



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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PART ONE

Obstacles to Personal Evangelism re: Believers

A. Fear of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—Whenever I establish my _____ based on others' opinion of my _____ and _____, I will cease to be a loving confronter of the lost with the mandates of the gospel.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **Ed Welch**—“If making a decision for Jesus means that we might spend years being unpopular, ignored, poor, or criticized, then there are masses of Christians who temporarily put their faith on the shelf. ‘Death is not imminent, so why hurry into such a rash decision?’ ‘There will be time later to get things straight with God.’ In other words, kill me, but don’t keep me from being like, appreciated, or respected.... The clear proclamation of the Gospel does not make us look good. It doesn’t make us popular.” (*When People are Big and God is Small*, 39-40)

B. Misunderstanding of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—Often we operate as if (and even believe) that the task of sharing the gospel is a _____ that we don’t have or a _____ that we are not called to.
- **Donald Whitney**—“While it is true that God gifts some for ministry as evangelists, He calls all believers to be His witnesses and provides them with both the power to witness and a powerful message. Every evangelist is called to be a witness, but only a few witnesses are called to the vocational ministry of an evangelist.” (*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, 95)
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—

C. Failure in _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—A _____ witness is a _____ witness and an unloving _____.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **John Piper**—“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't . . . Missions begins and ends in worship.” (Worship *begins* with our obedience to *go* and make worshipers of the nations.)

D. Uncertainty of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—While cultural _____ is popular and _____ evangelism is common, once the line is crossed into actual _____, many believers don’t know what to say. _____ over elements (e.g. lordship, repentance, creation, etc.), _____ with older presentations, and lack of _____ with any are often the culprits.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—

E. Lack of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—The absence of _____ means the absence of _____ of the believer in salvation is not only revealed in a progressive moving away from sin but also a progressive moving towards practical righteousness.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **Charles Spurgeon**—“Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that.”