



LIVING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

AN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY OF REACHING • PREACHING • TEACHING

PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Samuel Chadwick, founder of the Methodist Cliff College, told his students, “You cannot be an evangelist and anything else.”

John Henry Jowitt never liked to hear the sound of workmen going to their employment early in the morning without him being in the study.

1. **PERSONAL** (Timothy 4: 6-16)

“Be a good minister of Jesus Christ” (v 6)

There must be discipline in the personal life of the Evangelist. (v 8)

a. **The Discipline of the spirit** (v 10)

To maintain trust and hope in the living God – the Saviour of those who believe – the Evangelist “purifies himself, just as He is pure”. (1 John 3:3) He keeps pure and powerful through daily communion alone with God by:

- **Praying**

- **Reading God’s Word**
- **Obedience**

Pray when you feel like it.

Pray when you don’t feel like it.

Pray until you do feel like it.

b. The Discipline of the soul (v 7)

“Reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself rather to godliness”

Original meaning of “exercise” = “to exercise nakedly”

Be clear on what is believed and preached. There should be no compromise of message of salvation.

This word “exercise ” appears also in:

➤ **Hebrews 5:14**

“Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” – Distinguishing

between immature and mature Christians, and:

➤ **Hebrews 12:11** concerning the disciplining hand of God to produce the *“peaceable fruit of righteousness.”*

This discipline involves the

- **mind** - saturation
- **heart** - stirring
- **will** - strengthening

in the Word of God until all thoughts, words and actions are Christlike.

c. The Discipline of the Body (v 8)

The body should:

- **Be kept fit (1 Corinthians 6:19)**
- **Be preserved blameless (1 Thessalonians 5:23)**
- **Be presented as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)**

Practice discipline in:

- **eating habits**
- **social involvement**
- **time management**
- **(include wife / children etc.)**

2. INFRA-STRUCTURE

Three Essential Areas for Effective Itinerant Evangelistic Ministry:

2.1 Preparation “If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.”

A. Personal, heart Preparation

i. Personal Bible Study

Personal Prayer

Personal Worship

Expect anointing of the Holy Spirit in public ministry.

ii. Continually be filled with The Holy Spirit to become an effective witness for Christ.

iii. Keep relationship with spouse and children healthy to avoid hindered prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)

iv. Be committed to establishing and building the Local Church.

B. Logistical Preparation

The time to compile your follow-up materials, sermon outlines and counselor training plans is now.

i. Assemble basic materials for meetings, e.g., Operation Andrew & Prayer Triplets will help start prayer groups long before meeting.

- ii. Prepare for tax exempt receipting and **financial accountability** .
- iii. With God’s help, assemble a **Board** of **Directors committed to:**
 - you;
 - your family;
 - your ministry;
 - integrity in the spreading of the Gospel.

The preparatory efforts you make now, both spiritually and logistically, will **determine** your **direction** for some time to come.

C. **Sermon** Preparation

Some basics of Evangelistic Preaching which should always be considered:

- Remember your **objective**
- Message must be **concise** and **easy to understand**.
- Prepare a **wide variety** of messages for a **Crusade** but also prepare several evangelistic messages / topics to draw from. Use as a **training tool** & **reference** at a later date.

- **Ask God to help**
 - **Practice the messages**
 - **Ask your pastor or others to critique them & your delivery of them**
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- **Prayerfully select topic /theme. Share an experience / activity**
 - **During crusade set aside time for study and rest.**

2.2. Proclamation

“John Wesley said, “Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth.” Death to self, and life in and for Christ is the perquisite of anyone who is going to live a life which will count for eternity.” (The Evangelist, John R Rice)

Proclaim the Gospel simply, clearly and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

A. Sharing Jesus Christ

- i. Don't be distracted from your **primary message**, viz. to preach "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."
- ii. "Evangel"= **Good News**
Share the "bad news" of sin and separation from God but constantly remember that we are "**good news**" bearers!
- iii. **Share Jesus** not your wisdom or, your answers.
- iv. Clearly explain the **message** of the **cross**, viz.
 - mankind's sin and separation from God;
 - mankind's need for a Saviour;
 - God's love for mankind;
 - God's provision of a Saviour through Jesus' death on the cross;
- v. Give a strong, clear **call** and **invitation** to receive God's salvation through

Jesus Christ.

B. Sharing Jesus Christ by the Power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2: 4,5)

**The Holy Spirit convicts of sin,
righteousness and judgement**

(John 16: 8)

(i) Pray

- **Immediately before the meeting;**
- **As you proclaim the Gospel during the meeting (be in the spirit of prayer);**

(ii) Realize this is a spiritual battle and that there will be opposition , e.g.,

- **Crying babies**
- **Yawning people**
- **Drunk or deranged people**
- **Yourself (pride, fear, insecurity)**

**(iii) Take every thought captive
Preach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.**

(iv) Take time and effort to present clear and carefully thought out Method of invitation.

(v) Trust in the work of the Holy Spirit.

C. Leave the Results with God

2.3. Preservation

Train members of a local church to lead souls to Christ and disciple them. This is an effective follow-up method and great legacy which you could provide.

3. SUPPORT SYSTEM

a. Prayer

b. Financial

▪ Newsletter

▪ Project Letters

▪ Thank you Letters

▪ Mailing List

○ Supporters – Regular and Occasional

○ Non Supporters

○ Pruning System

Warning:

People are not impressed with Extravagance but with Excellence

4. TEAM

As D L Moody said, “You can do the work of ten men, or teach ten men to do it.”

Office staff (administration) – volunteer / paid

Associate staff Ministry / Ministry Projects

Crusade Director

Musician; Associate Evangelists;

5. ORGANIZATION

Danger of being too heavy.

- **Council of Reference**
- **Advisory Board**
- **Board of Directors**
 - a) **Ministry**
 - b) **Development.**