

A Heart For Evangelism

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Evangelistic Opportunities

Weather permitting, we may have one or two more distributions in November. Listen for announcements from the pulpit. Also watch the bulletin for announcements!!!!

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Urgency of Evangelism

Ivan Stewart

“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”(James 4:14). The Scriptures abound with evidence of urgency. Urgency for the personal worker to go forth is but a little time in which to bear fruit and the urgency for the lost is even greater because he too only has a little time in which to hear the gospel and obey. Mr. Don Mallowh in his book, Grassroots

Evangelism (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1971) tells a beautiful illustration. A man boarding the train to Atlanta headed for Chattanooga overheard one of the trainmen ask the fireman, “Have you enough steam to start?” Many thoughts could have entered this man’s mind such as: “If there is not enough steam to get started, how can we hope to have enough steam to arrive in Chattanooga?” or “Those boilers are not large enough to contain

enough steam to go all the way from Atlanta to Chattanooga!” Mr. Mallowh says, “Before the trip is one-third over, there was so much steam in the engine that the excess had to be let off. Yet at the beginning only enough to start was needed.” (Page 63). How about you? Do you have enough steam to get started? With souls dying, there is an urgency to get started, and the Lord will provide more than enough to complete the journey. Let us restore the urgency of evangelism.

Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville

Summer is past, Fall is here and Winter is quickly approaching. As the winter months come upon us, we will not be able to do any door to door evangelistic work. Have no fear, evangelism will not cease because of

the weather! If you have a desire to learn how to lead a Bible study or to become more comfortable knocking on doors, the upcoming training classes will be of great benefit to you. The winter months will be used to equip the

saints for the work of the ministry. When Spring arrives, we will have others who are trained to knock doors and conduct Bible studies. Consider being part of those classes. We can learn to become fishers of men.

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Statistics for October 2008

181 doors were knocked.

1955 packets of literature distributed.

10 calls to the Bible Call System with 43 accesses to messages.

5 new Bible correspondence courses were established.

(Please see the Evangelism Bulletin Board for total statistics since July 2008. Also keep an eye on the evangelism thermometer located in the main foyer!!)

Another Special Thank You

Without the efforts of so many individuals, this evangelistic work could not continue. This month a special “thank you” goes out to all who took Bible material home and stuffed them into packets. Over 3000 packets were stuffed! (This was in addition to the 4500 pieces of House to House mail that needed to be sealed). Without this vital information, the distributors could not perform their work. So many were involved that I cannot begin to mention each one individually. Thank you for your hard work! The Lord knows your labors!!!!

(Last month, I failed to list J.W. Waldron as one of those who went door knocking. Thank you J.W.)

Hope For The Lost Soul

K.A. Pugh

Gods Word is a message of hope. His Word is powerful enough that it can remove a man from the darkness of sin into the kingdom of His dear son. The only hope for the lost soul is the gospel message! If the gospel message saves (Romans 1:16), then why do so many want to water it down and not allow the power of the gospel to save the soul of the lost?

When conducting one on one Bible studies, it is important for the teacher to allow the Bible to do all of the talking. What I mean by that is this: if a prospect has a Bible

question, there will be a Bible answer for it. Many times we become afraid to tell a prospect what the Bible says on a certain matter. When we do that, we are weakening the power of the gospel's message. Remember, the power is in the gospel and not in us. Can we state more eloquently what the Bible already says? We cannot. Let the Bible do the talking. It gives hope, and it saves.

Sometimes we feel that a prospect cannot handle what the Bible states on a matter and we try to change the message for that prospect's situation. Again, we take away the

hope for that individual when we do not teach the whole counsel of God.

I would like to encourage us all to never be ashamed or afraid to tell someone what the Bible says on any subject. They may not like what the Bible says, but you have fulfilled your duty as a child of God. If you change the message for your prospect in any way, you take away hope for his soul, and you place your own soul in jeopardy. Give men the hope they deserve by teaching them exactly what the Bible says. They will love and respect you for it.