



INTRODUCTION

The greatest obstacle to evangelism is often not a lack of knowledge but one of intentionality.

God is not asking believers to do everything, but He is asking you to do **SOMETHING**.

Imagine a fire station where every firefighter spent their days polishing the trucks, organizing equipment, studying fire behavior, and attending safety meetings... but never left the station when the alarm sounded. Someone would have to ask, "When do we actually rescue people?"

Churches can become very good at preparing for evangelism yet never actually evangelize.

Paul said...

1 Corinthians 9:22 – “I am made all things to all men, **that I might by all means save some**.”

1. Your compassion **must** become **ACTION**.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 – “... yea, **woe is unto me**, if I preach **NOT** the gospel!”

Romans 11:14– “If **BY ANY MEANS** I may provoke... and might **save some of them**.”

Jude 22-23 – “... And **others save with fear**, pulling them out of the fire...”

Knowing that people are lost is **not** enough.

Praying is essential... yet eventually compassion **must** move your feet into action.

Good Samaritan Others saw the need. He **met** the need.

Philip God interrupted his schedule. He **immediately** obeyed.

Jesus Christ “He went...”

Most every Gospel story begins with Jesus **intentionally** going somewhere.

Drowning Victim Imagine watching someone drown while discussing swimming techniques. Knowledge without action does **not** actually accomplish **ANYTHING**.

Personal Application

Ask yourself:

Who have I intentionally tried to reach this week?

Have I become satisfied with simply attending church?

When was the last time I initiated a gospel conversation?

2. You must do SOMETHING with the Gospel.

Not every believer is gifted in conversation.
Not everyone is outgoing.
Not everyone can preach.
But every Christian can do something with the Gospel.

Practical Ways

1. <u>LIVE</u> the Gospel.	<i>A Christlike testimony that opens doors.</i>
2. <u>SPEAK</u> the Gospel.	<i>Personal conversations with all people.</i>
3. <u>SEND</u> the Gospel.	<i>Mail, email, text messages, social media, etc.</i>
4. <u>LEAVE</u> the Gospel.	<i>Give gospel tracts and leave them everywhere.</i>

Tracts Matter Many people who will not listen to you will **read** a Gospel tract.
A Gospel tract...
*Never gets tired... never forgets Scripture...
Can go places where you cannot... may be read days or months later...*

The Ethiopian **Acts 8:28** – "... returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet."
Before Philip arrived, the man was reading the words of God.
Our responsibility is to plant the seed of the word of God. (**Luke 8:11**)

Tract Testimony Many believers can trace their salvation testimony back to a Gospel tract.
God used a tract, a Bible left in hotel, a booklet, the radio, an invitation, etc.
God delights in using simple and ordinary means to save people.

3. You need an ETERNAL motivation.

Judgment Seat Imagine someday soon standing before Jesus Christ to give account...
He asks, "I placed that person in your life for 8 years. What did you say?"
Now consider your family, friends, neighbors, and all you pass by **daily**...

Common Fears "They will reject **me**.... **I** might say something wrong..."
"**I** do not know enough to give answers... it will be too awkward for **me**..."
What is worse? Temporary embarrassment or eternity in hell + lake of fire?

Bible Examples Peter feared men... then preached at Pentecost.
Jonah was selfish... and Nineveh almost perished.
Paul endured prison, beatings, stoning, rejection... and continued preaching!

Everyday Life Gospel opportunities are everywhere...
Restaurant server, cashier, wait in line, gas station, neighbor, school pickup,
doctor's office, barber/salon, delivery driver, mail carrier, mechanic, hotel help,
park bench, libraries, stores, restrooms, community events...

Remember Someone's eternity is worth your **inconvenience**.
God uses **ordinary** believers who simply obey and trust Him.
Your small acts of faithfulness often produce **ETERNAL** results.

A Final Challenge... Begin a new approach... each day intentionally do ONE Gospel action.
*Monday give away a tract. Tuesday invite someone to church. Wednesday share your testimony.
Thursday pray for someone and then send them a verse. Friday start a conversation. Saturday
witness to a stranger. Sunday follow up with someone you talked to previously. Then start over...*