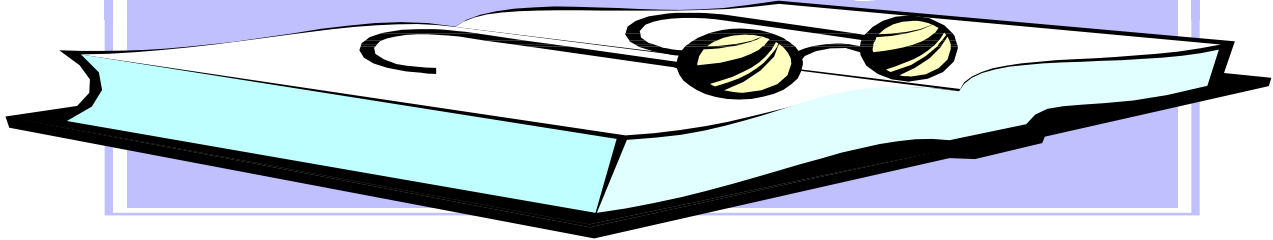


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“Insights into Effective Evangelism”

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Insights into Effective Evangelism

Lesson #1: “The Helps and Hindrances to the Evangelistic Endeavor”

Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:46-62

Key Verses: Luke 9:56

Proposition: Our attitudes and dispositions will help or hinder the evangelistic endeavor.

I. Our approach to greatness will help or hinder the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:46-48)

A. Our selfish ambition is a hindrance to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:46-47)

1. Our selfish ambition often leads us to seek positions of influence or places of honor. (Mk. 10:35-40)
2. Our selfish ambition often results in disharmony and disputes. (Mk. 10:41)
3. Our selfish ambition and self-centered thoughts are always perceived by the Lord. (Luke 9:47)

B. Our servant leadership is a help to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:47-48)

1. Jesus used a child to teach us the right approach to greatness. (Luke 9:48)
2. Jesus used this dispute to teach us that servant leadership is the way to true greatness. (Mk. 10:42-45)
 - a. We must lead God’s people by precept and example not by domination or manipulation.
 - b. We must lead God’s people as a humble servant.
 - c. We must lead God’s people as a suffering servant.
 - d. We must lead God’s people as a sacrificial servant.

II. Our attitude toward other saints will help or hinder the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:49-50)

A. Our divisive sectarianism is a hindrance to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:49-50)

1. We often think that we are justified in discrediting or attacking those who are not in our fellowship.
2. We often fail to realize that when we attack other Christians, we are fighting ourselves.

B. Our Christian unity is a help to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:50;

1. Although we may belong to different fellowships, all Christians are on the same side. (Luke 9:50)
2. When we fight each other, it discredits our message about Christ. (John 17:20-23)
3. When we walk in unity, it gives credibility to our message about Christ. (John 17:20-23)

III. Our ability to handle rejection will help or hinder the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:51-56)

A. Our mean-spiritedness is a hindrance to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:51-55)

1. Sometimes people reject the good news that we bring to them. (Luke 9:51-53)
2. Sometimes we respond to the rejection in a mean-spirited manner. (Luke 9:54)
3. Sometimes we are unaware of the spirit that is operating in us. (Luke 9:55)

B. Our Christian compassion is a help to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:56)

1. We must always remember that Christ came to save lives, not to destroy them.
2. We must always remember that we are to be redemptive, not punitive as we share the gospel.
3. We must always remember that today’s “no” may become tomorrow’s “yes.”

IV. Our ability to put Christ first will help or hinder the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:57-62)

A. Half-hearted devotion is a hindrance to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 9:57-62)

1. Our concern for convenience can keep us from devoting ourselves to Christ's gospel. (Luke 9:57-58)
2. Our material possessions can keep us from devoting ourselves to Christ's gospel. (Luke 9:59-60)
3. Our family and friends can keep us from devoting ourselves to Christ's gospel. (Luke 9:61-62)

B. Total abandonment is a help to the evangelistic endeavor. (Luke 14:25-33)

1. We must put Christ and His gospel before family, friends, and even ourselves. (Luke 14:25-26)
2. We must put Christ and His gospel before any convenience or privileges. (Luke 14:27)
3. We must put Christ and His gospel before all our material possessions. (Luke 14:33)

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Lesson #2: “Christ’s Guidelines for Evangelism”

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:1-24

Key Verses: Luke 10:2,3

Proposition: **Only by following Christ’s timeless guidelines can we effectively evangelize the lost.**

I. **Evangelism is the ministry of both clergy and laity.** (Luke 10:1)

- A. In Luke 9, Christ calls, equips, and sends out the clergy [His twelve]. (Luke 9:1,2)
- B. In Luke 10, Christ appoints, equips, and sends out the laity [seventy others also] (Luke 10:1)

II. **Evangelism is dependent upon the intercessory ministries of a praying church.** (Luke 10:2)

- A. The scarcity in the number of our converts is never the result of a shortage in the harvest.
- B. The scarcity in the number of our converts is always the result of a shortage of workers.
- C. Our prayer ministries are the only solution to the shortage of harvest workers.
 - 1. *We must pray to the Lord of the Harvest.*
 - 2. *Only the Lord of the Harvest can send out laborers into His harvest.*

III. **Evangelism is a serious undertaking and there are great risks involved.** (Luke 19:3,4)

- A. We must not be afraid of those who would persecute us [wolves].
- B. We must not be preoccupied with material things [moneybag, knapsack, nor sandals].
- C. We must not be distracted from our mission by anyone [greet no one on the road].

IV. **Evangelism is spreading the gospel of the kingdom of God in word, deed and sign.** (Luke 10:5-9)

- A. First, we must give a blessing. (Luke 10:5,6)
 - 1. *If they are worthy, the blessing will stand.*
 - 2. *If they are not, the blessing will return to us.*
- B. Second, we must fellowship and build relationship. (Luke 10:7,8)
 - 1. *We fellowship and build relationships through shared meals.*
 - 2. *We fellowship and build relationships by accepting hospitality.*
- C. Third, we must share the gospel in deed and/or sign. [Heal the sick] (Luke 10:9)
- D. Fourth, we must share the gospel in word. [Say, “The kingdom of God is near you now.”] (Luke 10:9)

- V. Evangelism involves knowing how to respond properly to rejection.** (Luke 10:10-16)
- A. We are to wipe the dust from our feet as a public announcement of their doom. (Luke 10:10-15)
 - B. We are to remind them that the Kingdom of God is near. (Luke 10:11)
 - C. We are not to take their response to the gospel personally. (Luke 10:16)
- VI. Evangelism is accompanied by demonstrations of God's power and authority.** (Luke 10:17-20)
- A. We often rejoice when God uses us supernaturally to overcome demonic power. (Luke 10:17)
 - B. We must be reminded that it is Christ who enables us to evangelize with power. (Luke 10:18-19)
 - 1. *Christ witnessed the expulsion of Satan from heaven.*
 - 2. *Christ gives us authority over all the power of the enemy.*
 - 3. *Christ gives us power to crush serpents and scorpions, so that nothing can harm us.*
 - C. We must know that our salvation is a greater cause for joy than our power over demons. (Luke 10:20)
- VII. Evangelism is made possible by God's grace through His revelation of the truth.** (Luke 10:21-24)
- A. We must rejoice with Christ in how it pleased the Father to reveal the truth of the gospel. (Luke 10:21)
 - 1. *It pleased God to hide the truth from those who think themselves wise and clever.*
 - 2. *It pleased God to reveal the truth to those who are childlike.*
 - B. We must recognize the unique relationship that exists between the Father and the Son. (Luke 10:22)
 - 1. *The Father has given the Son authority over everything.*
 - 2. *No one really knows the Son, except the Father.*
 - 3. *No one really knows the Father, except the Son and those to whom the Son reveals Him.*
 - C. We must thank God for the privilege of knowing and proclaiming Christ's gospel. (Luke 10:23,24)
 - 1. *Prophets and kings have longed to see and hear the gospel we proclaim, but could not.*
 - 2. *Prophets wanted to know more about the salvation they prophesied about. (1Pet. 1:10-12)*
 - 3. *Angels desire to look into the gospel that we preach by Holy Spirit. (1 Pet. 1:12)*