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The Need for Evangelism - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/3/24 0:44

VARIOUS QUOTES FROM DIFFERENT AUTHORS:

"God save us from living in comfort while sinners are sinking into hell!""
- Charles Spurgeon

"If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms ab out their knees. Let no one GO there UNWARNED and UNPRAYED for."- Charles Spurgeon

"Brethren, do something; do something, do something! While societies and unions make constitutions, let us win souls. I pray you, be men of action all of you. Get to work and quit yourselves like men. `Forward and strike! No theory! Attack! F orm a column! Plunge into the center of the enemy! Our one aim is to win souls; and this we are not to talk about, but do in the power of God!""- Charles Spurgeon

""We are not to preach merely to those who come to listen. We must carry the Gospel to where men do not desire it. W e should consider it our business to be generously impertinent""—thrusting the Gospel into men""s way""—whether they will hear or whether they will not. Let us hunt for souls, first of all, by visitation.

...I believe there is very much good to be done by house-to-house visitation. Not by City Missionaries and Bible-women only""—may God speed those noble bodies of laborers""—but by all of you! By you that have position in society among y our neighbors""—make yourselves free and go and talk to them of Christ in the little houses that are near to you. As far a s your time allows, be a visitor. And if there is one dark part of the town known to you as the haunt of sinners, make it a point to use this agency of visitation from house-to-house. Let the lost sheep of Israel""s house be sought out. Some will need special means, before ever they can be found and brought in.""- Charles Spurgeon

"Brethren, if God intends to give us souls he will prepare us for the honor by causing us to feel the deep ruin of our fello w-creatures, and the fearful doom which that ruin will involve unless they shall escape from it. We should hear praying of a mighty sort if believers sympathized with men in their ruin; then groans and tears would not be so scarce; then the soul pouring out itself in groanings which cannot be uttered would be but an ordinary thing."- Charles Spurgeon

"No sort of defense is needed for preaching outdoors, but it would take a very strong argument to prove that a man who has never preached beyond the walls of his meetinghouse has done his duty. A defense is required for services within b uildings rather than for worship outside of them.""- Charles Spurgeon

""Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that.""- Charles Spurgeon

"I would think it a greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of silver and gold to myself."- Matthew He nry

"Evangelism is not a professional job for a few trained men, but is instead the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus."
- Elton Trueblood

"Oh my friends, we are loaded with countless church activities, while the real work of the church, that of evangelizing an d winning the lost is almost entirely neglected."
- Oswald J. Smith

""Oh, to realize that souls, precious, never dying souls, are perishing all around us, going out into the blackness of dark ness and despair, eternally lost, and yet to feel no anguish, shed no tears, know no travail! How little we know of the co mpassion of Jesus!"
- Oswald J. Smith

""A foolish physician he is, and a most unfaithful friend, that will let a sick man die for fear of troubling him; and cruel wr

etches are we to our friends, that will rather suffer them to go quietly to hell, then we will anger them, or hazard our reputation with them." - Richard Baxter

"I care not where I go, or how I live, or what I endure so that I may save souls. When I sleep I dream of them; when I awake they are first in my thoughts...no amount of scholastic attainment, of able and profound exposition of brilliant and stirring eloquence can atone for the absence of a deep impassioned sympathetic love for human souls."

- David Brainerd

"It is no marvel that the devil does not love field preaching! Neither do I; I love a commodious room, a soft cushion, a handsome pulpit. But where is my zeal if I do not trample all these underfoot in order to save one more soul?" - John Wesley

"Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth." - John Wesley

"Perhaps if there were more of that intense distress for souls that leads to tears, we should more frequently see the results we desire. Sometimes it may be that while we are complaining of the hardness of the hearts of those we are seeking to benefit, the hardness of our own hearts and our feeble apprehension of the solemn reality of eternal things may be the true cause of our want of success." - Hudson Taylor

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell." - C. T. Studd

"Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service in hell, when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle." - C. T. Studd

"Preach abroad...It is the cooping yourselves up in rooms that has dampened the work of God, which never was and never will be carried out to any purpose without going into the highways and hedges and compelling men and women to come in."

- Jonathan Edwards

"I believe I never was more acceptable to my Master than when I was standing to teach those hearers in the open field...I now preach to ten times more people than I would if I had been confined to the churches." - George Whitfield

"How can I help weeping when you will not weep for yourselves, though your immortal souls are on the verge of destruction!" - George Whitfield

"If Jesus had preached the same message that ministers preach today, He would never have been crucified." - Leonard Ravenhill

"Many do not recognize the fact as they ought, that Satan has got men fast asleep in sin and that it is his great device to keep them so. He does not care what we do if he can do that. We may sing songs about the sweet by and by, preach sermons and say prayers until doomsday, and he will never concern himself about us, if we don't wake anybody up. But if we awake the sleeping sinner he will gnash on us with his teeth. This is our work - to wake people up." - Catherine Booth

"It is not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it." - Dr. Vance Havner

"Make it an object of constant study, and of daily reflection and prayer, to learn how to deal with sinners so as to promote their conversion." - Charles G. Finney

"The man whose little sermon is 'repent' sets himself against his age, and will for the time being be battered mercilessly by the age whose moral tone he challenges. There is but one end for such a man - 'off with his head!' You had better not try to preach repentance until you have pledged your head to heaven." - Joseph Parker

"How shall I feel at the judgement, if multitudes of missed opportunities pass before me in full review, and all my excuses prove to be disguises of my cowardice and pride."

- Dr. W. E. Sangster

Re: The Need for Evangelism - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/3/25 12:38

Oracio, Thank you for posting the quotes. What can I say but I am undone. I noticed your blog site and spent some quality time on it. It is so needed for today and you have done well to concentrate on that which is exceedingly important and glorifying to the Lord.

Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2011/3/25 13:40

Amen for the great quotes. May God help us to reach the lost!

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/6/8 16:02

lylewise and JB1968, I just realized I missed your comments on this thread back in March. Just wanted to say thanks for the encouragement.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/6/8 16:03

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Re: The Need for Evangelism, on: 2011/6/14 6:43

Quote:

-----...I believe there is very much good to be done by house-to-house visitation

Hmm. I believe Jesus told His disciples explicitly to NOT go house to house. Perhaps because that is what the cults do. I would like to go house to house but Jesus said not to. At least that is my understanding.

Quote:

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Boy, aint that the truth!!!

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/6/14 10:06

Quote:

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brother or sister, with all due respect I believe you are mistaken there. I don't believe there are any verses of Scripture that command us not to go door to door preaching the gospel. If you know of one please share it. Thanks.

Re: The Need for Evangelism - posted by Koheleth, on: 2011/6/14 10:54

Great list of quotations! Makes my heart beat faster! And I do believe, if done rightly, Christians can and should go house to house. This is an area the cults are using well that most Christians do not.

Re: The Need for Evangelism - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/6/14 13:19

Great job pulling all of these quotes together. They are an inspiration to go out and preach Christ.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

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Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

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John 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 10:1 After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

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Matthew 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

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Re: house 2 house? - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/6/14 13:34

Matthew 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

10:4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

10:6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Go not from house to house.

10:8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

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I don't believe that Jesus meant not to preach from house to house during there stay in a certain town or city. What I gle an from these versus is when you enter a city stay in one house during the duration of you preaching the gospel and not go from one home to stay at another home.

I believe door 2 door ministry would be acceptable.

Why do the cults use door 2 door? Because it is effective. Christians should use door 2 door to preach Christ too. That is my opinion.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/6/14 15:24

Koheleth, I have heard of testimonies from people who came to the Lord through door to door visitation from Christians. I heard of one person who was on the verge of suicide when a Christian knocked on his door and shared the gospel with him, which led him to turn to the Lord.

sonsigns, thank you for the list of Scriptures. Though the Lord definitely uses quotes from his servants to encourage and exhort us, quotes from His Word are most important for us to heed.

Regarding door to door evangelism, I had forgotten about that verse(Matt.10:7). I agree with sonsigns on the interpretati on. They were not to lodge from house to house in each city. They were to lodge in one house in each city.

Re: The Need for Evangelism - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2011/7/11 14:11

Thanks for posting! I remember a brother speaking on the subject who said: "we are all standing in the potatoe patch wi th sacks in our hands talking about the right way to dig potatoes, and none of us are doing anything".

Oh Lord help us!