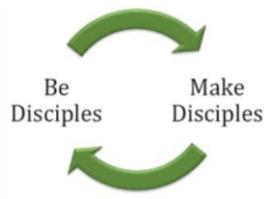
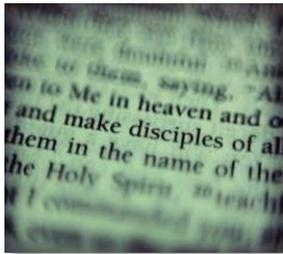


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## *Evangelism Is Not My Talent... But It Can Be*



**LET'S GET  
ENERGIZED  
ABOUT  
EVANGELISM!**



Every U.S. military personnel is required to complete basic training. It doesn't matter what their field of expertise would be, basic training was a requirement. Everyone had to run, shoot, exercise, and be prepared for war. The computer scientist, the biologist, the communications engineer, the supply management personnel all had to complete basic training. What if basic training was not their talent? It did not matter, every person had to push through it in order to graduate.



There are good works listed throughout the Scripture and if we examine many of those good works, it doesn't take special abilities to fulfill them. In many cases, the efforts to do those works are developed through training and experience. For instance Romans 12:7-8 is a list of gifts that members of the body were granted. Although, in the 1st century, many gifts were given through miraculous means, today many of those same gifts can be developed with proper nurturing. Christians can be nurtured in ministry or service, teaching, exhorting, ruling, and showing mercy. If this is the case with those gifts, why can't the same be done with the work of evangelism?

Evangelism, for Christians, should be like basic training... every member should be trained to do it because it is the heart of Christianity. Evangelism is one of those works that if the entire organism of the body is not on board with, the body will suffer greatly. Evangelism is like basic training because the training will always be with you, even when you are doing other works for the Lord. For example, those gifts in Romans 12:7-8 are all perfect compliments to evangelism. Why minister or serve? So we can have opportunities to evangelize. Why teach? So we can evangelize the lost and teach Christians how to evangelize. Why exhort? We encourage the brethren to be involved in Christian living so we can evangelize. Why rule? We rule or lead to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Why show mercy? It can open the door to evangelize. Many works that are done can lead to evangelism.

Every member of the local body should be developing themselves to work in the kingdom of God to help spread the word of God in some capacity. The areas in which we are involved should lead to the growth of the body and assist in saving souls. It is our basic training. Since it is God's ultimate plan that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4), shouldn't the things we do line up with the ultimate plan of God?

Until each of us are willing to complete basic training, the entire body will not think evangelistically. The Lord needs every member and every work to be focused on the saving of souls. In the first century, it was not just the apostles who focused on evangelism, it was the whole church. What will you do today to begin developing yourself to evangelize and fulfill the ultimate purpose of God? -K.A. Pugh

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