

**WEEK 2 – WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS AN EVANGELIST?
DAY 1 – ALL CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE EVANGELISTS**

Last week we learned that evangelism is important. It is important because: People are lost. God wants to save them. The time is short. Evangelism helps you.

1. Write two ways evangelism can help you.

(1) _____

(2) _____

But perhaps you do not call yourself an evangelist. You say, “We have special people in our church who do evangelism. There are missionaries and pastors, and other chosen evangelists.”

2. Do you think these are the only ones who should do evangelism? _____

It is true that missionaries, pastors and evangelists should do this work. But the Bible does not say they are the only ones. What does the Bible say about this? Let us find out.

The book of Acts is the great book of evangelism. In it we read that many people carried the good news of Jesus. In the beginning of this book, we read how Jesus told His followers to do evangelism. Stop reading now and open your Bible to Acts chapter 1. Read verses 8 to 11

3. Where was Jesus going at that time? _____

Yes, Jesus’ time on earth was now finished. The Father wanted Him to come back to heaven. But was His work finished? Let us think about this.

It is true that Jesus finished the work of dying for our sins. You remember He said on the cross, “It is finished.” But now everyone on earth must know that he had finished this work.

4. Did everyone know that Jesus died for their sins? _____

No, there were only a few who understood what Jesus did for them. Thousands of people followed Jesus to see the miracles. But only a few saw that He died for their sins. Acts 1:15:

In those days (after Jesus returned to heaven) Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty.)

5. How many brethren were still believing in Jesus after He was crucified?

Jesus wanted everyone to know that He died for them. Everyone did not know. So in one way we can say His work was not finished. Now if He was going back to heaven, who would finish this work? We find it in the verses which you read. Acts 1:8:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

6. To whom did Jesus say these words? (If you do not know, read Acts 1:2.)

Jesus left the work of evangelism with his followers. He was going away. Now they would do his work. But it was such a big job! They must not only go to their friends. Acts 1:8:

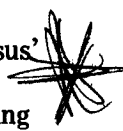
... and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

7. Write all the places where the followers of Jesus should go.

They should go to the whole world. How could the little group of followers do that?

Look carefully at the plan of Jesus. He did not choose two or three to be

evangelists. He told all of His followers that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Then they would all be witnesses. We read in Acts 2 that all of Jesus' followers went to pray for the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:3-4:



And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

- 8. How many followers were filled with the Holy Spirit? _____
None Prayed for HS!
- 9. How many of them did Jesus want to be witnesses? _____

But all of these followers were only 120. Could they preach to all the world? No. They would die before they finished. The things which Jesus said were not only for the first followers. They were also for the new people who would receive Him. When the followers did evangelism, new people would repent. Then those new followers would do evangelism too.

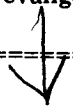
- 10. If all followers should be witnesses, does this mean us today? _____

Jesus said His followers should go to the whole world. But even today there are some people who have not heard. If evangelism is going to reach the whole world, then all Christians must help. All Christians must do the work Jesus gave them.

- 11. Are you a Christian? _____

If you are a Christian, this lesson is speaking to you. Jesus says to you, "You shall be my witnesses."

- 12. Who should do evangelism? _____



Some people say everyone should do evangelism. No. Do not say that. Not everyone is a Christian. Someone who is not a Christian cannot do evangelism. Only a Christian can tell other people about Christ.

- 13. If you are a Christian, what work should you do? _____

14. Who should do the work of evangelism? _____

To help us remember this we will memorize Acts 1:8. Open your Bible to this verse. Read it three times. Try to say it without looking in the Bible. Read it again. Do this until you know it well.

15. Without looking in the Bible, write Acts 1:8. _____

ANSWERS

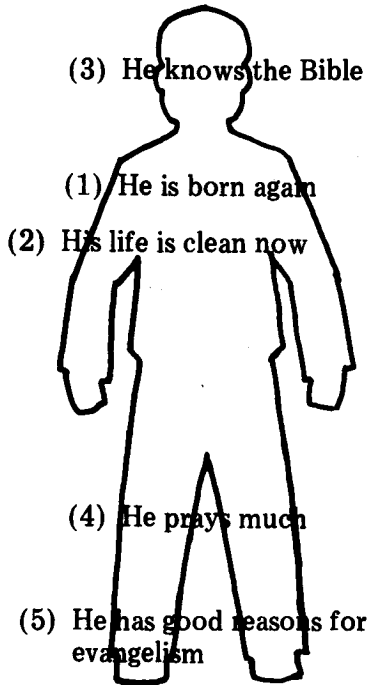
- 2. This is up to you.
- 6. To His disciples, or His followers.
- 10. Yes.
- 15. Look in your Bible to see if you have written it right.
 - 3. Back to heaven.
 - 7. Jerusalem, Judea , Samaria, and to all the earth.
- 11. This is up to you.
 - 1. (1) It makes you strong.
 - (2) It gives you joy.
- 5. 120.
- 9. All of them.
- 13. Evangelism.
- 4. No.
- 8. All of them.
- 12. You, and all Christians. Both answers are right.
- 14. You, and all Christians. Both answers are right.

**WEEK 2 – WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS AN EVANGELIST?
DAY 2 – HE IS BORN AGAIN AND HIS LIFE IS CLEAN NOW**

Yesterday we saw that all Christians should be evangelists.

1. What does this say about you? _____

If you should be an evangelist, then you must know what kind of a person an evangelist is. That is what we want to learn now. Let us say this little man below is an evangelist. Read the words that describe him.



2. I will ask you to write each of these five things at the end of the week. Read each one again and think about it.

Let us start with the man's heart. He knows he is born again. He knows he is clean now. Why must he know these things? Remember this verse.

Acts 1:8:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the end of the earth.

3. In this verse, what name does Jesus call those who speak for Him?

Why do you think Jesus used the name "witness" here? Why did He not say "preacher" or "messenger"? It is because a person who does evangelism must be more than a preacher or a messenger. He must be a person who sees for himself. Then he tells what he has seen.

4. What do we call a person who sees and then tells about it? _____

Think of the chief's court in your district. Have you ever been to a trial there? In a trial, the court calls for witnesses. They do not want someone who only heard about the trouble. They want someone who saw what happened. The person who saw what happened is a witness.

5. If you did not see two men fighting, can you be a witness about the fight? _____

That is how it is in evangelism. You cannot be a witness about Jesus unless you have Him in your own life. You must know that you have been born again. Then you can tell other people about receiving Jesus.

6. Do you know that you are born again in your spirit? _____

Some people say we cannot know this. But what does the Bible say?

1 John 5:13:

I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Romans 8:16

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

Yes, we can know that we are born again.

7. What must you know in order to do evangelism? _____

This is the first thing an evangelist must know. He must know he is born again in his spirit.

But this is not all he must know. Let us say that one time you received Jesus. You know that you were born again. But let us say that after a time you left the way of God. You stopped talking with Him as His child. You forgot His commandments. You took your own way. You went back into sin.

8. If you did this, could you still be a witness? Could you tell people about God in your life? _____

A person who has gone back cannot do evangelism. To be a witness, you must have a clean life. This is the second thing an evangelist must know. He must know that his life is clean today.

9. If a Christian knows that (1) he is born again and (2) his life is clean today, this man can be _____

Think about the apostle Paul. On the road to Damascus God spoke to him. His life was changed. Paul knew he was born again. Later Paul wrote letters to the churches. He said in 1 Corinthians 11:1:

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

He told them to follow him because he knew his life was clean.

10. Could Paul be a witness of the good news of Jesus? _____

Why? (1) He was _____

(2) His life was _____

Think of some church members. They try to pray and go to church. But they never have been born again by Jesus. There are sins in their lives which they have not made right.

11. Can they do evangelism? _____ Why not?

It is because (1) They are not _____

(2) Their lives are not _____

12. What two things must an evangelist know about his life?

(1) _____

(2) _____

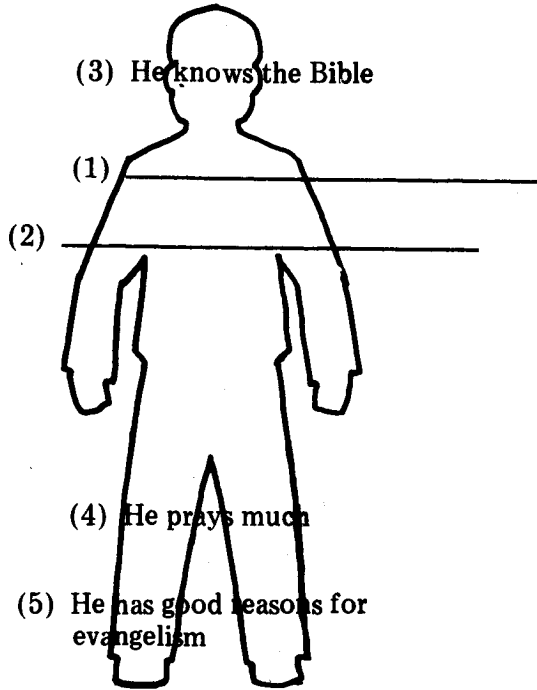
ANSWERS

- 3. Witnesses.
- 6. This is up to you.
- 9. a witness.
- 12. (1) He is born again.
(2) His life is clean now.
- 2. No answer.
- 5. No.
- 8. No.
- 11. No. (1) They are not born again. (2) Their lives are not clean now.
 - 1. You should be an evangelist.
 - 4. A witness.
 - 7. That you are born again.
- 10. Yes. (1) He was born again. (2) His life was clean.

**WEEK 2 – WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS AN EVANGELIST?
DAY 3 – HE MUST KNOW THE BIBLE**

Yesterday we learned two things which an evangelist must know about himself.

1. Write these two things on his heart.



Read the other three things.

2. What is the third thing about a good evangelist? _____

If an evangelist speaks from his own life, this is good. But he needs more power than this. It is not his own word that he is giving. He is giving God's word.

3. Where do we read God's word? _____

If a headman wants to send word to someone, he can send a letter. Where does the letter come from? Does the one who carries it write it? No, he gets the letter from the headman. The words are those of the headman.

4. As evangelists, whose words are we giving to people? _____

God has been careful to write down His words. We can be sure of His words because they are written in the Bible. If we want to give people God's words, we must know the Bible. In this way we can be sure what to say.

5. What must an evangelist know in order to give God's word? _____

Let me show you what I mean. Here are some verses which tell what God wants to do for man. An evangelist must explain this to people. If he knows the right verses, he can explain it well.

John 1:12-13;

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

6. Think about these verses. What does the Bible say God did for those who received and believed Him? _____

The verses tell us how God does this. It is through new birth. But this birth is not by blood. That is, being a Christian is not passed on through the blood of our parents. They cannot make us Christians, even though they are very good Christians. Again, it is not through the will of the flesh. That is, you cannot make yourself a Christian by good works. Again, it is not through the will of man. Your friend or your pastor may want you to become a Christian, but that does not give you new birth. The only one who can do that is God Himself. He has promised to do it if you receive Jesus.

7. Where does God give us words to explain things like the new birth?

There are many, many other verses we could talk about. They show how much an evangelist must know the Bible. The Bible tells how people can begin the Christian life. It also tells how we can go on living.

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

8. What must the evangelist know to show others how to live? _____

The evangelist is not giving his own words. He is giving someone else's words.

9. Can the evangelist give God's words if he does not know the Bible? _____

The Bible is God's word. It gives the evangelist power. God promises that His word will speak to people. It will show them their need. Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

10. Whose word enters the hearts of people like a sword? _____

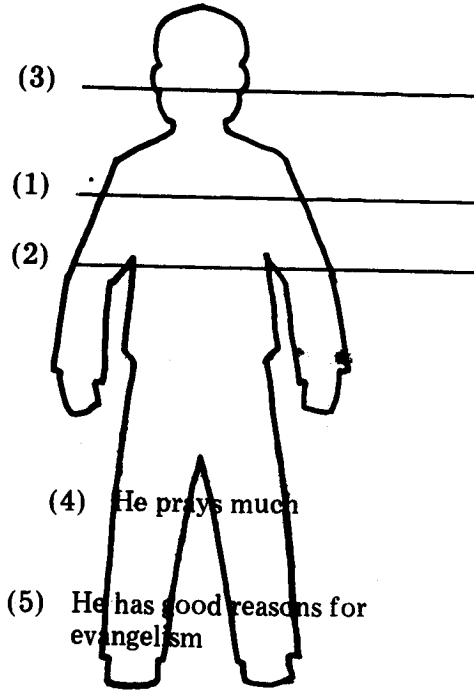
11. What must the evangelist know in order to give God's words? _____

4. God's words.
8. The Bible, or, God's word.
 1. (1) He is born again.
 - (2) His life is clean now.
5. The Bible.
9. No.
2. He knows the Bible.
6. He gave them power to become the children of God.
10. God's word.
 3. In the Bible.
 7. In the Bible.
11. The Bible.

**WEEK 2 – WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS AN EVANGELIST?
DAY 4 – HE IS A MAN OF PRAYER**

Are you beginning to see what kind of a person an evangelist is?

1. Try to write the things we have learned about an evangelist.



Read the two remaining things.

2. What is the fourth thing about an evangelist? _____

When an evangelist is born again and clean, he is a good witness. When he uses the Bible, he has God's words. But there is still something else which he needs.

Jesus said in John 15:5:

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in

him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

3. Can we do evangelism by ourselves? _____

Unless God works, nothing happens when we try to do evangelism. But how can we get Him to work? This verse said we must be joined to Him. We must have His life coming into us. We get this life coming into us when we meet with Him.

4. How can we meet with God every day? _____

When we pray we meet with God. We talk to Him. We listen to Him. We ask for His help. When we pray, we get His life flowing through us. Then He can work through us. An evangelist must be a man of prayer.

5. If an evangelist only preaches, will people receive Jesus? _____

Preaching alone is not enough. The Bible often tells us we should pray.
Matthew 7:7:

Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

James 5:16:

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Luke 18:1:

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Matthew 17:21:

But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.

6. What is it that will make evangelism work? _____

Jesus not only told us we should pray. He showed us how to do it. He Himself prayed much.

Mark 1:35:

And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to

a lonely place, and there he prayed.

Luke 6:12:

In these days he went out into the hills to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God.

Matthew 26:36:

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray."

7. If Jesus had to pray much, what must the evangelist do? _____

Many people pray a little. They pray when they eat, and when they go to bed. But Jesus spent much time in prayer. That was why God could work.

8. If you want God to work, what must you do? _____

Here is a man who wants to do evangelism. He wants to help people receive Jesus. He thinks about himself. He knows he is born again. He thinks about his life. He knows it is clean. He reads the Bible and learns it well.

9. If he does only these things, can he be an evangelist? _____

What has he forgotten? _____

10. What should the evangelist do if he wants God to work? _____

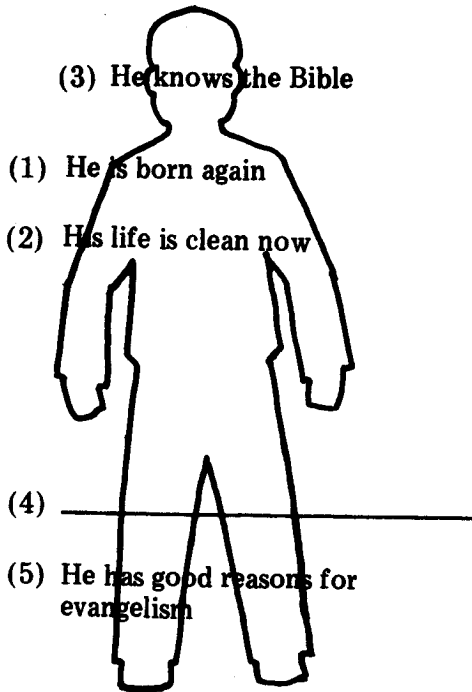
ANSWERS

- 1. (1) He is born again.
 (2) His life is clean now.
 (3) He knows the Bible.
- 4. By praying.
- 7. He must pray much.
- 10. He should pray much.
- 2. He prays much.
- 5. No.
- 8. Pray much.
- 3. No.
- 6. Prayer.
- 9. No. He has forgotten to pray much.

**WEEK 2 – WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS AN EVANGELIST?
DAY 5 – HE HAS GOOD REASONS FOR EVANGELISM**

Look at the little evangelist. He has many good things. He is born again. His life is clean. He knows the Bible.

1. What does he do in order for God to work? Write it on his knees.



But there is still something that can make him fail. Before the evangelist works, he must ask himself a question. He must ask, "Why do I want to do this work?"

2. What is the fifth thing an evangelist has? _____
- _____

One day God wanted to choose a new king for Israel. He said to Samuel in Samuel 16:7:

Do not look on the appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

3. Where does God want to see? Write: inside a man, or, outside a man.

Jesus said in Mark 7:21:

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, murder, adultery.

A man can look very good on the outside. He can try to do many good things. He can try to do evangelism. But if he is proud and selfish in his heart, his evangelism will not work.

4. In this verse, where does sin in a man's life come from? _____

Evangelism is a good work. It is commanded by God. Could a man have bad reasons for doing it?

Let us answer this question from the Bible. Open your Bible to Acts, chapter 8. Read verses 9 to 11. Then read verses 18 to 21.

5. Why do you think this man, Simon, wanted to give people the Holy Spirit? _____

I do not think this man wanted to help people. He didn't want to work for God. You see that in verse 9 he called himself "somebody great". He wanted to be praised by the people. He wanted power.

6. Is wanting praise a good reason for evangelism? _____

No, God does not want us to do evangelism for praise. Saving people is not our work. It is God who saves them. He is the one who should be praised

7. Can you think of another wrong reason for doing evangelism? Write it down here.

There are other bad reasons. Some people may do this work so they can get money. Some may do evangelism so people will look at them. Some may do evangelism just to keep the laws of the church. Some may do it because they think preaching is easier than other work.

8. There are good reasons and bad reasons for doing evangelism. Which kind should the evangelist have?

We should do good things. And we should do them for good reasons. If we do them for bad reasons, the good things become bad. Do you remember what Jesus said about praying? Matthew 6:5:

And when you pray, you must not be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men.

9. Is praying a good thing? _____ Was the praying of these people good? _____ Why? _____

There are good and bad reasons for praying. There are good and bad reasons for doing evangelism. You have read the bad ones. Here are some good ones.

To obey God's word. Mark 16:15:

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.

To bring honour to God. Matthew 5:16:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

To help people. Mark 10:45:

For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve.

To turn people to the right way. Daniel 12:3:

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

10. Here are some reasons why people want to do evangelism. Write Good beside the good ones. Write Bad beside the ones which are not good.

- (1) _____ I want people to see that I am a good Christian.
- (2) _____ I want my friend to receive Christ.
- (3) _____ I want people to find the joy of God.
- (4) _____ I want a job to use my mind and not my arms.
- (5) _____ I want to do what God told me.
- (6) _____ I am doing evangelism because it is a law of our church.
- (7) _____ If many people repent we will get more money in our church.

An evangelist must be a good person in every way.

11. What is the fifth thing he must have? He must have _____
_____ for doing evangelism.

12. Write the things about a good evangelist.

- (3) _____
- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

ANSWERS

2. He has good reasons for evangelism.
5. We will talk about this in class.
8. Good reasons.
11. g ood reasons.
 1. He prays much.
 4. From inside, or from his heart. Both answers are right.
 7. We will talk about this in class.
10. (1) Bad (5) good
(2) Good (6) Bad
(3) Good (7) Bad
(4) Bad.
3. Inside a man.
6. No.
9. Yes. No. They want to be seen.
12. (3) He knows the Bible.
 - (1) He is born again.
 - (2) His life is clean now.
 - (4) He prays much.
 - (5) He has good reasons for evangelism.