

In Roc. I was asked this question: *Why do we encourage everyone to evangelize if we aren't all evangelists?*

I said: The office of an evangelist & the work of an evangelist are 2 different ideas: (a) The office of an evangelist stirs people into the things of God through preaching & may involve the gifts (b) the WORK of an evangelist is simply one to preaches or testifies Jesus (*Declaring the good news*) In our scripture: Paul encourages Timothy (*Disciple/Pastor/Leader*) to do the work of an evangelist-

I PAUL & EVANGELISM:

A- We could say that Paul was an evangelist missionary:

1. From the birth of his salvation, he testified what Jesus did in him

a. **Acts 26:19-20** *Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.*

i. Here: Speaking about his conversion & calling- My life has been DECLARE Christ crucified, Christ resurrected.

2. Paul's life was devoted to Evangelism-

a. **Q: What are some examples of Paul's evangelism?**

i. "To the unknown God"/meeting Lydia; witnessing outside the gate of the city/ Philippian Jailer converted-

3. **Acts 20:24** *But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

a. Here we see the heart of Paul: My life's pursuit is to do what Jesus called me to do! TESTIFY JESUS

B- So, we read the record of Paul's evangelistic life:

1. Pioneered numbers churches & established them: *Pioneering is mostly THIS!* Evangelism-

2. Brought wisdom & clarity to the will of God: Specifically in reaching Gentiles with the Gospel: *He saw it works!*

3. He was a "Discipler" of men: He had the ability to reproduce men: *This was directly connected to evangelism*

4. So, in our text: This missionary evangelist is giving direction & understanding to his son in the faith:

a. V5 *do the work of an evangelist*

II WORK OF AN EVANGELIST:

A- We need to THINK about what it means to do the work of an evangelist?

1. To understand this; we need to think about the word EVANGELIST:

a. This comes from the Greek word *euaggelistēs* "One who brings good tidings" "One who Declares good news"

i. **Luke 2:10** *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. The is an example of an evangelist (announcing the birth of Jesus)*

ii. **Luke 4:18** *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

2. So, its basic idea for us is witnessing & testifying Jesus... specifically to the unsaved!

a. So Paul writes to Timothy: Context; What the word of God is & its benefits... Then Preach that word... & evangelize the Gospel of that word!

B- Very tragic how many miss this important part of calling & ministry- EVANGELISTIC WORK

1. They are blinded by Laziness: The work of an evangelist is WORK; Toil/action...

2. They are blinded by the Cost: Time/Financial/Investment of talents & abilities/Persecution

3. They are blinded by their Preferences: Opinions/experiences... *It doesn't work anymore/Social media is the new*

4. But here in our text Paul emphasizes this as a vital importance to furthering the KOG - Even for the future

a. V3 *A time will come...* A future desire for teachings away from this Gospel... Isn't that what we see today?

b. So what is the answer? The work of an evangelist... EVANGELISM-

III MINISTRY VIEW:

A- Your success in ministry will be impacted by your view of evangelism-

1. *V5 do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

a. Evangelism & ministry are connected... weaved into one another

b. Paul saw what he saw b/c he was so active in Evangelism-

2. Isn't that the root of the great commission? **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Preach this Gospel-*

B- My calling changed when I got evangelism in my heart...

1. I had it in my brain; *but it was a chore/Its what I had to do if I wanted ministry*

a. But when it came into my heart; when I believed in it, when I burdened for it, when I desired to be fruitful in it-

i. My view changed/My band changed/My fruitfulness changed/My salvation changed-

2. When I went out: It was the first thing I did-

a. SF: older church- No Saturday outreach- Would take people to dinner & ask them a good place to outreach, & invite them to sin us... immediately saw people saved & visitors

i. Started Saturday morning outreach: slow trickle in, but eventually had many involved-

b. In Rochester: First Saturday there had an evening outreach at the Lilac Festival: had 12 saved (more in one outreach saved an in 4 months; Jan-Apr)

Challenge: Do you have a heart for Evangelism... Are you doing the work of an Evangelist? Who knows the Potential