

HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR IN EVANGELISM

Ask the average believer, "What is your biggest problem in evangelism?" Almost all of them would respond in one word—**FEAR**.

How do you overcome that fear instead of allowing it to overcome your witness?

I. Recognize the facts.

- A. _____ believer has times when they are afraid because they are dealing with a subject that can be divisive.

³⁴ Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and a man's enemies will be those of his own household.
Matthew 10:34-36

- B. Fear is _____ indication of lack in terms of your walk with the Lord or love for the Lord.

³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.
1 Corinthians 2:3

- C. The _____ of fear are not always the same; they vary from one situation to another and from one person to another.

1. Fear of not knowing how to turn a conversation to spiritual things.
2. Fear of not knowing how to present the gospel.
3. Fear of not knowing how to respond to questions and objections.
4. Fear of follow-up.
5. Fear of rejection.
6. Fear of ridicule.
7. Fear of a repeat performance—"I failed the first time."

- D. People with a gift in evangelism often have _____ fear of evangelism.

1. Their desire to evangelize through their gift helps them overcome their fear.
2. Their positive experiences outweigh their negative ones.

II. Recognize the Biblical and practical solutions.

A. Give God _____.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.
Luke 5:4-6

B. Ask God for _____.

³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains.
Colossians 4:3

C. Whisper a prayer asking God for _____ and expect an answer.

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word. **Acts 4:29**

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.
Acts 4:31

D. Ask others to pray for _____ things:

1. **Utterance** – that when I open my mouth something will come out of it.
2. **Boldness** – that what comes out will come out boldly.

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. **Ephesians 6:18-20**

E. Recognize who your real enemy is—_____.

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
James 4:7

1. Don't allow him to make one person the "norm".

F. Obtain evangelism training that is _____, _____, and _____.

G. Keep your mind focused on the _____—what will matter most 100 years from now?

¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy. **I Thessalonians 2:19-20**

H. Ask a very pertinent and meaningful _____.

1. What ultimately matters the most? Their relationship to me or their relationship to Christ?

I. Obtain an _____ who each month asks the right question.

1. NOT – “Who did you lead to Christ last month?”
2. BUT – “How did you reach out to the lost last month?”

J. Recognize that you are never a _____ in evangelism.

1. Every opportunity is a learning experience.
2. Involvement in evangelism brings eternal reward.

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¹² And, behold, I am coming quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. **Revelations 22:12**

K. Live where God lives—in the _____, not the _____.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. **Psalms 103:12**

1. Don't let past mistakes hinder sharing your faith now.

Remember

Fear in evangelism is normal. But **obedience**, a **Biblical perspective**, and **practical experience** will help you overcome fear instead of it overcoming your witness.