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**Go and make disciples!**

E-votional 13

Work of an Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:5 (ESV),

*As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, **do the work of an evangelist**, fulfill your ministry.*

What does it mean for us to “do the work of an evangelist?” Well, an evangelist is someone who goes and tells forth the Gospel, to put it very simply. I think in many ways we need to look at this term as if we do not know what it means. Basically, we need to unlearn some things in order to correctly understand this term. I am basing this off the idea that in order to do the work of an evangelist, people today often equate that with meaning that you must have a title behind your name or a notable position in the church. Of course, this is the furthest thing from the truth.

I am reminded of an instance early in my walk when someone asked me which of the five-fold ministers I was. Was it Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher? I replied, ‘I do not care for titles.’ I was more concerned with simply living as a witness for Jesus in my everyday life. In other words, I was doing the work of an evangelist. Shortly after I got saved, I knew it was purposed for me to spread the news about what Jesus had done in my heart and life.

This all started happening when I would hear teachings that would point to the follower of Jesus as one who was always being ready to give a defense for the hope that is in them. In fact, Peter puts it like this in 1 Peter 3:15 (NLT),

*Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

Now, when I think of the context of this, I imagine Peter and John going to the temple at the hour of prayer. While going, they come across a man at the gate beautiful asking alms. They tell the beggar that they do not possess silver or gold and thus proclaim healing to the beggar in the name of Jesus (Acts 3:1-8). Next,

the people who saw this great miracle were astounded because the man that was healed they saw daily at the gate begging alms. At this, Scripture says in Acts 3:11 (NLT) that,

*“They all rushed out in amazement.” That is referring to the people who saw this take place.*

All of this is amazing and worthy of praise to God. But what happened next is the target of this teaching, when in Acts 3:12 (NLT),

*Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness?”*

Peter very simply saw an opportunity to evangelize. A question to ponder briefly is this, did Peter know this was going to take place? Or was he simply living his normal Christian life that God assigned to him and when the opportunity presented itself responded? I think the answer is obvious. He was simply living the life God assigned to him.

With that being said, we do know by Peter’s response that he was intentionally living for Christ because he was always in a ready stance to present the Gospel.

One more illustration is of the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:7-42. This woman has an encounter with Jesus that literally exposes her heart as well as prepares her heart to receive Jesus into it. She is radically changed by her encounter with Jesus so she runs out and tells the people of her town the things that Jesus told her. Hear the testimony about her evangelizing in John 4:39 (NLT),

*Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”*

It appears that this woman had the shortest testimony in all of testimonies, but yet, people believed because of it. Point to ponder. Never think that your testimony is not enough. Simply share it with others. Do not be afraid to share what things great or small that Jesus has done for you. Your testimony may be the only Jesus someone you know ever hears about.

You may not be really active in church or a specific ministry. But that should not matter. Peter and John were just living life as normal by going to pray. The woman at the well was just going to fetch some water when she met Jesus. From this meeting, she had all she needed to spread the Gospel and evangelize.

If you are doing this then take comfort, you are doing the work of an evangelist. If you are not then simply get to know Jesus and share what you know about Him. It is really that simple.

We pray that as you move throughout this week in whatever situation you are in that you would be prepared and ready because someone you run into may need what you have been given by the Holy Spirit within you. Look for ways to grow and get to know Jesus more and more and then simply share that with others. If you don't know what to say, I pray that the Lord gives you words of grace. The Lord is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that you ask or even think according to the power that is within you. Rely on Him, He will not leave you or forsake you. In Jesus name. Amen.

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