

John 1:41,42). At the very least, I say again, **I can** invite others to services which is very good evangelism. **We all** can do these things!

Converting the world starts with just one: It starts with **YOU!** Remember: “Evangelism starts first and foremost by living the Christian life” (part 1 of this study). “And yes, **YOU** also can be a Paul, a Peter, a Steven, a Phillip, a Restoration worker, a personal worker, and a financial supporter of the very greatest work on earth! You can go by using your money to support those sound brethren who are willing to go (part 2 of this study).

The congregation needs to be good and sound (cp. the seven churches of Asia) or else our evangelistic efforts may be in vain (cp. Matt. 23:15). Remember, “Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain” (Psa. 127:1).

You can influence others to be evangelistic (part 6). You can influence another and if that one cannot be influenced, go to another one. And when you do influence one to be evangelistic you can still influence one more....

You can be serious about leading one to Christ and if that one cannot be led to Christ at this time go to another one. And when you do lead one to Christ you can still lead one more to Christ and there will always be one more; never stop evangelizing. Opportunities abound everywhere: in your own family, neighborhood, work place, and strangers.

Let us all be evangelistic minded and seek just one more member of the church to be like minded, and seek just one more to convert and then another – one at a time. **We can!** ♥

“The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise” (Prov. 11:30).



“Hold fast the form of sound words”

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(II Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)



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(The only way to do this is by preaching the gospel which includes exposing sin and error.... Look back at church bulletins, publications, periodicals, etc. and see how many dealt with abortion and same sex marriages just prior to and leading up to this past election.)

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Our true commander in chief gave us solemn marching orders: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). As Paul said by inspiration, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Tim. 4:2). But many see a time in which God’s ways are not working and therefore they improvise by compromising the Word of God in many ways! But we must always remember that God’s Word is “perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7).

The problem has not changed: sin is still rampant. And the wages of sin is still eternal damnation (Rom. 6:23). The only remedy is still obedience to the truth (Heb. 5:9; John 8:32). The Word has not changed, it is still the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). What then has changed? In my opinion and observations we have changed. In many places the congregation has ceased or practically ceased evangelizing: As I have stated in other articles, members of the church (various locations) are telling me that they have not door knocked for 20 plus years; many do not have a radio program or any public publications going out. Also I find that members are not inviting people to services or for a study. I personally believe this is one of the very best ways of evangelizing: members of the church inviting people on a very regular basis to services or/and to study.

Gospel meetings even, are not being held in many places. I do not count this as a very good evangelistic effort unless door knocking and/or other means are put forth to invite the public. Again, a personal invitation is the best. A concentrated effort of inviting people the membership knows and strangers alike would be very good, and the more members involved in inviting others the better it is.

In many places the basics are not being taught and grounded in the youth. Sound works and practices are being replaced with denominational tactics, etc. I have been saying for years that there needs to be a great revival in the church. We, everywhere, need to get back to teaching and preaching sound basic lessons and causing people to understand them (surely we would not lose so many young people IF they were truly **grounded**); get back to gospel meetings and challenging the denominations to debates and exposing their great errors which brings about eternal damnation (Matt. 7:21-23; 15:9, etc.). Have you noticed that even some of our schools of preaching will not defend the truth in debate! Can we not produce a man to meet the challenges of Mac Deaver and his errors? What kind of a message does that send? What kind of an influence is that on the young preachers? And most importantly, what does God think of it? Well we can justify ourselves, can't we???

The sleeping dog syndrome is “well” and evidently happy in many places. As among God's people of old you will certainly find the same problem today in some places; note a few verses. “His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber” (Isa. 56:10). “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Eze. 3:17). “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. ⁸When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Eze. 33:7,8). Let us beware lest God finds us sleeping: “Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping” (Mark 13:36). Please read the context of these verses.

We need to call sin, sin instead of sugar coating it and we need to boldly (lovingly because we truly care for them) give the **only**

remedy for sin: the first law of pardon (for alien sinners: Hear the truth; Believe; Repent; Confess Christ; be Baptized for the remission of sins); and second law of pardon (for the erring child of God: Repent; Confess the sin; Pray for forgiveness). Both laws include repentance which isn't talked much about anymore, especially in some congregations. Right out error is taught in many places concerning repentance! Particularly among those who want to justify unscriptural marriages.

Many preachers and congregations are not speaking out against abortion and the sin of homosexuality and homosexual marriages! It is always a good time to speak out against these horrendous sins (2 Tim. 4:2), but a prime time to speak out against them is always before election time – **every election time!!!** Look back at church bulletins, publications, periodicals, and the same from schools of preaching, etc., and see how many dealt with abortion and same sex marriages prior to this last election. And if they did not, I would like to know their reasoning. I cannot begin to imagine a good reason! And for schools of preaching who did not run articles against abortion and same sex marriages what kind of example is that for the student preachers? Brethren, political correctness has come to the church and such things will destroy the church as it is our nation!

While “wise” brethren excuse themselves (Luke 16:15) God has already told us what to do: “preach ye upon the housetops” (Matt. 10:27); “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life” (Acts 5:20). The early preacher's results: “ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us” (Acts 5:28). Such is unacceptable among many brethren today! Ironically, if we hold back what we need to preach then the people's blood will be upon us (Eze. 33:8; Acts 20:26,27). How will you truly convert someone by holding back the truth?

Convert the world!?, well we can and are instructed to evangelize the world. But even at that it can seem overwhelming. A proper mindset is very important: **We all** should have the mindset that **I can** evangelize (Phil. 4:13); **I can** be an example to others; **I can** encourage others to evangelize (Can you see the snowball effect?); **I can** use my talents, even if it is only one talent; **I can** grow and increase my abilities as well (2 Peter 1:5-10); **I can** have a part in teaching others and **I can** have a part in bringing others to Christ (cp.