

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Introduction and Overview

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL EFFORT

- “There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.”
- Ministry of Healing 143.4
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- “There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.”
– Acts of the Apostles p. 109.
 - “Diligent personal effort must be put forth in their behalf... Those who desire to investigate the truth need to be taught to study diligently the word of God. Someone must help them to build on a sure foundation. At this critical time in their religious experience, how important it is that wisely directed Bible-workers come to their help, and open to their understanding the treasure-house of God's word!” - Gospel Workers p. 364
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- “In every city that is entered, a solid foundation is to be laid for permanent work. The Lord’s methods are to be followed. By doing house-to-house work, by giving Bible readings in families, the worker may gain access to many who are seeking for truth. By opening the Scriptures, by prayer and exercising faith, he is to teach the people the way of the Lord.”
- Testimonies 7 p.38
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- "This house-to-house labor, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done... I have been shown that house-to-house labor is the work that will make the preaching of the Word a success."
- Evangelism p. 431, 433
 - "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest." - 9T
p.126
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DEVOTE TIME

In every church **the members should be so trained** that they will **devote time** to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, “Ye are the light of the world,” unless the members of the church are actually imparting light? Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their duty, and set many souls to work

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THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISED CHURCH

The people have had too much sermonizing; but have they been **taught how to labor** for those for whom Christ died? Has a line of labor been devised and placed before them in such a way that each has seen the necessity of taking part in the work?—
Testimonies for the Church 6:431. ChS 59.1

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Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to **every member** of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been **clearly laid and fully carried out**, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this.

—Testimonies for the Church 9:116. ChS 61.3

THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISED CHURCH

“The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world.”

- Acts of the Apostles, p. 9

THE MESSAGE

- “In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import--the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.”
- Testimonies for the Church vol. 9, p. 19
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