would you like to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
- Would you like to invite Christ into your life?
- Would you like to move from religion to a relationship with Christ?

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." —MARK 5:25-34

3. Trust God to Change Their Lives

You can't change anyone's life. God moves in a person's life by His hand, His power and His grace.

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me. I believe You are the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Lord, I am a sinner. I need forgiveness and I want to be saved. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Forgive me of my sins, take control of my life, and make me the person You want me to be. I want to follow You. Help me never to be ashamed of You. I am Yours now and forever. Amen.

“Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”
...[He] went away sorrowful... —MARK 10:17, 22a

How Do I Handle Objections?

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and your mother.” And he answered

and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
—MARK 10:17-22

Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1b

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. —JOHN 3:19-20

1. Expect to Face Objections When You Share the Gospel

- **Intellectually Resistant**

Some people intellectualize the claims of the Bible. They believe the Christian faith lacks credibility.

- **Morally Rebellious**

There are those who have rebellion in their hearts. Their “idol” worship is centered inwardly in their hearts.

- **Emotionally Injured**

You'll encounter people who have been emotionally injured and doubt the goodness and grace of God.

- **Religiously Confused**

These people live in a fog of faith. They may be involved in a false religion with a foundation of false teaching and evidence. Other people are so caught in the trappings of man-made religious traditions to where the ritual of man is substituted for the grace of God.

- **Spiritually Seeking**

Some people are looking for reasons to believe. They have a yearning heart to believe the gospel.

...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...

— 1 PETER 3:15

2. Express Interest in Their Questions and Welcome Honest Investigation

When someone asks you a question, there are two ways you can respond: (1) you can be indignant, resistant and confrontational, or (2) you can open the door and welcome whatever questions the person wants to ask.

3. Examine Issues that Surface When Confronted with Objections

There are common questions you can expect to be asked when you share your faith. Prepare your heart and mind by investigating the evidence and studying Scripture.

- Is it really possible to defend the supernatural when every scientific theory argues for a naturalistic explanation for the universe?
- What convincing arguments can you give us for the existence of God?
- How can Christians possibly argue for the exclusive claim to truth in Christ when there are so many religions in the world?
- How do you explain or justify the presence of suffering and evil in the world?
- If you do not have the original manuscripts of the Bible, how can you possibly argue for the authority and accuracy of this Book?
- I don't believe in absolute truth. How can you force your moral opinions on me?
- Aren't the concepts of the Sovereign God and the responsibility of man mutually exclusive or contradictory concepts?
- Religion has been used to cause much suffering and violence in the world. How do you explain that?
- Isn't religion a theory of moral beliefs used to impose the views of some on others?

(Source: Leadership Journal—“9 Toughest Questions Asked by Skeptics” by Ravi Zacharias)

4. Extend an Opportunity for Skeptics to Examine the Evidence for Faith and Leave the Results to God

In Mark 10:17-22, the man asked the right questions and received the right answers, but left noncommittal. You can share the gospel and answer questions in the power of the Holy Spirit, but God is in control of the results.

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- **Do you have insecurities about answering the questions of skeptics?**

Look at the “9 Toughest Questions Asked by Skeptics” provided by Ravi Zacharias. Do you feel you need additional resources to help you answer some of the questions or objections you may encounter? It may be helpful for you to review the book and website listings provided in this booklet (Appendix 4).

- **How strong is your passion to see people come to Christ?** Read the article by Dr. George Sweeting, “A Passion for Souls” (Appendix 5).

...they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. —MARK 14:5b-6

What Should I Do if I Face Criticism?

And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, "Let

her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." —MARK 14: 3-9

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. —MARK 8:38

1. Expect It

Jesus taught that those who follow Him are going to be criticized. Biblical faith naturally brings conflict in this world. People are not necessarily going to applaud or approve your witness if it proves offensive to them.

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. — MARK 8:38

(Ancient Biblical Prophecy)

“They shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for spreading nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,” says the Lord GOD. “It shall become plunder for the nations.”

—EZEKIEL 26:4

(Modern Biblical Prophecy)

And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” —MATTHEW 24:2

2. Examine It

You may be criticized for your *actions*. Others may view what you do as foolish or inconsistent.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

—JIM ELLIOT, Martyred Missionary

You may be criticized for what you *believe*. People can object to the gospel without even knowing why.

Four Basic Attacks of Critics:

- **The Content of the Bible**

Investigative Questions:

- Have you read the Bible?
- What part of the Bible do you find difficult?
- Have you considered evidences for the accuracy of the Bible?

Biblical Evidence (A-B-C):

Archeology

Biblical Prophecy

Consistency

• The Character of God

(Three Evidences of the Reality of God)

- The Creation of the Universe
- The Conscience of Man
- The Person of Jesus Christ

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of *just* and *unjust*? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust? Of course I could have given up my idea of justice by saying it was nothing but a private idea of my own. But if I did that, then my argument against God collapsed too—for the argument depended on saying that the world was really unjust, not simply that it did not happen to please my private fancies. Thus in the very act of trying to prove that God did not exist—in other words, that the whole of reality was senseless—I found I was forced to assume that one part of reality—namely my idea of justice—was full of sense. Consequently atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. *Dark* would be without meaning.”

—C.S. LEWIS, *Mere Christianity*

• The Conflict of Religions

“Even those who claim ‘logic does not apply to God’ use logic in that very statement.” —GEISLER AND BROOKS

“Today, sensitivities are at an all-time high—and rightfully so. Tolerance of different races and religions has been lacking over the years. But pluralism (many as one in existence) has given way to relativism (all the same in essence). Here's the rub: While the average secular person will believe something without subjecting it to rational critique, he disbelieves things on the basis that, he or she says, they are rationally inadmissible. So he critically attacks Christian assumptions using principles of logic that he doesn't even hold to.”

—RAVI ZACHARIAS

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus ...

—1 TIMOTHY 2:5

If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. ... let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

—1 PETER 4:16, 19

• The Cross of Christ

“It is an essential part of the Christian faith that Jesus is God in a unique and exclusive way. It follows from this that all religions cannot be equally true. If all religions are equally true then Christianity is false, and therefore not all religions are true.”

—C. STEPHEN EVANS

3. Extol It

Extol = Glorify, Magnify, Lift Up
You may not be applauded by people when you share your faith, but don't lose heart! Seek the approval of the One who is worthy to say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Appendix 1: Life Connection

“There is a God-shaped vacuum inside everyone only God can fill.” —BLAISE PASCAL

We are all disconnected from God.

Sin is a universal virus that has separated every one of us from God’s plan and purpose for our lives. The Bible says, “...*there is none righteous...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:10, 23). We are born under the bondage and influence of sin. We can’t make excuses, blame others, or escape the reality of sin and its consequence in each of our lives.

God has provided a safe and sure Connection for us.

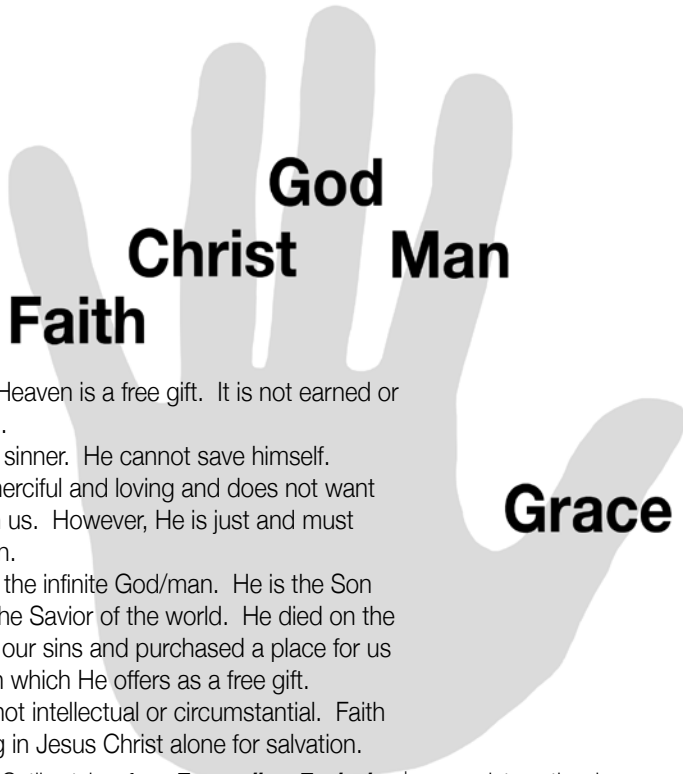
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 6:23). We cannot reconnect ourselves to God by our own strength. Our good deeds and best efforts all fall short of His standard. But while we are weak, the good news is, “There is one God and one Mediator (Connector) between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).

He lived a sinless life. He became our substitute through His death on the cross. He conquered the power of sin and death through His resurrection. He provides a bridge of life—a life connection—for life today and life eternal.

You can experience this life connection today!

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...for whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:9,13). Come to God—just as you are—and confess your need for and desire to experience the life Jesus gives. Jesus said, “I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). How? Admit (confess) that you are a sinner, disconnected from God, and in need of His grace and forgiveness. Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our source of hope and peace. Thank God for His goodness and love made possible through the work of Jesus Christ for us.

Appendix 3: Gospel Presentation



Grace: Heaven is a free gift. It is not earned or deserved.

Man is a sinner. He cannot save himself.

God is merciful and loving and does not want to punish us. However, He is just and must punish sin.

Christ is the infinite God/man. He is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. He died on the cross for our sins and purchased a place for us in heaven which He offers as a free gift.

Faith is not intellectual or circumstantial. Faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

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Appendix 4: Additional Study and Resource

BOOKS

Growing True Disciples

By George Barna

Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World

By Rebecca Manley Pippert

Let the Nations Be Glad

By John Piper

The Unchurched Next Door

By Thom Rainer

Generating Hope

By Jimmie Long

Witnessing Without Fear

By Bill Bright

Out of Their Faces and Into Their Shoes

By John Kramp

WEBSITES

www.evantell.com

www.evangelismtoolbox.com

www.greatcom.org/laws/englishkpg

www.10basicsteps.com/main.htm

www.greatcom.org/5clicks/index.php

www.eeinternational.org

www.reasons.org

www.trygodnow.org

www.nowtrygod.com

www.rzim.org

www.everydayevangelism.com

Appendix 5: A Passion for Souls

By Dr. George Sweeting

The famous Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh felt called to be an evangelist at one point in his life. His father served as a pastor, and Van Gogh enjoyed the benefits of a Christian home. In 1878, at the age of 24, he enrolled in a school for evangelism in Brussels. After graduating, he preached for a year. Then for reasons unknown to us, Vincent Van Gogh forsook his call.

In 1889 he began to paint as a driven man, finishing 200 paintings in two years' time. Then at age 27, confused, poverty stricken and ill, with a borrowed gun he ended his life. Paul urged young Timothy, "Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you" (2 Timothy 1:6). He really said, "Timothy, fight the fading flame. Tend your gifts! Cultivate

carefully a passion for God and for the souls of men."

Speaking of "passion," John Henry Jowett wrote, "The gospel of a broken heart demands the ministry of bleeding hearts.... As soon as we cease to bleed, we cease to bless.... We can never heal the needs we do not feel. Tearless hearts can never be the heralds of His passion."

By a "heart passion," I speak of a deep, caring identifying concern.

Abraham had a passion for souls (Genesis 18). As he faced the perishing people of Sodom, he was constrained to intercede with God on their behalf.

"Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in

the city? Will you ... sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?" (Genesis 18:23-24)

Moses also had a deep passion for souls. While he was on Mount Sinai, the children of Israel, in defiance of God's will, made a golden calf and danced around it. In distress, Moses prayed, "These people ... have made themselves gods of gold. But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written" (Exodus 32:31-32).

The life of Jesus continually displayed a passion for souls. Once He looked over His beloved city Jerusalem and wept because of their indifference. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... how often I have longed

to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" (Matthew 23:37).

Have you ever felt like that? Have you ever wept over an individual, a family, a village, a city or the world?

The Apostle Paul personifies a passion for souls, too. Paul shared the heights and depths of his passion in Romans 9:3-4: "For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel." Paul was captured by an all-consuming passion.

The petition of John Knox of Scotland, "Lord, give me Scotland or else I die." *That is passion!*

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