

THE WORK OF AN EVANGELISM

2 Timothy 4:5 NKJV

A very important part of your future ministry to develop is your evangelism. **Q:** Do you have a burden for the lost? Do you have a hunger for evangelism? Are you doing the work of an evangelist? Paul reminds Timothy, in all the duties of ministry, do the work of an evangelist.

2 Timothy 4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

I MORE THAN A MICROPHONE:

A- Pastoral ministry is more than a microphone, its more than preaching to an audience-

1. PG used to say: *Anything you want to be in life be a Pastor, because you'll do it all!*

a. You'll be a Carpenter, Mason worker, Marriage Counselor, Family counselor, Teen Counselor, Wedding Planner, Electrician, Plummer, Operations Director, Worship leader, CEO, Secretary, HR...

i. There is so much that a pastor does, especially in our fellowship!

2. In **1 Timothy 3:8-13** These are the qualifications for ministry... a list that goes beyond the microphone-

a. Issues of Character, how you deal with people, your marriage, your family...

3. Ministry starts well before the pulpit... and continues long after the pulpit... Its more than a microphone!

II THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST:

A- A very important part of ministry is evangelism- **2 Timothy 4:5** do the work of an evangelist.

1. This means; (NCV) Do the work of telling the good news, witness, evangelize-

a. Chapter 4 starts with PREACH the word... Preaching is part of ministry... but also, evangelize-

2. Scholars credit Paul's ministry with pioneering 14-20 churches!

a. How did he do that? He evangelized-

b. He witnessed everywhere he went, he looked for witnessing opportunities, he found where people gather, he gathered people together to witness to them!

B- This still applies today! One day when you are pioneering, majority of your work will be evangelizing.

1. In one months time Matt and Priscilla prayed with 40 people... but that was established long before he went out.

a. P Hart, while being on staff here has pioneered 4 churches (Middle Verde, White River, Fort McDowell, San Carlos)... WHY? He does the work of an evangelist... its in him-

2. The work of an evangelist needs be at work in you today!

a. When you go out, you are the outreach team, you are the follow up team, you are the primary contact of the church

3. I can remember my wife and I settling that we would be involved in weekly Saturday morning evangelism-

a. We had been hit and miss, allowing other things to take priority, but then it was settled... for two and a half years Saturday evangelism, weekly evangelism, & personal evangelism took priority in our lives-

b. We had corporate fruit & personal fruit... we learned how to witness & how to follow up in the work of an evangelist-

i. We carried that into SF & Roc... and have continued that HERE!

c. PG challenged us as disciples & couples in this arena- DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST-

III GETTING THE HEART OF EVANGELISM:

A- If you don't have a burden or heart for evangelism, then ask God for it-

1. Ask Him for a Love for people and a Passion for souls... This is something God would love to answer!

2. Prioritize your schedule: Make room for evangelism... make room in your schedule to be part of Outreach

3. Do the Work of an Evangelist: Don't just pass out flyers (although you may start there)... Witness! Tell someone about Jesus and what he has done in your life... Share the Gospel!

4. This will help you today, but it will also help your future!

a. You will begin to identify weak areas... Where do I lack discernment? Where do I lack dominion? Where do I lack ability?