

# Witnessing

Some Practical Reminders



# Why the Church has Lost its Savor

# I. Four Forgotten Doctrines

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- Immortality of the soul (Dan 12:2, 3, 13; Rev 14:10-11; 20:10).
- All unbelievers lost and under judgment (Rom 3:10-12; 23; John 3:36).
- All will be judged (2 Thess 1:6-9; Rev 20:11-15).
- We believers are accountable to God for evangelism (Matt 28:18-20; 2 Tim 1:8; 4:5; Phil 1:27).

## II. GOALS ARE WRONG

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- We have settled for lesser goals than reaching the lost.
- Where are goals with reference to the unsaved?
  - Praying for them
  - Developing a strategy to reach them
  - Involving others in praying and strategies

# III. DISTRACTIONS

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- We have many worthwhile and worthy activities, but often they are secondary to our mission to make disciples by evangelism and edification.

# IV. WITNESS NULLIFIED BY CARNALITY

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- Why should the unsaved world want Christianity if they cannot see any difference between us and them?
  - Immorality, dishonesty, lying, stealing
  - Cheating on taxes, profanity, drunkenness
  - Fear, worry, anxiety
  - Gossip, maligning, bitterness
  - ***Matthew 5:16***

# V. CONTENTION / STRIFE

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- Many times one's personal desires and preferences become more important than the divine mandates for the spiritual life.
- **Philippians 2:3-4, 14-15**

# What Should We Do?

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- **Make it your goal to be pleasing to God**
- **Set spiritual goals for your personal and family life:**
  - **Prayer**
  - **Bible reading**
  - **Bible memory**
  - **Ministries**



# What Should We Do?

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- Develop plans. Evangelism is done on purpose. If you don't think about it, you won't do it.

# Psa 138:3

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- In the day when I cried out, You answered me, *And made me bold with strength in my soul.*

# Why Christians don't witness

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- I may not be able to answer their questions
- I don't know how to witness
- I don't speak well
- I don't know how to introduce talking about spiritual things
- I am afraid people might remember bad things I have done or said
- I don't have time or motivation

# Many programs designed for mass evangelism

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- Revivals
- Crusades
- Media events
- Films

# Many programs designed for personal evangelism

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- EvanTel
  - Campus Crusade (CRU)
  - Navigators
  - Evangelism Explosion
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- Most people come to faith in Christ as a result of family and friends doing personal evangelism.

# Questions

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- 1. Did you grow up with any sort of spiritual/church background?
  
- 2. Do you believe that
  - \_\_\_\_\_ there is one God (monotheist)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ there are many gods (polytheist)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ there is no God (atheist)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not sure (agnostic)

# Questions

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- 3. Do you believe that there are moral absolutes (a definite right and wrong)?
- 4. Have you ever personally done something that you know to be wrong?
- 5. Are there any consequences for doing wrong?

# Questions

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- 6. What is grace? What does it mean?
- 7. Do you think there is a heaven and a hell?



# Questions

- 8. What do you think your personal chances are of making it into heaven?
- \_\_\_ I am positively for sure going to heaven (100%)
- \_\_\_ I probably will make it to heaven (80-90%)
- \_\_\_ I hopefully will make it to heaven (50-80%)
- \_\_\_ I might make it to heaven (20-50%)
- \_\_\_ I have no chance at all of going to heaven (%)

# Questions

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- 9. If you believe that you might go to heaven, why would God let you in?
- 10. Would you say that heaven is a free gift or is it something you have to earn?
- 11. How important is the Bible when it comes to what you believe?

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# Evangelism in Kyiv













