

# BENEVOLENCE: EFFECTIVE GATEWAY TO EVANGELISM

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## INTRODUCTION

Robert Schuller, one of the world's most well known pastors, has coined this phrase: "Find a hurt and heal it." What a tremendous thought! The accent is on the verb *find*. This involves reaching beyond the four walls of the church and going out in the midst of the hurt and suffering of this world. Jesus had kind of an unwritten motto in His life; it was: "\_\_\_\_\_".

That is what benevolence is all about— \_\_\_\_\_, and through the power of God's Word and the Holy Ghost, filling those needs. \_\_\_\_\_ (benevolence) is the engine that drives this \_\_\_\_\_ while prayer and passion are the \_\_\_\_\_.

Evangelism is one of the primary works of the Church, but it is not the totality of that work. We are the body of Christ in the world, and we are to do just what Jesus would have done if He were here.

### I. FIND THE NEED

#### A. Find the Need and Fill It

- Many of us are capable of ministering to \_\_\_\_\_, but sadly, many stop there without going on to minister to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Your Home Missions Field is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### II. TAKE THE RISK

#### A. Identifying the Risks

- When one begins identifying \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the \_\_\_\_\_, the list will begin to expand. Contact help agencies, and business people and share the need for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Appeal to them from a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Why the Poor?

- First, God has a \_\_\_\_\_ as

demonstrated in His Word and in the deeds of Christ.

- The church must remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of it's calling.
- Also, as they relocate, statistics become \_\_\_\_\_, not just people we read about.

### C. Ethnic and Cultural Concerns

- When evangelizing a community, particularly one of a different racial or cultural background than your own, it is important to remember that the Gospel has the power to reconcile \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ differences.

## III. SHARE YOUR TIME

### A. Life Sharing

- Life Sharing is \_\_\_\_\_ in the benevolence program.
- Each Christian must struggle against the \_\_\_\_\_ to say they don't have time to go outside the church and share the Gospel with the unsaved.
- Each believer should \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_, lifestyle.
- The non-Christian person who perceives your relationship as one of a \_\_\_\_\_ is more likely to eventually respond to Christ's love than the person who sees you either as a teacher instructing on doctrine, sin and morality; or, as a salesman trying to \_\_\_\_\_ a decision.
- It is often tempting to give money as a \_\_\_\_\_ of oneself.

### B. Before I Start

- Planning contributes to \_\_\_\_\_ and gives \_\_\_\_\_.
- Establish your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Set \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the objectives.
- Determine \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

## IV. SHOW YOUR LOVE

- It will be difficult to excite a church about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unless we apply God's Word concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
- Surface love is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deep love involves \_\_\_\_\_.
- An evangelistic lifestyle is motivated out of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in lives.

The Samaritan established three principles, which are essential in reaching the lost and hungry.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the man in need.
2. The Samaritan responded with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He shared his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with others (also Acts 4:32).

## CONCLUSION

Evangelism is one of the primary \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. But it is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of that work.

1. The Gospel brings \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God uses His \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of evangelism to \_\_\_\_\_ mankind.
3. We must be “\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. Intercessory and believing prayer is an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ part of reaching the lost.
5. It takes all of God’s people \_\_\_\_\_.
6. God’s people going to the hopeless and poor—led by their \_\_\_\_\_.

When the above is remembered, then there will be those who will tell the blessed gospel story that Jesus is mighty to save and brothers and sisters will be added to the church daily such as are saved. \_\_\_\_\_ will be accomplished.

## NOTES

Especially helpful in preparation for this class today were the following collections of reports, strategies and guidelines from the following works and authors:

1. *Back to Basics in Church Growth*, Author: Donald McGavran & Win Arn; Publisher: Tyndale House, Wheaton Illinois.
2. *The North American Mission*, Written by: Frank N. Allen, Hope Ministries-Sanctuary of Hope Church, Portsmouth, VA.
3. *Evangelizing The Poor*, Written by: Joseph Parker, American Festival of Evangelism Manuscript.
4. *Six Steps to Effective Disciple Making, Part 1*, Written by: Win Am and Charles Am.
5. *Six Steps to Effective Disciple Making, Part 2*, Written by: Win Am and Charles Am. American Festival of Evangelism Manuscript.
6. *Guidelines for Outreach Ministries*, Church of God General Department of Youth and Christian Education.
7. *Corps Community Church: A Unique Part of The Body*, Written by: Major Tom Cisar. American Festival of Evangelism Manuscript.