

# PERSONAL EVANGELISM

## I MUST UNDERSTAND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

- A. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16  
B. I Timothy 3:15  
C. These passages emphasize that the primary mission of the church is to teach and preach the gospel to the lost and to uphold the truth before an unbelieving world.  
D. How does the church function in accomplishing this all-important task?  
1. Ephesians 4:11-16  
(a) The body accomplishes its work only by the effectual working of "every member."  
(b) The church doesn't function as an abstract unit, but by the activity of the members.  
(c) The church will evangelize the world only as the individual members teach and preach ever they have opportunity.  
(d) While supporting men to give their full time to preaching and teaching is authorized in the scriptures, the New Testament makes it plain that we cannot pay anybody to do by proxy that which God has assigned to each of us.

## SOME REASONS WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD STRIVE TO TEACH OTHERS

- A. To be like Christ Matt. 10:25; I Pet. 2:21; Luke 19:10  
B. To be like the early Christians Acts 5:42; 8:4; Phil. 1:14; 2:12, 16  
C. To be wise Prov. 11:30; Matt. 10:16; Daniel 12:3  
D. To relieve myself of a fearful responsibility Ezek. 3:18,19  
E. To glorify God Jn. 15:2, 8  
F. To have "fellowship" (joint participation, partnership) in this greatest of all works I Jn. 1:3,4  
G. To fulfill God's purpose in making me a Christian I Pet. 2:9; Eph. 2:10; Matt. 5:13-16  
H. But, more important than all these, because I love the souls of others and am concerned about those who are lost.  
1. The value of the soul Matt. 16:26  
2. We have the example of God's love Jn. 3:16; I Jn. 4:10  
3. We have the example of Christ's love I Jn. 3:16  
4. We owe an unpaid debt to those who were interested enough in our souls to teach us the truth and to those in need of the gospel Rom. 1:15,16  
5. No stressing of "duty" and "responsibility" no outlined program of personal work training can substitute for a sincere interest in the lost condition of others and a genuine love for souls.

## WHAT CAN THE BABE IN CHRIST DO IN THIS WORK?

- A. If I have obeyed the gospel, I can at least tell others what I have done Mk. 5:19,20  
B. I can study and grow in my knowledge that in time I will be a capable teacher Heb. 5:12; I Pet. 3:15; II Tim. 2:2  
C. I can invite others to services where they will hear the word that can save their souls.  
D. I can make an effort to arrange cottage classes. (Impress upon peoples' minds that anytime they can arrange a study, there are qualified teachers willing and anxious to help them in teaching others.)  
E. Good tracts are always available in the building. Take some and hand or mail to your friends or loved ones.  
F. Correspondence courses are available. If you can interest a friend in such a course, just hand their name and address to the elders or evangelist.  
G. Personal work guides and Lloyd Moyer's slide rules are available to help you find the scriptures you need to teach others.