

Faithful Evangelism

“Joyful & energetic investment in and witness to lost people, motivated by God’s grace”

Do the following traits describe you?

Are these what people in your home church & your discipling relationships see in you?

INWARD QUALITIES - which come when our heart is continually being transformed by grace:

“Joyful” means... joyful. Building relationships with lost people is not done out of guilt nor a sense of burden or drudgery. You are not resentful of how outreach invades your schedule. But rather you experience a gradual increase of excitement and anticipation as an opportunity approaches (whether planned or spontaneous).

“Energetic” Diligent & consistent – not dabbling. We see words like “labor,” “striving” and “zealous” in the Bible when associated with ministry. This, too, comes from the heart. You, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are an ambassador - one who is *constantly* on a mission among lost people.

OUTWARD QUALITIES – the actions of a faithful evangelist:

“Investment in” – we must be *with* the lost for God to bear fruit through us. This leads to at least three things:

- A lifestyle of praying for lost people in our lives and unexpected divine appointments.
- A *lifestyle* of building relationships with lost people, both by your taking the initiative and being responsive to opportunities. One can look at our schedule and see the priority we place on those who don’t know Christ.
- Consistently stewarding the resources God has given you, especially those that place you among lost people (Romans 12:1-13). These include spiritual gifts, time, finances, your family, talents, hobbies, etc.

“Bold witness to lost people” – “How will they believe in Him without hearing?” (Rom. 10:14) A faithful evangelist frequently broaches spiritual conversations with lost people to learn of their spiritual beliefs. These conversations often lead to presenting the gospel and/or invitations to Christian community (home group or central teaching) or other pre-evangelistic events. “Faithfulness” has little to do with our feeling-state. We can be faithful when feeling bold (Acts 4:31), or “in weakness, fear, & much trembling” like Paul when witnessing to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 2:3).

The above inner and outer qualities can *only* grow by feeding oneself on His grace.

“Motivated by God’s grace” – The four qualities above result from and are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Being strong in His grace is an essential part of our daily and ongoing walk (Col. 1:5b-6; 2 Tim. 2:1-7; John 15; 1 Thess. 2:8-14; Rom 1:16).

God promises to give us the joy, energy, and boldness to invest in and witness to lost people, if we walk in the light of His grace! As this increasingly describes our faithfulness in evangelism, He will bear fruit through us!

When?

We don’t know.

But He will grow us!

Let’s learn together to take joy in faithfully building friendships with and communicating the gospel to lost people regardless of their response.