

DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”
2 Timothy 4:5, KJV.

MAIN THOUGHT: We should, we can and we will accomplish God’s number one job, which is proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ all around the world.

READING: 1 Tim. 3:1-5, 3:10-4:8

WE SHOULD DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;”
Ephesians 4:11, KJV.

Paul told Timothy, a pastor to “do the work of an evangelist.” Evangelism is not something for a select few in the Body of Christ, it is for everyone.

Work of the evangelist is to proclaim the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. Paul determined to preach to the Corinthians Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

2Co 5:18-19 He has given unto us the ministry of reconciliation. . . He has committed unto us the word of reconciliation

Illustration: If we had the cure for cancer. . .

Because it is God’s number 1 job. . . (Jn 3:16, 2 Pet 3.9, Luk 15:11-24)

It was the last message that Jesus preached. (Mt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-48, John 20:21)

The need. . .

6.7 billion people worldwide

1.8 billion are unevangelized. . .

32,5 percent are “Christians.” This includes JWs, Mormans, voodoo.

Muslims— 11 percent to 21 percent from 1900 to 2000. However, more Muslims have come to Christ in the past 20 years than any time in History.

Mexico: 99.8 percent evangelized, Not really, I can tell you from personal experience than many in Mexico do not understand the Gospel.

United States: Supposedly 98.5 percent evangelized. However, there is a great problem with the Gospel that is being preached in the pulpits of America. The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Many have no wisdom because there is no fear of judgement and no conviction of sin, and hence, few conversions.

What are we doing about it?

In the American church, we are spending 2 percent of our total budget on world evangelism. That includes hospitals, orphanages, disaster relief, etc. It is estimated that we are spending a grand total of 1 percent of our total budget on God’s number one priority, world evangelism. The vast majority of our efforts are spent on

ministering to one another. (Christian TV, Local Churches, Books, CDs, Tapes, Bible Schools) It's all about the edifying the believer. This is important, but we cannot leave the other undone.

-Christians spend more on the annual audits of their churches and agencies (\$810 million) than on all their workers in the non-Christian world

-Percent of Christian resources are spent in countries that are already more than 60% Christian - 91%.

--Percent spent in countries where less than half the people have EVER heard of Jesus - 0.03%. (WCT, page 81)

-It is estimated that Christians worldwide spend around \$8 BILLION dollars PER YEAR going to the more than 500 conferences to TALK about missions. That's more than HALF the total spent DOING missions.

Finance (church/agency) per year/Total spend \$270 Billion

World A - unevangelized nations	\$188 Million (0.01%)
World B -evangelized but not converted nations	\$1,370 Million (5.1%)
World C -predominately Christian nations	\$256,100 Million (94.8%)

WE CAN DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” 1 Peter 3:15, KJV.

Be ready. . . prepare yourself to evangelize. Study to show yourself approved.

Col. 1:27, 1 John 4:4, Rom. 8:37, Phil 4:13, use these truths to conquer the world.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8, KJV.

Signs and wonders: Testimony of woman in India with heart failure.

WE WILL DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

“And this gospel of the kingdom SHALL be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:14, KJV.

“Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2, KJV.

India: less than 3 percent Christian, 80 percent Hindu, rest are mainly Muslims. 40.7 percent of the people are unevangelized. (Afghanastan 70.4 percent unevangelized.)

We must send more preachers into the world. . .

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:13-15, KJV.

WHAT YOU AND I CAN DO. . .

1. Take up your cross, walk in the power of God, and be willing to suffer for the Gospel. (2 Tim 3:1-5, 12)
2. Study the scriptures concerning the need for salvation. (2 Tim 3:15)
3. Follow the entire word of God, not just the “feel good” parts. (2 Tim. 3:17-17)

-Obedience, Holy living, take up your cross, Christlike living.

-Preachers today are preaching pop psychology rather than the Gospel. Dr. Phil

4. Remember to preach that there is an eternal judgement for sin. (2 Tim 4:1)

-People must be prepared to receive the Gospel. . . Haiti, India, US, Peter's sermon

-1Co 15:51-58, Dan 12:2, Mat. 25:31-32, Rev. 20:10-15

5. Never stop preaching the word, no matter what is going on around you. (2 Tim 4:2)

6. Do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim 4:5)

7. Keep your eyes on the prize. (2 Tim 4:6-8)

CONCLUSION:

Examine ourselves. . . are we following the Lord in this area. . . Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business." 2/3 of all Christians are doing absolutely nothing about the Great Commission. . . .

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34, KJV.
Meat—my focus, my pursuit, my desire, my passion. (Mt. 6.33)

Make a decision today to give your life to the the cause of world evangelism.