



# Embracing Excellence Through Evangelism

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## Part 2

### The Message

1. To be successful in personal evangelism we must **stay** with the **message** and **trust** the **power** of the word of God.
2. The biggest mistake we are making in personal evangelism is a **lack** of personal **Bible study**.
3. Too many churches believe that we can solve the problem with **programs**.
4. **Inward** growth does not always result in **outward** growth.
5. Bro. Whitacre challenges us with the question: How many personal Bible studies have you done in the past **5 years**?
6. It's time that we put the **Bible** back into personal **Bible Study**
7. Three principles:
  - A. **Defer Don't Debate**
    - (1) This does not mean **giving up** or **avoiding** all religious conversations.
    - (2) We should not **chase rabbits**, meaning that we should avoid responding in a way that will not lead to a personal Bible study.
      - (a) because the person is probably **not ready** for the answer, and/or
      - (b) because the person is not asking the **right** question.

(2) Examples of Jesus deferring rather than debating are found in:

(a) Luke **10:29**; Matthew **21:23-27**; and Mark **10:17**

### B. Show Don't Tell

(1) Look to go from the **conversational** level to the **Bible Study** level.

(2) Example: "That's a great question, may I **show** you the answer?"

(3) In Luke 10:25-26, Jesus pointed the young lawyer to what was **written** in the law.

### C. Plant Don't Pick

(1) The faster we get the **Bible** into the **heart** of a lost soul, the quicker they will be to **obey** the gospel.

(2) In Luke 8:4-8, was the seed planted only in the good soil or was it planted in every kind of soil? \_\_\_\_\_

(a) The **sowing** is in our **hands**, but the **increase** comes from **God**.

(cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

(b) In Acts 13:45, Paul and Barnabas planted, but the **choice** to reject the word was **not** on them, but on **those** who **heard** the word.

(3) People must be taught the word because (cf. Psalm 19:7; John 6:44-45; Romans 1:16; 10:14-17)

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## Part 3

### VI. The Place Of Programs

A. Congregation programs are necessary and beneficial, as they:

1. Promote \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:46-47; Gal. 6:9-10)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God before the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:16)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity for members to be \_\_\_\_\_ in using their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ within the church (Eph. 4:7-16)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **the** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ **the seed** (Luke 8:11; 1 Peter 1:22-25)
  - a. Since the \_\_\_\_\_ is in the \_\_\_\_\_, the person must be \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.
  - b. Since \_\_\_\_\_ comes by hearing the \_\_\_\_\_, the person must be \_\_\_\_\_ the word.
  - c. the program leads to meeting \_\_\_\_\_ with whom we can build \_\_\_\_\_ that will eventually lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ which can lead to the person being \_\_\_\_\_ and thereby \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord to the church.

VII. Remember this: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

VIII. Isaiah 6:8-9. How will you answer God's call?

*Here am \_\_\_\_\_, send \_\_\_\_\_*

