

BACK TO THE BASICS OF EVANGELISM.

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INTRODUCTION

- A. God has equipped us with the senses we need to function in life.**
 - 1. The ancient philosopher Aristotle distinguished the 5 senses as sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.
 - 2. And all of these senses are important, and they work together.
- B. But more important than these physical senses, we need to possess spiritual senses.**
- C. In this lesson we will identify what is called the “Five Senses of Evangelism.”**

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE WILL OBSERVE...

I. SENSE OF AWARENESS.

- A. Be that worldly values can hinder spiritual values.**
 - 1. Economics and popularity are the objects of most people’s lives.
 - 1) These are not walking by faith (**2 Cor. 5:7** walk by faith).
 - 2) Ask parents what they want their children to grow up to be: financially secure, doctors, bosses (**Col. 3:2**).
 - 3) Wrong priorities (**Matt. 6:33**).
 - 2. There is a lot of talk about God, but there is very little commitment to Him (**Matt. 15:8** “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.”)
 - 1) People are trying to mold God into what they want.
 - 2) People don't really know who Jesus is.
- B. We must be aware of the fact that people are lost.**
 - 1. There are 2 categories in which we place the lost.
 - 2. Alien sinners and erring children of God.
- C. We must be aware of the value of a soul (**Matt. 16:26-27** “For what is a man profited...” **Pro. 11:30** “he that winneth souls is wise.”)**
- D. We must be aware of the value of the gospel (**Rom. 1:16; James 1:21** “the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”)**

II. SENSE OF ZEAL.

- A. A zeal for God’s cause should consume us (**John 2:17** “And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.” **Quote from Psalm 69:9**).**
 - 1. Love for Christ produces zeal (**2 Cor. 5:14** “For the love of Christ constraineth us...” To move and push us.
 - 2. Zeal must be accompanied by knowledge (**Rom. 10:2** “have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.”)
- B. Courage must accompany our zeal.**

1. There will be opposition (**2 Tim. 3:12**)
2. Evil must be exposed (**Eph. 5:11**).

III. SENSE OF COMPASSION.

A. Compassion will move us.

1. Compassion is easily recognized.
2. People will see that we care (**Matt. 5:16** light shine).
3. **Matt. 9:36** "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them..." To be moved by the heart (**John 11:35** "Jesus wept." **11:38** He groaned in himself.)

B. Compassion moves us to help the lost see salvation!

IV. SENSE OF URGENCY.

A. Time is ticking away!

1. We don't know when Jesus will return or when people will die.
2. There are 174,349 people who die each day in the world; that is 7,265 per hour.

B. Is it wise to put off teaching others?

1. **James 4:14**.
2. **Pro. 27:1** "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

V. SENSE OF DEDICATION.

A. We must be dedicated to winning souls to Christ.

1. Dedication requires study (**2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:15** "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear")
2. Dedication requires sacrifice (**Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:16**).
3. Dedication requires prayer (**Phil. 4:6** "w/prayer and supplication let your request be made known unto God.")

B. We must be dedicated to awakening people's interest in the gospel.

1. We must help them see the need for the truth (**Acts 2:37; Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 2:14** "he called you by our gospel.")
2. We must overcome procrastination (**James 4:14**).

C. We must rely on God as our source of strength.

VI. CONCLUSION.

A. When we use our Five Senses of Evangelism, we will be able to fulfill the challenge and command of the Great Commission.

B. That doesn't mean we will save everyone we talk to, but it does mean we will be reaching out to those who are not saved.

C. God made salvation possible for everyone. However, the lost must be taught (**Romans 10:15**).