

# Tips For Evangelism

(Part 1)

*“The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:1-24)*

God's calling for each and every one of us we who are His disciples to go and preach the gospel; Jesus said to us ***“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15,16)*** Christ died on the cross as atonement for the world sins. He was buried but rose from the dead to give eternal life to us we who believe in His name and follow His steps in our lives. So Christ's love compels us that He died for all, so we who live should no more live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose from the dead. We are called to preach the gospel to everyone and to bring them to Christ. As Jesus did with the Samaritan woman we need to do the same with the people around us: -

***1- We are called to move to certain places to meet certain people at a certain time:*** We are called to move as the Holy Spirit leads us to specific places in a certain time. We cannot choose to move to certain places that we like and avoid places we don't like.

We cannot choose the people that we minister and exclude others because we don't like them. Christ moved to Samaria to meet Samaritan people who are unloved by the Jews. But God, as Christ Jesus, He loves them and He wants them to be saved.

***2- We need to build a relationship with the people whom we need to evangelize and they need to trust us before we can bring them to Christ:*** Jesus asked the woman for a drink to start the conversation with her. In this way He found the opportunity to tell her about the gift of God, the salvation of God for man from sin and death. Christ spoke to her about the living water, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the way of God in man's life of how to live a life and life to the full. That woman really admitted and confessed that she is keep going to the well to draw water but she is still thirsty, and she is still in need. People they keep going to doctors, clinics and hospital but they are still sick. People keep going to courts but their problems and fights are more. People keep going to banks to satisfy their financial needs but they are still and more in needs. These are the wells that people are keeping going to but they don't have satisfaction for their needs. There at those places where people are suffering, we need to be available to preach the gospel to the people, and tell them the Word of God that can help them to solve their problems

***3- Where the people struggle, there is their sin that cause them all their suffering:*** God would give us the discernment and the wisdom how to approach people who want to be helped and delivered from their bondages. Jesus did not tell that woman why you are doing adultery but he asked her to go and bring her husband. That question was after Jesus builds the trust and the friendly relationship with the woman. She felt God's love through Jesus, so she opened her life to him and accepted all her sins when Christ confronted her. We need to pray to God to give us the same wisdom and would direct us to people who are willing to be helped and delivered from their sins of immorality, stealing, drinking, etc.

***4- The message of full truth should be in the heart of the message of the gospel:*** After we introduce Christ to people we need to introduce to them the whole truth that comes from the Word of God. No room in compromising while we are preaching the gospel and making disciples. Jesus said. ***“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24)*** People must be trustfully informed about the full truth. God wants true disciples who really repented and grieved over all the sins they have done against God, and are willing to follow and obey the whole truth.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** The Samaritan woman truly repented. She left her jar and the well because she realized that her need is not in the ordinary water but with the living water, the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. She was not ashamed to tell the people all her sins, and brought others to Christ. We need to move to places by His guidance with the Holy Spirit to meet certain people who are willing to repent and to be helped and follow Christ. We need to be the channel of blessings to bring the gospel to others as we agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus. Lord guides me and directs me with all Your truth and empower me and guide me with Your Holy Spirit to move to people who are willing to repent and follow Your Word and commands. Lord gives me the opportunity to spread Your Word and your message. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*