1Thess #8

The office of the Evangelist.

Keep our Royal Family in places like Canada and Australia in prayer. There is great tyranny running rampant in both countries.

I have been in contact with Ray in Australia and I can tell you the oppression is real. We often forget what happens in places like Australia and Canada are usually precursors for what will eventually find its way onto American shores.

When the government can randomly lock you down or force you into a risky medical procedure. Freeze your bank account or criminalize you for simply speaking against a political party or even speaking against leadership - that is tyranny…that is real oppression.

We will open up in 2Timothy chapter four. I first need to cover a few scriptures and principles as we open up our study today.

Our recent study in 1Thessalonians led us into looking at evangelism and how we as positive Bels, witness in our words and our life.

The Bels at Thessalonica were in need of some correction but one thing they did not need correction on - was their love for TLJC.

/1Thes 1:8 For **the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you**, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place *the news of* **your faith toward God has gone out**, so that we have no need to say anything.

Their words and action were powerful enough to carry throughout all Greece.\

Evangelism is the call for every Bel.

Yet there are specific offices or titles design by GOD that are commissioned to habitually bring forth the Gospel of Christ within their duties and callings.

The reality is that God makes HIS presence known to all mankind.

Satan’s cosmic system tries to counterfeit and cover up the one true GOD – but the truth is the gospel of TLJC is everywhere.

/Rom 1:18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness** and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because **that which is known about God is evident within them**; for God made it evident to them.

At the youngest age of two or three a child realizes right and wrong naturally.\

How many times have you seen a toddler, still in diapers, take a toy from another child or hit another child?

Then they immediately look around because they know they are wrong – they naturally know something they did was bad.

God instills some aspect of divine knowledge in every human being, it just becomes hard or buried underneath the lies of the devil’s world after a period of neglect.

Scar tissue on the soul is a very real spiritual phenomenon.

It covers up what God has placed there in every person;

/Ecc 3:11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. **He has also set eternity in their heart,** without *the possibility that* mankind will find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.\

We are born with a natural desire to know God and be drawn toward the things of God. People often fill that void with other things like drugs, sex and power but the desire is there!

There is a cross-shaped hole in the heart of every human being that only TLJC can fill!

The religious crowd use to get upset with the commotion TLJC would cause especially in that last year of HIS earthly ministry. The crowds would chant and become excited to see Him or listen to Him.

/Luk 19:39 And *yet* some of **the Pharisees**in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!” 40 Jesus replied, “**I tell you, if these stop speaking, the stones will cry out!”**

Creation itself screams about the Creator. Every aspect of nature and wildlife point to a divine Creator.\

The call for evangelism is really a call for a Bel or an office that will shine the light on what God has naturally given all of us.

We do not have the power to make someone believe upon Christ. We are not expected to do any of that supernatural work – that is the ministry of God the HS.

We are called to speak and live in our union with Christ in such a manner that shines a light on a path designed by God in eternity past.

 REPEAT

It is the same thing with a pastor or evangelist, they just have a bigger flashlight and spend more time illuminating the path then the average Bel.

/Eph 4:11 And **He gave some as apostles, some *as* prophets, some as evangelists, some *as* pastors and teachers**, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, **for the building up of the body of Christ**;

*Euangelistēs-* one who brings good news, tidings of joy or peace. Not an apostle.\

These are gifts and callings given by God.

YOU-ONG-LEE-STAS, was a new title, not related to apostleship but a specific office to bring the good news of Christ. It comes from a root word that means to preach out loud, a proclamation of peace and good news.

Though each of these offices and titles are to bring out the gospel to a lost and dying world they have greater emphasis on other details as well – while the evangelist is strictly a proclaiming ministry. The evangelist needs to focus on going out and shining the light of salvation for Unbels.

 REPEAT

Look what the Apostle Paul teaches his student Timothy related to spiritual gifts.

2Tim 4:1 I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

/[2Ti 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/4/2/s_1129002) **preach the word**; **be ready in season *and* out of season**; correct, rebuke, *and* exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Timothy was being groomed for an office of pastor – the call is to continue to teach the WORD. Even during turbulent times or a small group, it doesn’t matter.\

The Apostle Paul is telling him just keep pressing forward Timothy – even if the odds or crowds are against you.

That is the call for the office of pastor and evangelist just as it was for the prophets.

Be ready in season and out - speaks to the level of work and studying it takes to be a pastor-teacher.

This translates – study until you are exhausted Timothy, teach and study again until you are exhausted.

 REPEAT

[2Ti 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/4/3/s_1129003) For *the* time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires,

This was true 2,000 years ago and my guess and personal research show me it has gotten worse over time, not better!

Think about the popular churches and denominations, the big ministries that fill up huge auditoriums – they are not grinding it out teaching truth.

They have a flashy message and big music ministries – it is a play on emotions not serios Bible study.

[2Ti 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/4/4/s_1129004) and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

/[2Ti 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/4/5/s_1129005) But *as for* you, use self-restraint in all things, endure hardship, **do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

A pastor is called to endure the challenges, study & teach and within his teaching is a consistent message of Christ crucified.\

Every pastor who is teaching the word accurately will weave the good news of Jesus Christ within the majority of their messages.

The person and work of Christ will be evident in their teaching.

[2Ti 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/4/6/s_1129006) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

This must be awfully important if it is one of the last messages written down by the Apostle Paul to Timothy.

/The Gift of Evangelism is designed for a positive MALE Bel – just as for a pastor. The communication gift of evangelism is given by God (just as the gift of pastor) to men who have the gift and a strong calling. Men who have advanced far enough to recognize the gift. The gift of pastor / evangelist is a growing and maturing gift that must be nurtured and fed habitually.\

This gift gives the evangelist or pastor the ability to gain the attention of a crowd and speak accurately of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

/Evangelism is conducted inside the client nation in contrast to missionary activity, which is evangelization outside of the client nation. Some missionary callings are designed for Evangelists, yet the call for missionary (outreach programs) does not always require a lead, Evangelist. The missionary field is open for all Bels who want to present the gospel and assist a region in need of attention. Attention in not only truth but church development or society structural needs. \

Some Bels have the time, talent and treasure to help develop a church. Or perhaps build a water system such as wells, nutritional and medical programs.

Missionary can be structural assistance with a strong emphasis on evangelism as well.

Missionary evangelism like this, falls under the umbrella of National Evangelism for a client nation unto God.

/The Evangelist within a client nation is a powerful calling to bring those under the Client Nation unto God into a relationship with Christ. Every client nation has a voice of evangelism within the nation and also those who go outside the borders to bring the good news of Christ. The stronger the client nation the more voices of truth are available and also the more missionaries go out beyond the borders.\

The OT had prophets that did the majority of the evangelism. The OT prophets had a calling to speak what God the HS led them to speak upon.

They spoke about prophetic wisdom for future events and they called the lost Bels back into the nation of Israel. They also would speak boldly about the true Messiah and the one true God of Israel everywhere they went.

John the Baptist was considered the last OT prophet and you can see his evangelism office in his messages.

/Mat 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, **preaching** in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 “**Repent,** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Prophets were called to wake up lost Bels, point to future events but also reveal the truth of the one Messiah to Unbels.\

John the Baptist knew two important principles related to evangelism;

/*Kēryssō* – preaching was to proclaim publicly, repetitively speak a message.

*Metanoeō* – change your mind, turn from one direction toward another.

Evangelism is a call to turn from the cosmic system, turn from the lies toward the truth of Christ. Preaching publicly a solid, repetitive message of only one way to salvation.\

The Evangelist needs to fully grasp these concepts of- KAY -RUSSO, public speaking in repetitive fashion.

As well as – META-NOYA, which points to changing directions.

The Gospel of Christ when properly and repetitively spoken, alerts the Unbel that their normal, train of thought and their lifestyle is opposed to the truth.

It is a call to repent and sometimes that needs to be done in a very assertive fashion. John the Baptist knew the time he lived in was corrupt.

He knew Christ was about show HIMSELF, that is why we see John the Baptist with such a strong conviction.

/Mat 3:11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**and fire.

The water is symbolic of the WORD which washes over us and cleanses us. But that water baptism was symbolic for what TLJC would bring.\

Jesus Christ is called the WORD, one of HIS many titles, the word is a cleansing agent.

The call for Evangelism is a serious calling just like a pastor.

The evangelist needs to be prepared to travel and pursue public avenues to get the gospel out across the nation.

The Evangelist may or may not be called outside of their own borders into a missionary calling.

God will place that call upon their heart.

/National Evangelism or Missionary Activity is a calling for a client nation unto God. Missionaries must be prepared to face a language barrier. They must be good stewards of the finances and preparation that God lays out for them. The missionary must be very sensitive to where the Lord leads them. Maturity is a key in missionary work.\

Missionaries should be of the highest quality of Believers. They must be mature, well-trained in Bible doctrine, prepared for diverse languages, customs, and new cultures.

They need all of these qualities because missionaries need a level of endurance that many average Bels lack.

/Missionaries need to keep a strong focus on the gospel and establishing leadership skills and church foundation because they will not always be there. The community work they do, should be based upon Christian values not political agendas. Missionaries should never over step boundaries related to government and political establishments.\

The missionary, must not have a hidden agenda to change the culture or become a political activist in a foreign land.

The main focus is to ensure Christ is preached and a church or a spiritual leader is established.

Then the Christian integrity and love of offering assistance in the community will have great and lasting value.