

DO YOU HAVE THE EVANGELIZING SPIRIT?

Note to the speaker:

Help all to appreciate that the evangelizing work is the most important work today. Show that hundreds of thousands are now responding to the call to enter the full-time evangelizing work. Urge all who can to take up the full-time evangelizing activity, confident that it is Jehovah's will and that he will sustain them

THERE IS NO OTHER EVANGEL EXCEPT FROM GOD'S WORD (10 min.)

There is only one authentic evangel, of which Jehovah is the Originator (Ga 1:11, 12; w88 1/1 4)

"Evangel" comes from Greek word meaning "good news" or "good message." One who preaches good news of God's Word is rightly called an evangelizer (w88 1/1 3; it-1 770-1)

Good news of release and deliverance was preached by Jehovah to Abraham more than 4,000 years ago (Ga 3:8)

Do you, as a lover of God, have the earnest desire and determination to be an active preacher of God's life-giving good news of truth? (1Co 9:23)

Much encouragement now coming from Jehovah's faithful steward to enter into increased activities as evangelizers, either full-time or part-time (km 2/90 3; km 7/89 1-2; km 10/89 1-2; w88 12/15 25-7)

Many honesthearted ones now associating with evangelizers

Jesus commanded us to make disciples of these, "baptizing them" (Mt 28:19, 20)

Urgent need now is to "do the work of an evangelizer" and help many more to find the way to life (2Ti 4:5; w87 2/1 10-11; w86 1/15 13; w86 4/15 28-30)

GOOD NEWS FROM GOD'S WORD MUST NOW BE DECLARED (11 min.)

Nations now sinking into greater darkness under power and influence of wicked one (Re 12:9)

After Satan was hurled from heaven, good news was that the power and salvation of God's Kingdom had come and the wicked one had only short time remaining (Re 12:10-12)

Main point now is: Are evil ones able to suppress or nullify good news, or will Jehovah's purpose be accomplished? (Mt 24:14)

Settlement of the issue of Jehovah's sovereignty affects all on earth. Conquering Lord Jesus will carry Jehovah's side of issue on to complete victory! (Re 6:2; re 90-2)

In heaven, mighty angels work with Chief Evangelizer to direct the spreading of evangelic message to ends of the earth (Re 14:6; re 204-5)

On earth, Jehovah has millions of willing volunteers; young and old, men, women, and children are now serving as evangelizers

Like young vigorous warriors, as numerous as dewdrops, these zealous workers offer themselves willingly in the day of Christ's "military force" and will go on to sure victory (Ps 110:3; w87 3/15 24)

The grand proclamation will continue until the complete end of this evil system of things (Re 20:1-3; w88 1/1 5-7)

What a glorious prospect! What great reasons for fullness of joy! (w74 329-34)

DO YOU PERSONALLY HAVE THE EVANGELIZING SPIRIT? (18 min.)

Many coming to knowledge of truth in most selfish period of man's history (2Ti 3:1-5; w90 6/15 30)

Love for God is moving them to put aside the spirit of selfishness and to cultivate the unselfish evangelizing spirit (1Ti 4:15; w87 2/1 16-17)

As their knowledge and appreciation of truth increase, they realize that the work of evangelizing is the most important thing in life. It means life to those who accept the truth and death to those who reject it. It also means life to those who make known the truth (1Ti 4:16; w88 7/15 15-20)

Jesus Christ, the prime example of a whole-souled evangelizer, traveled throughout Israel, bringing message of life and light to the people

Majority hated and persecuted him, but he found believers and to them he granted privilege of being his fellow evangelizers or light bearers (Mt 5:14, 16; Joh 8:12)

Jesus' faithful course was a marvelous pattern for all who desire to follow in his steps (Mt 9:35-38; w73 269-73)

Another outstanding example and source of encouragement is the apostle Paul, who likewise became a zealous evangelizer, journeying in Asia Minor and Europe at risk of life (2Co 11:23-27; w87 2/1 11-14; w82 12/1 12-22)

Though rejected by majority, he established and built up congregations of fellow believers in whole territory. Efforts greatly blessed by Jehovah (Col 1:5, 6, 23)

Thousands of present-day evangelizers are devoting their full time to evangelizing work

Gilead School has trained thousands of missionaries who have gone to ends of the earth, bringing good news to thousands more (w89 1/1 13-14; w89 4/1 26-9; w88 10/1 20-5; w84 5/1 20-1; w82 3/1 17)

Others may not be able to attend Gilead or move elsewhere, but can still manifest evangelizing spirit (w74 337)

Discipline and self-sacrifice needed so that we can do our utmost in evangelizing work (2Ti 2:15; w87 2/1 18-20)

THERE ARE NOW MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS EVANGELIZERS (6 min.)

Because of urgency now, faithful slave is not only encouraging dedication and baptism but also stressing privilege of sharing actively in evangelizing work

Over 100 years ago, call went out from Society for “1,000 Preachers”

Some came forward, and numbers increased slowly

Self-denial of the Nazirites is a fine example for those wholly devoted to evangelizing activity (Nu 6:2-6; w82 3/1 19-20)

Now an average of over 600,000 are accepting the grand privilege to serve as full-time evangelizers, or pioneers (Lu 8:1; 10:1)

Call now goes out for all who can to enter full-time activity as evangelizers. Assurance given that Jehovah will sustain and care for all who volunteer to serve in his willing army of evangelizers (Ps 37:25; Lu 12:22-31)

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