



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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PART TWO

Obstacles to Personal Evangelism re: Local Church

A. Lack of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—Often the local church leadership _____ that her congregation is previously _____ and daily _____ in personal evangelism. (e.g. students/campus, employees/workplace, GenY/social media, senior citizens/friendships, family members, community/Starbucks) As a result, there is no priority placed on providing intentional training and _____ to prepare for the individual’s weekly _____.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **Brian Biedebach**—“One of the pastor’s primary goals is to equip his congregation to bring the gospel to the world. If it is true that evangelism is the primary task of believers, and if it is true that a pastor’s primary task is to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry, then it follows that teaching a congregation how to evangelize is one of the pastor’s biggest priorities.” (MacArthur, *Evangelism*, 121)

B. Lack of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—Often the local church members do not evangelize in their personal relationships because they don’t see their leaders getting their _____ “_____” with the unsaved in personal relationships. Merely _____ about witnessing, _____ about contextualization, _____ to missional podcasts, and _____ examples from the past is *not* leading by example.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—

C. Lack of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—Often the local church moves through her _____ and _____ without regard to the Lord’s _____ regenerating work in her generation. Not only is she surprised when new births occur, but she finds herself _____ to steward new believers.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **Charles Spurgeon**—“Beloved, have a genuine faith in the Word of God, and in its power to save. Do not go up into the pulpit and preach the truth, and saying, ‘I hope some good will come of it’ but confidently believe that it will not return void, but must work the eternal purposes of God. Do not speak as if the gospel might have some power, or might have none.” (*Spurgeon on Leadership*. 174)

D. Lack of _____

- **Obstacle Stated**—The local church’s witness can at times be paralyzed over the pursuit of doctrinal _____ or fellowship _____ while not being _____ to action by the very doctrines they claim to defend. (e.g. Creation, Fall, Rescue, Recreation, Hell, Incarnation, Election, Atonement, Depravity, etc.) Often the boredom that fuels incessant _____ leads to the same paralysis.
- **Bible Text to Consider**—
- **C. T. Studd**—“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.” (1860-1931; English missionary to China, India, and Africa)