

5. Ezra has given us a good example to follow. (Ezra 7:10) What is it?

Why is the order of the steps important?

Which of the following statements reflects more closely the Biblical teaching of the previous verses?

___I should pray, prepare myself as much as possible, and then go out and evangelize. I should do it with complete dependence on the Holy Spirit to guide and to work in the hearts of the hearers.

___I should pray and go out and share my faith. I do not need to prepare myself because the Spirit will do the speaking.

Specifically, what do I need to do now to share my faith with others?

Evangelism should be a normal part of our daily life. Unfortunately, many Christians only practice it on a few special occasions. Matthew 4:19 says that if we are truly following Jesus, we will be involved in evangelism as a way of life. It is sad to think that many Christians are not following Jesus, since evangelism is not a part of their normal life. With God's help, let's change that!

INTRODUCTION TO EVANGELISM

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1. What is the main idea expressed in Psalm 90:10?

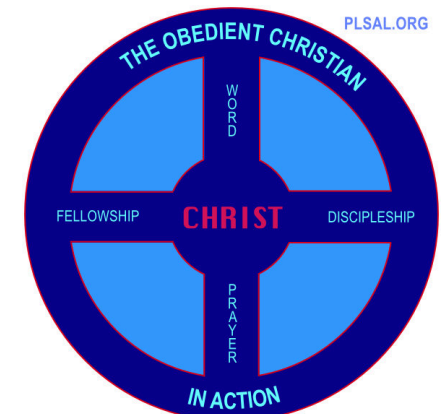
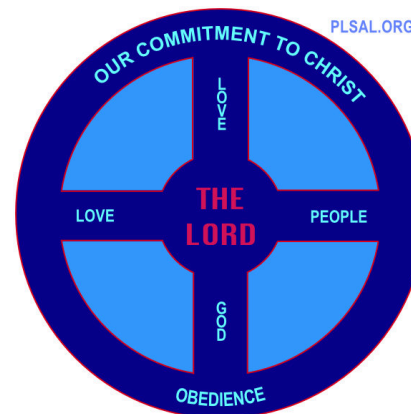
2. In Psalm 39:4-7 David speaks about the brevity of life. What was his conclusion?

3. Jesus was only on earth for around 33 years. How did He use this brief period of time, according to John 4:34?

What is God's will for us according to 1 Corinthians 1:9?

What does God want us to accomplish while we are here? (1 John 1:3)

TO BE IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST AND TO SHARE THAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS
IS A SUMMARY OF WHAT JESUS COMMANDED US IN MATTHEW 22:37-40.



Therefore, If we want to invest our life in what has eternal value, we need to spend time with God and spend time with people. A Christian who does not spend time with God will not have an effective ministry of evangelism. If you want to be effective in sharing your faith, the first thing you need to do is spend time regularly in the Word of God and in prayer. If a close personal relationship with God does not characterize your daily life, you need to obey God and make it a part of your normal lifestyle.

Dawson Trotman, the founder of the Navigators, stated three reasons why people do not reproduce:

- a. **Is never united in marriage** – The person who is not united with Christ will never be able to reproduce spiritually. It is necessary to be born again. (John 3:7)
- b. **Has some sickness or deficiency** – A Christian that lives in sin normally cannot reproduce spiritually. (Psalm 66:18)
- c. **Has not reached maturity** – A five year old boy does not have the capability to reproduce, and an immature Christian does not have what it takes to reproduce spiritually. (1 Corinthians 3:1-2)

Only a few Christians have won someone for Christ and then followed them up so that they can do the same with others. Why is this?

- Probably some do not really know Jesus. They attend church, but they have not experienced a new life in Christ.
- Some live in sin and are disqualified. They cannot reproduce spiritually because they are spiritually sick.
- Many never get to the point of having sufficient maturity to have spiritual children.

We should all answer this basic question:

Are people coming to Christ through me?
If not, why not?

4. There are two extreme points of view concerning evangelism.

Some believe that they do not need to do any preparation because the Holy Spirit is going to put the words in their mouth. Others think that they must follow a strict plan, and never vary it in any detail. What does the Bible say?

verse	What does it mean?
a. Colossians 4:2-6	
b. 1 Peter 3:15	
c. 2 Timothy 4:1-5	
d. John 16:7-13	
e. Matthew 10:17-20	
f. Romans 10:14-17	
g. Acts 19:8-10	