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

- 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.