

**TAKING EVANGELISM PERSONAL****1 Peter 1:21-24; 2 Timothy 2:2**

## INTRODUCTION

- A. We Are Commanded To Teach!
1. The apostles were given the Great Commission. They were commanded to go teach and preach to all people and make disciples. MT 28:19-20.
  2. Faithful Christians are commanded to teach others. 2 TI 2:2.
  3. In order to fulfill our duty to teach, we must be armed with the right motivation, attitude, courage and tools.
- B. Why Have Evangelistic Efforts Failed?
1. Key Issues.
    - Loss evangelistic zeal.
    - Lack of ability.
    - Unprepared teachers.
    - Lack of teacher training and assistance.
    - Lack of living according to the Gospel.
  2. Key Responses.
    - Having a proper motivation and attitude.
    - Each doing his or her part.
    - Dedicating time and study to training.
    - Enhancing opportunities for others to teach.
    - Verbalizing and incarnating the Gospel.
  3. We need to understand the key issues and our responses to fulfilling our duty to reach the lost.
- C. Motivation Is the “*Steam*” Powering Evangelism.
1. What is “Motivation?”
    - “An inner drive, an idea captured in the imagination.”
    - “Can be harnesses to an intense drive toward a goal.”
    - “Men and women push themselves forward, plow through the inevitable setbacks, heading even onward to their dreams.”
    - “Is essential to succeeding in any endeavor you try.”
  2. Motivation is the “steam” that powers our knowledge to evangelize!
  3. 1 PE 2:21.
- D. Let’s learn 5 things that motivated Jesus to reach His evangelistic goals.

## DISCUSSION

- I. Compassion For Lost Souls.
- A. Jesus was moved by compassion to heal the sick, feed the hungry and save the lost.
    1. MT 9:36.
    2. MT 14:14.
    3. MT 15:32.
    4. We learn about Jesus’ compassion by study and meditation.
  - B. Compassion motivated Jesus to do two things.
    1. Pray for laborers. MT 9:37-38.
    2. Do something about it. MT 10:5-7.
  - E. Meditate and learn to be compassionated from God. 1 TH 4:9.
  - F. Be around people. Get to know people. Appreciate people. Don’t be wrapped in your own little world. “I never met a man I didn’t like.” (Will Rogers).
- II. Sense of Purpose.

- A. Jesus stated His purpose and was determined to complete His work.
    - 1. JN 4:27.
    - 2. JN 4:34.
  - B. Jesus stayed focused on His purpose to “seek and save the lost” based on His love for us. JN 3:16; LK 19:10.
  - C. We are commanded to teach. 2 TI 2:2.
  - D. We must put the Father’s will first. MT 6:33.
  - E. Many people have different purposes such as work, pleasure, sports, hobbies, etc. Study God’s Word to know the right purpose.
- III. The Love of The Father.
- A. Jesus experienced God’s love and wanted to share it with others.
    - 1. JN 15:9.
    - 2. JN 17:26.
  - B. The way to experience God’s love is to keep His commandments.
    - 1. JN 14:21.
    - 2. JN 14:23.
  - C. We experience God’s love by obeying His commands and learning more about God the Father and God the Son.
- IV. The Terror of the Lord.
- A. Jesus was aware of God’s “righteous indignation.”
    - 1. MT 10:28.
    - 2. MK 9:43-48.
  - B. We must take the “terror of the Lord” and His warnings seriously. 2 CO 5:11.
  - C. Don’t become complacent! Heed the warnings about judgment! Warn others of judgment to come! Don’t doubt the coming of the day of the Lord. (i.e. 2 PE 3:4-9; 2 TH 1:7-10; RE 20:12-15; 21:8.
- V. The Joy Set Before Him.
- A. Joy being with God motivated Jesus to “endure the cross” and “despise the shame.” HE 12:2.
  - B. Our joy and desire of living in eternity with Jesus is to be shared. 1 TH 2:19-20.
  - C. God’s Word provides a glorious description of heaven. RE 7:13-17; 21:1-7. We must appreciate and look forward to going to heaven and taking others with us. We will not evangelize effectively without joy!

#### CONCLUSION

- A. Definition of Motivation: “men and women who are motivated push themselves forward, plow through the inevitable setbacks, heading ever onward to their dream.”
- B. The early church looked to Jesus and found the motivation to grow. We can do the same today being motivated by:
  - 1. Compassion for lost souls.
  - 2. A strong sense of purpose.
  - 3. The love of the Father.
  - 4. The terror of the Lord.
  - 5. The joy set before Him.
- C. The key source of motivation: Daily reading, studying, and mediating upon the Word of God – Acts 17:11. It will become a “burning fire” in our heart and we will become “weary with forbearing.” JE 20:9.