



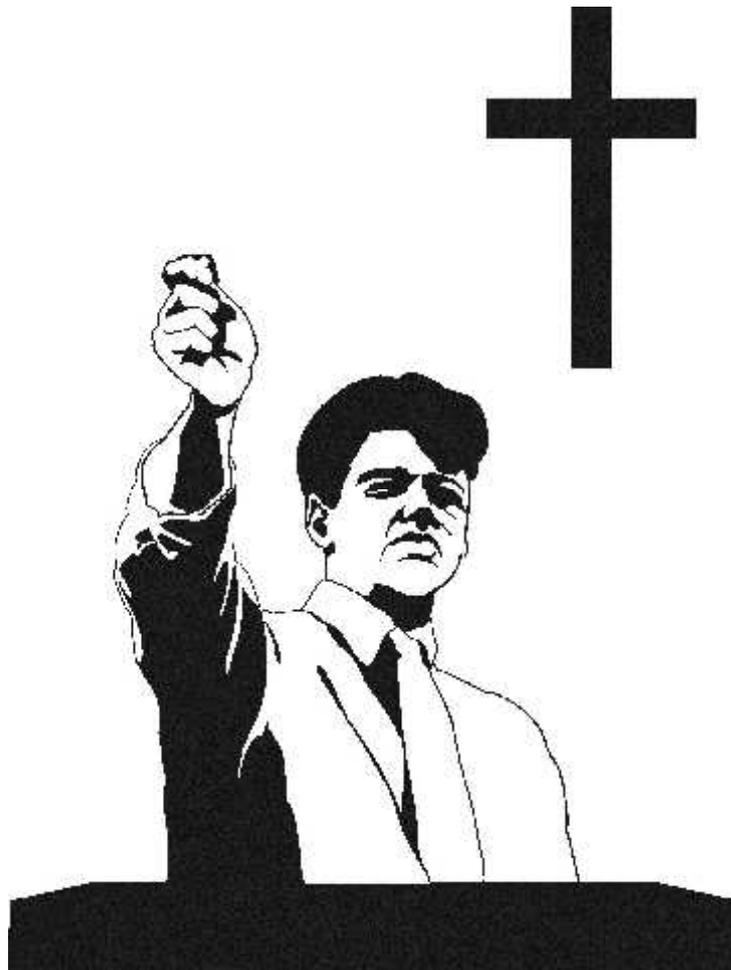
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THE OFFICE AND CALLING OF THE EVANGELIST

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

"DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST"



STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The term “Evangelist” has a variety of connotations. To some the word implies a back yard self-ordained preacher. To others it’s a kind of probationary office before becoming a fully-fledged pastor. While others have the impression of the evangelist as a fly-by-night, money grabbing, loud mouthed ex jailbird, Elmer Gantry type.

It is very important that we have a clear understanding of this wonderful and glorious ministry. This is absolutely basic and essential before we explore all the other facets of this amazing ministry.

At the end of the day the challenge is simply “Do the work of the Evangelist” – 2 Timothy 4 : 5. The “doing” is the bottom line lest we fall into the snare of “more is said than done”.

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Billy Graham, speaking at the Amsterdam Conference for Itinerant Evangelists, said: “One of the greatest needs today is for the Church throughout the world to recognize and recover the legitimacy and importance of the gift of the Evangelist.”

Perhaps it is because the world church is not sure what evangelism is.

AN EVANGELIST

1. **An Evangelist is a person with a special _____ and _____ from the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:11)**

To announce the good news of the Gospel.

- a) **We must remember that it is _____ and _____**

This will keep us from -



- (i) _____ for we cannot take any credit for it.
(John 3:27)
- (ii) _____ and the _____
because we know our calling is not from man but from God.
(1 Corinthians 9:16; John 15:16)
- b) Talking about "gifts" and "callings" – we need to remember that
" _____ " (irrevocable).
(Romans 11: 29)
- (c) Then we must understand that _____
(Proverbs 18:16)

These verses rule out the fear of being _____ by others or the
_____ that is sometimes found in evangelistic circles.

2. EVANGELISTS – God’s gift to the Church.

To be honoured:

- Because God given – amongst the other gifts to the church
- The work of an Evangelist requires special grace and usually involves suffering.

Eph 4:7 – “but unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ”.

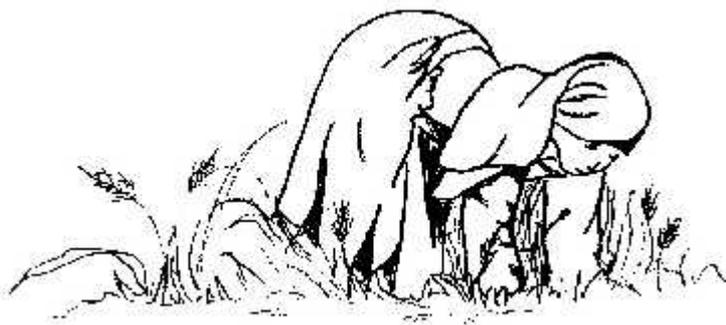
- **Grace for suffering and persecution:**
Dr. Harry Ironside, of Moody Memorial, went to Oakland Ca Crusade – Great blessing – urged by John Rice to enter Evangelism. He felt the burden for souls, constant watchfulness lest the spirit be grieved, the toil and heartbreak – he could not see at his age how he could handle the burden of it.
- The Evangelist is needed by the whole Body of Christ for “*the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*” (Ephesians 4:12)
- The Evangelist has a _____ in the Church. Phillip, in _____, is called an Evangelist and Timothy is charged by Paul to “*do the work of an Evangelist.*” In _____ it is listed alongside the gift and office of _____, _____, and _____.

May I mention that, just as in the case of the Pastor,

_____. There are many laymen and women who are never invited to
conduct a large crusade but who are _____, i.e. they have
the gift of evangelism.

3. The role and function of the Evangelist is _____.
The Greek word for “*evangelist*” means “*one who announces the Good News*”.

The Evangelist functions within the operation of the law of _____ and
_____. In _____ the Lord of the harvest uses the
ministry of sowing (the Pastors and Teachers) and the ministry of
reaping (the role of the Evangelist). There are seasons of sowing and
reaping within every Church. To sow but never harvest is a _____,
while to reap where there has been no sowing, _____.



We have already seen that the Evangelist is one who announces (personally and publicly) the Good News.

The term “_____” encompasses every effort to declare the Good News of Jesus Christ, to the end that people may understand God’s offer of salvation and respond in repentance, faith and discipleship.

Perhaps the work of the Evangelist is best defined as “_____
through _____, in the _____, for the
_____”

Let's break this down into bite-size chunks:

1. _____

There is nothing more _____ than a field that is ripe for harvest.



Paul admonishes Timothy (in II Timothy 4:2) “*Preach the Word, be ready in season and out of season*”. This means preach at the appointed time (in season) but _____ be prepared to turn an “_____” into an “_____”. The Evangelist must always be prepared to give _____. (2 Peter 3:15) He must, therefore, also be an _____.

This is the supreme task of the Evangelist – _____. He is a “_____” in a harvest field. This must be done for the following compelling reasons:

- (i) The _____ of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14). A compassionate concern for those in spiritual need, a concern that leads us to action.
- (ii) The _____ of the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:26, 17:6). Only the love of Christ will enable the evangelist to make the sacrifices, to take the risks, to love the unlovely.
- (iii) Another motive is the _____. Paul said in II Corinthians 5:11, “*Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men*”. There is a day of judgement approaching. There is a heaven and a hell in eternity. The secular world is talking more about Armageddon and the end of the world. This

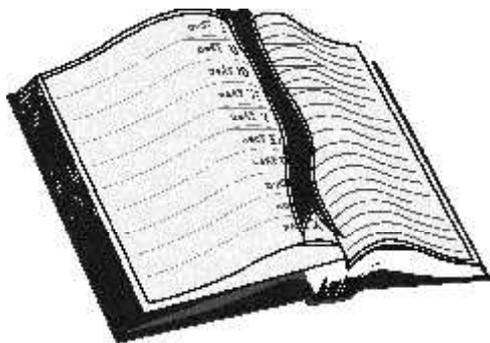
leaves us with no option or choice. We are ambassadors under authority; we have responded to a bugle call from which there is no retreat. May we *“never be disobedient to the heavenly vision”*. (Acts 26: 19). Paul also taught, out of his concern for the lost, that *“to the weak I become weak, that I may win the weak. I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some.”* (1 Corinthians 9:22)

2. Through the “_____”. Paul said “_____” (II Timothy 4: 2). Remember, it’s God’s word that will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). We must master the Word and the Word must master us.

(i) The _____ of the Word of God. Paul said he was not ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:16). We preach the Word because we believe that its truth is adequate to meet all our needs. The Evangelist needs to make no apology for the Word he expounds.

(ii) The _____ of the Word of God. The preaching of the Word is relevant to all people of all cultures and backgrounds. The task of the Evangelist and the Science of Preaching (which is nothing less than truth through human personality) is to exegete the Scriptures, making the truth therein palatable to the audience.

(iii) The _____ of the Word of God. The Evangelist comes with a sense of urgency. He believes in hell, eternity and judgement. He understands why the Word says *“today if you hear His voice harden not your heart”*. (Hebrews 3:7). *“Now is the day of salvation.”* (II Corinthians 6:2)



3. _____

It was the _____ and the _____ that used Peter on the day of Pentecost; that led _____ from the revival in Samaria to reach the Ethiopian eunuch in the desert; that sent _____ to India to preach for 7 years before he won his first convert; that moved _____ to ride 5 - 7,000 miles per year on horseback, and that sent _____ to preach to the Indians in the USA for 5 years, until he eventually died as a young man in the arms of the girl he loved more than anyone on earth.



It was the compulsion of the Holy Spirit that touched the heart of _____ after he heard Robert Moffat say, “*I have often stood and watched the smoke rise from 1000 villages where no missionary has ever been,*” to which the young David, responded and said, “_____”, and out he went, fighting savages and wild beasts and surviving 35 attacks of malaria fever. He died in a little grass hut on his knees in the heart of the Africa he loved for Christ.

4. For the Body of Christ

The Evangelist sees himself _____ and all that he does is to build the Body of Christ. In fact, when we look again at Ephesians 4, where the ministry of the Evangelist is listed, we note the point of it all in verse 12, “*for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ*”. Apart from his soul-winning ministry, the Evangelist needs to build the Body of Christ by _____ and _____ and even encouraging _____.

DO THE WORK

Get started and keep on doing the work. Later we will look at the preparation of an Evangelist but let me mention a few points here:

- _____
Start witnessing where you are. Stop wishing that you were on some foreign field. Start where you are today.
- _____ and _____ as
Jesus did with the Samaritan woman at the well.
- _____ (as if your salvation depended upon it) and _____
(that the Sovereign Lord is in supreme control).
- Remember _____. We are only servants.
He is the Lord and decides where we work, when we work and all the details. The results belong to Him. He gives the increase.
- _____, in fact, He will use you as much as you let Him.
Don't allow self, personal ambition, petty jealousy or wicked pride to destroy the ministry that He is producing in you. (Philippians 2:13)
- Keep _____. Press on and keep pressing on. The faithful Word preached will never return void. Eternity will reveal what has really happened. Remember, "*Faithful is He who calleth you who also will do it.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

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