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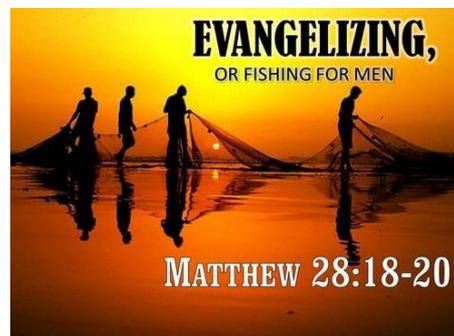
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## Techniques for Energetic Evangelism

Mike King



Great benefits can be enjoyed as an individual, and a congregation, when there is an energetic attitude toward evangelism. In addition to these two benefits, the one being evangelized or taught can be brought to salvation. A good friend and brother, *Jack Wilhelm*, suggested some helpful techniques for evangelism for our benefit:

- The brethren in the early church were converted and fully committed. They gave themselves freely and willingly so that lives could be touched and burdens lifted (2 Cor. 8:1-5).
- They were united in love and action (Acts 2). They also shared the Lord's long-range goal to reach the world and were willing to give Him all the glory (1 Cor. 1:10-18). They followed Christ not man.
- They trained workers by committing what they had learned to faithful men who could teach others also (2 Tim. 2:1-2). Preparation is a part of the Christian's armor (Eph. 6:15).
- They were dedicated and concerned; conducting themselves in such a way to merit respect (Acts 2:47).
- They were willing to take the initiative; they went to the people and refused to prop themselves on a street corner waiting for the lost to come to them (Acts 8:4).
- They kept at it, using alternate plans if primary approaches were blocked. It was a daily chore teaching from house to house (Acts 5:42). They adapted to use new opportunities available (1 Cor. 16:7-9).
- They did what was right and needed rather than what was popular and customary. Peter's going to the Gentiles is a good example (Acts 10:34).
- They respected their prospects, even leaving them alone when they rejected, when that became their choice (Matt. 7:6; Acts 13:43-48).
- They began to evangelize where they were and spread from there to the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8; 8:4).
- Their primary goals were to glorify God and to win souls (1 Cor. 2:2; Phil. 1:14-19).

The promise is that we will be productive and receive the rewards promised to those who "*reap in due season, if they do not faint*" (Gal. 6:9)!

## Giving Godly Values to Our Children

The teen reaches that place in life when he/she begins making decisions (perhaps unknown to a parent) which involve right and wrong. How those decisions are made are based on the system of values that child has learned and embraced. It is imperative that we understand the place and source of values on which decisions are made.

**Every teen has values.** How does a teen decide what to do when making decisions? He first looks at the choices before him, checks each against his values and then acts based upon those values.

**Some teens value instant gratification above all other matters.** They assume that whatever feels right at the moment is what should be done. Nothing in the past or future should be considered. This value can be expressed in these words. "I have the right to be happy, so I define happiness as that which brings me joy at this moment, and this is what I will do." This value says that nothing in life is more important than myself. My "happiness" is all that matters!

**Some teens value peer pressure and social acceptance above all other matters.** The importance of being accepted by others is a powerful force. It is difficult to stand firm about matters when hardly anyone else has the values a teen was taught. It is reflected in the dress, the language, the respect of authority, the honor given to teachers and parents, and in moral decisions about drinking and where to draw the line in sexual matters. Right or wrong, which might be considered at first, become secondary to being accepted by others.

**Every teen has only two sources of values.** The first psalm speaks of the counsel of the ungodly, the paths chosen by sinners and sharing the attitude of the scornful. The word scornful indicates those who mock, deride and treat sacred things with contempt. The other source is that which comes from godly individuals who abhor sin and have the highest regard for sacred matters. Parents, remember that if you fail to create this second category of values, the world will fill the heart and soul of your child with scorn and contempt.

**Every child must have his own values.** Values are far more than *rules* you give your child to obey. This works well when they are very young, but fails when they consider themselves as adults. Peter speaks of the *reason* for our hope. Teens create their own righteous values when they learn to honor and love God and to fear Him. Make sure that your child grows up realizing the *evidence* that God is and the *proof* that Jesus is His son. Teach them early the *reason* why Jesus is the Lord who loves us and who will judge us someday. These truths become the basis for values needed by every teen!

~ Dan Jenkins

### CARE GROUPS MEET

- Care Team 1 (Brad Pounders' group) will meet at the home of *Janice Griffin* Sunday, Jan. 24th, following morning services.
- Care Team 2 (Andy Clemmer's group) will meet at the home of *Austin & Jessica Garrett* Friday night, Jan. 22nd at 6:00.

### TOP TEN PREDICTIONS IN 2016

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

### AREA EVENTS

- The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday Jan. 17th, at the Antioch congregation for their first competition of the new year. Our youth will eat at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.
- A Gospel Meeting is planned for Jan. 15-17, at the Verona Church of Christ. The guest speaker will be Robert Jefferies of Southaven, MS. Fri. and Sat. night at 7:00pm and Sun. at 9:00, 10:00am, & 12:30pm.
- You are invited to a Christian Leaders Seminar, (Being an Effective leader if the Lord's Church) at the Ripley Church of Christ Jan. 29 & 30, conducted by *Glen Colley* of West Huntsville Church of Christ. Times: Fri. 29th 7:00-9:00pm & Sat. the 30th 8:30-till lunch.
- The Crockett Church of Christ in Senatobia, MS has several events coming up this month and next. Please check the bulletin board for full details.

PRAYER LIST



Barbara Rains, sister of Linda Palmer has been diagnosed with melanoma. She has already begun chemo treatments.

L.Q. Cooksey, uncle of Sharon Clemmer is not doing well at this time.

April Ponders, is at home recovering from surgery. She was able to be at services Sun. night.

Wanda DeLoach, grandmother of Lonnie Weaver is recovering from having a leg amputated. She seems to be recovering well.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Joyce Clayton, Larry Cobb, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, J.T. Gaines, J.C. Garner, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, J.B. Higgins, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Davie Johnson, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Harold Reeves, Wayne Reams, Brooks Russell, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Eudell Wilson Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mayna Senter, Miriam Styers, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley



REJOICE!

We are happy to announce the baptism of Jessica Erwin. Jessica was baptized into Christ by Greg Clayton, Wed. night Jan. 6th, following services. Jessica is the granddaughter of Mable Erwin and the niece of Shelley Adams and Maria Ormon. Please encourage Jessica and make her feel welcome here at New Albany.

I've Learned...

Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- January 15..... Jason Jennings
January 17..... Amy Jennings
January 18..... Jean Drummond
January 21..... Bobby White
January 21..... Audrey Anna Young
January 23..... Shane Crofts



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you all so much for the calls, texts, prayers, visits and food during the recent loss of our Dad and Papaw. It was very much appreciated. It is so nice to have a loving and supportive extended Christian family.

Steve, Andrea, Sydney and Clayton Hill

Thank you very much for the cards, telephone calls, visits, and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. You all have been a great blessing to me for many years.

Larry Cobb

We appreciate so much all your prayers, calls and other expressions of sympathy in the death of my sister, Suzette Renick. Please keep my mother and family in your prayers in the days ahead.

Perry Jones family

3RD SUN. NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our 3rd Sunday night fellowship will be held Jan. 17th, following services. You are asked to bring soup, sandwiches & desserts. The Young Adult Class will be in charge of the fellowship building.



DIAPER SHOWER

A "Diaper Shower" is planned for Jessica & Austin Garrett Sunday night Jan. 17th, at our 3rd Sunday night fellowship. Austin and Jessica are expecting their 3rd child in late March, (gender to be a surprise).



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"The family, through God's eyes, as seen in 2016!"



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

### MINISTER

Mike King ..... 507-0625  
 Home ..... 534-6872  
 Office ..... 534-4649

### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dillon Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
 P.M. Prayer.....Ruston Adams  
 Closing .....Alvin Parks  
 Wed.1/13.....David Clayton  
 Wed.1/13.....Gary Turner  
 Usher & Lock ...Brad Pounders  
 Greeter.....B & A Pounders

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....117  
 Sunday A.M.....146  
 Sunday P. M.....97  
 Wednesday.....107  
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### PANTRY ITEMS

Bath Soap

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### Beatitudes for Married Couples

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- Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate and loving after the wedding bells have stopped ringing.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.
- Blessed are they who have a sense of humor, their marriage shall be much brighter.
- Blessed are the parents who abstain from alcohol (I would add, "Tobacco and drugs"), their children will surely follow their example.
- Blessed are they who are faithful to each other and mutually helpful. God will surely guide them.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who thank God for good things which come to them. They shall receive both good things and thankful children.
- Blessed are the parents who recognize their children as gifts from God, their home shall be filled with love.
- Blessed are those mates who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word." They shall inspire others to do likewise.
- Blessed are the parents who attend and support their church. Their children shall develop a strong faith.
- Blessed is the couple who are good stewards of all God's gifts, their children will bless them and follow their example.
- Blessed are all those whose lives are a testimony of faith in God; they shall be the channels through which God's kingdom will grow on earth.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow them all the days of their lives and they shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.