

Out of the Salt-Shaker - Pippit - FIRST HALF

⑦ "Whatever controls us is our Lord" - p. 53
What does control us?

- Our desire for marriage
- fear of rejection
- wanting more, more, more
- people around us
- selfish thoughts
- ~~ambition~~ ^{values} - things of world

p. 53 How does Christ control us?

- He preserves our freedom
- He allows us to choose Him over others
- He does not make our decisions for us - he insists we become all we are meant to be
- We should obey Him because of who He is & who we have become.
- He knows that faith means submitting to his authority - so he encourages us to grow in faith
- He loves us & wants His love to control us

Our targeted people

- What facades or crusts do the people have that we need to see beneath
- what is their need

⑧ Are we separating or over-identifying

② With that mindset then you will be alert in every situation to the people around you - there will arise many unanticipated opportunities ... where your 'mind' is set will determine whether you have a lifestyle of evangelism, or not
A mind set on yourself - is death
Your mind set on the Spirit - is life -
overflowing to all around you.

Use effective means -

i.e. Content: you must understand the content of your Christian faith in order to communicate it to others
Understand the objective facts of the Gospel - the Good News of J.C.

Structure:

If knowing facts were the only requirement for lifestyle evangelism we could give you a book - & leave it at that

But you need much more than that.

Jesus took several steps & His disciples

① Jesus spent plenty of time alone with them answering their questions & teaching them. We have C.G. & one-on-one discipling

② Jesus took His disciples with Him when He ministered - when people see you using your skills they will be

③ convinced that they, too, can do it

③ Jesus gave His disciples jobs to do. They learned by doing. Without putting your knowledge & training to work the effort will fail

④ Jesus was patient - He taught His disciples the same lessons repeatedly. He picked them up when they fell. He helped them learn from mistakes and encouraged them

Persevere

The final ingredient in lifestyle evangelism is perseverance - we must take the long view - to continue equipping & reaching out - don't give up

We need a steady stream of new contacts or otherwise we will become complacent in evangelism

But a studied effort to keep reaching out to others will enable us to maintain a cutting edge of evangelism and a high degree of excitement

God stands ready to help us if we take Him at His word

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