



# PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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## PART THREE

### Obstacles to Personal Evangelism re: Unbelievers

#### A. They can't \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- **Obstacle Stated**—We are locked away in our “Christian \_\_\_\_\_” (e.g. social networks, clubs, programs, schools, universities, friendships, publishers, etc.). We can survive 24/7 without any \_\_\_\_\_ interaction with the unsaved.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—
- **Mark Dever**—“Isolation from unbelievers may be the most common excuse for a lack of evangelism. This is the excuse of choice for mature Christians.” (*Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, 22)

#### B. They can't \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- **Obstacle Stated**—Our \_\_\_\_\_ undo our \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Bible Text to Consider**—

#### C. They can't \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- **Obstacle Stated**— We use “\_\_\_\_\_” conversation that is foreign to the unsaved.
- **Bible Texts to Consider**—

- **Mark Dever**—“None of us has a complete understanding of the gospel, but we must have a clear idea of the basics of our message, and we must be clear in our expression of them. If there is a likely misunderstanding, then we should address it. We should speak in such a way as to be understood. *Contextualization* is the big theological word for this....

“One part of providing clarity when we share the gospel is the willingness to offend. Clarity with the claims of Christ certainly will include the translation of the gospel into words that our hearer *understands*, but it doesn't necessarily mean translating it into words that our hearer will *like*. Too often, advocates of relevant evangelism verge over into being advocates of irrelevant non-evangelism. A gospel that in no way offends the sinner has not been understood.” (*Evangelism*, 63-64)

#### D. They can't \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- **Obstacle Stated**—Our lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in witnessing only communicates a lack of \_\_\_\_\_...and further nourishes the soil of \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Bible Text to Consider**—
- **Mark Dever**—“When we don't sufficiently consider what God has done for us in Christ—the high cost of it, what it means, and what Christ's significance is—we lose the heart to evangelize. Our hearts grow cold, our minds grow smaller (more taken up with passing concerns), and our lips fall silent....We engage in the conspiracy of silence.” (*Evangelism*, 28)