

## Evangelism Part 2

*“26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, ‘What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!’ 29 For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. 30 Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. 32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 ‘Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.” (Luke 8:26-39)*

We need to go on and evangelize to deliver people out from the hands of Devil and its demons; to be set free from sin and to live a life that pleasant to the Lord. From the above Scripture we will found out what the demonic manifestation so that we can understand what the strongholds that devil are using to oppose us to hinder us from reaching our goal in reaching the lost.

- 1- Shouting:** *“When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice.” (Luke 8:28)* The enemy may use that to impart fear and trying to hinder us from reaching the lost soul.
- 2- Fighting and anger:** *“though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains.” (Luke 8:29)* The enemy may use anger and fighting to impart fear and trying to hinder us from evangelizing certain person or a group of people. In addition to that, in our endeavour to evangelize and make disciples we need to teach about the bad effect of shouting, fighting and anger
- 3- Breaking rules:** *“he had broken his chains.” (Luke 8:29)* One of demonic manifestation is breaking rules of governments. Therefore we need to preach and teach about the importance of submission to the rules of the government rulers.
- 4- Isolation:** *“but had lived in the tombs.” (Luke 8:27)* Isolation and being away from people and society is one of the demonic manifestations. Therefore we ought to speak

about the importance of having and building a purposeful and healthy relationship with the people around us.

**5- Living among the dead:** A sinful life, worldly life and a wild living is a life among the dead; therefore when we preach the gospel we need to teach about that.

**6- Leaving homes and responsibilities:** *“For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.” (Luke 8:27)* In our endeavour to evangelize we need to emphasize the importance of the family; and living in the context of the family entails rules and stipulation. Many they are willing to do many things for the Lord but they are neglecting their families. Therefore Jesus admonished the man after healing him, *“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” (Luke 8:39)*

**7- Laziness:** Demonic manifestations render the people to be without fruit; either doing nothing good, or doing many harmful things.

**8- Doing things out of mind:** Those demons possessed may do things as mad people do, for example urinate in public, etc.

**9- Nudeness and immorality:** *“When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes ...” (Luke 8:27)* Demons promote sexual immoralities by lust and second by nudity. We need to teach people to observe how to dress modestly for the Lord.

**10- Boasting, telling lies and showing off:** *“Then Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘My name is Legion,’ he replied, ‘for we are many.’ (Mark 5:9)* Exaggeration and showing off is what demons always try to do.

**11- People avoiding us:** *“Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.” (Luke 8:37)* People avoiding us and avoiding to hear the message is another way of demons work.

**12- Love of money:** *“Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.” (Luke 8:37)* The people asked the Lord to leave them because their pig business got affected. Demons hide in people lives that love money and consider it more valuable than God.

The above brief descriptions are good topics of what you share with non believers in your endeavour to preach the gospel and they are good topics for discipleships.

Now we will highlights the effects of Jesus’ impact on that demon possessed man and that will be the impact of our evangelism and the fruit that will bear in peoples’ lives who will respond to the message:

- 1- Salvation:** That man was living among the dead and Jesus said, *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (John 5:24)*
- 2- Deliverance from Demons:** *“the demons came out of the man ...” (Luke 8:33)*
- 3- Right mind:** *“sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind ...” (Luke 8:35)*
- 4- Dressed:** *“sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed ...” (Luke 8:35)*
- 5- Submission to God’s will:** *“The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying. ‘Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ (Luke 8:38-39)* The man did not insist to do what he likes but submitted himself to God’s will.

**6- Restoration back to the plan of God: "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39)**

**7- The person witnessed to others about Jesus: "So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39)**

**Ephesians 6:15** says **"and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."** God gives us feet so we can move and reach the Lost with the Gospel of Jesus and to give them the word of God that will make changes and bring blessings in their lives. Preaching should be accompanied and use the word of God as the main item of the mission of reaching the lost. The following are good examples:

**A- "He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave." (Psalm 107:20)** God's word brings healing and salvation from sin and death.

**B- "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death." (Proverbs 13:14)** Only through God's word we can help people and snatch them from death.

**C- "39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers." (John 4:39-41)** The Samaritan woman that believed in Jesus herself testifies about Jesus to her town, and many they believed on Him when they heard His word. We need to give the people the word of God in addition to our testimony about Jesus.

**D- "For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you handed them over to the neighboring peoples." (Nehemiah 9:30)** Nehemiah in his prayer to God acknowledges that God was admonishing the people and correcting them through the prophets who were using His word.

**E- "But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds." (Jeremiah 23:22)** God declared here that the false prophets did not give His people the word of God because themselves were dishonouring God and were not standing in His council. The word of God we need to use in our evangelism so people would turn from their sins.


**F- "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (Joshua 1:8)** Through reading the word of God, meditating on it and obeying what is in them, success and prosperity will come into people lives. Therefore we need to use God's word in reaching the lost souls in order for them to experience prosperity and success.

**My Dear and Beloved:** You need to be honest in using the word of God that you receive from the Lord. Be strong and courageous and stand firm in proclaiming His word that will bring life to the lost as you agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to go and serve you and do the work that you had prepared in advance for me to do. Lord leads me to people and prepare their hearts to receive your message. Lord protect me and provide for me, and give me your message on time that is suitable to the people that you are sending me to preach the gospel to them. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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**"8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. 9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."**

(Jeremiah 1:8-10)

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