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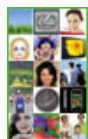
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What is YOUR child being taught?? More importantly, what are YOU doing to counter the following types of challenges to your child's faith and morals?

"Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state." -- Adolph Hitler

Biology, Visualizing Life

Johnson, Holt Rinehart Winston, 1994.

"The first organisms to appear on the planet were bacteria These early bacteria are the ancestors of modern bacteria and of all the many different kinds of organisms living today, including you" (p. 203). "Humans share a common ancestor with the living apes, but the apes from which humans descended are extinct" (p. 224). "You are an animal, and share a common heritage with

earthworms and dinosaurs, butterflies and sea stars" (p. 453).

Biology

(2nd ed.), Essensfeld, Gontang, Moore,
Addison Wesley, 1996.

"Billions of years ago, these materials came together and formed the first cells" (p. 221).

The first animals with backbones to evolve were fish. From these early fish evolved all other vertebrates, including amphibians, reptiles, and even human beings" (p. 552).

Biology

Miller & Levine, Prentice Hall, 1995.

"...it is important to keep this concept in mind: Evolution is random and undirected" (p. 658). We know, for example, that

humans evolved from common ancestors we share with other living primates such as chimpanzees and apes" (p. 757). "Like all other forms of life, humans are products of evolution by natural selection" (p. 352 and Diagram p. 353, See Appendix C).

Biology the Dynamics of Life

Biggs, Kapicka, Lundgren, Glencoe
(MacMillan/McGraw-Hill), 1995.

"But only since 1871 and the publication of Charles Darwin's book, *The Descent of Man*, have scientists realized the true evolutionary link between monkeys, apes, and humans" (p. 454). "Apes are our closest animal relatives" (p. 461).

Biology: A Journey into Life

Arms and Camp (Saunders College
Publishing, Harcourt Brace College

Publishers, NY) 1991.

"At the beginning of the third trimester (6 months), the fetus is still tiny. It will normally more than triple in size before birth. By 7 months, the fetus looks from the outside like a tiny normal baby, but it is not" (p. 557).

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FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHRIST, AND YOU

David Roper

In Mark 5:19 Jesus told the healed demoniac: "Go HOME (Luke's account: THINE OWN HOUSE) to thy FRIENDS, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." The same basic challenge is given to us (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16). I hope none of us is struggling with WHETHER we have to do it, but rather with HOW we can do it.

Some would tell us that we can do it by just being a *good example* in front of our family and friends. Or some say, "Just *love* them into the church." These things are vitally important, but alone they will not get the job done. Jesus told the healed demoniac, "TELL THEM how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Paul did not say, "A good example is the power of God unto salvation" or "Our love for others is the power." Rather he said,

“The GOSPEL...is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). Some way or another our family and friends must come in contact with the saving gospel.

This can be done in a variety of ways. One brother saved up his money and spent the summer visiting his far-flung relatives, talking to them about their souls. He has real hopes for two to whom he talked. A brother from Mid-west City, Oklahoma, sent us a check and asked us to send tapes to his mother who lived in another part of the country. She has since been baptized.

One way that all of us can utilize, however, is illustrated in Acts 10. While Cornelius waited for the preacher to arrive, verse 24 tells us he "called together his kinsmen (family) and near friends." When Peter arrived, Cornelius told him, "Now...are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (verse 33). As a result of Peter's preaching to Cornelius' family and friends, a number were baptized (verse 48). A way all of us can utilize is to bring loved ones to Bible class and worship to hear the Bible taught and preached.

Set A Target Leroy Brownlow

Years ago an accomplished marksman was passing through a community in which he

saw evidence of amazing shooting. On barns, on trees, and on fences were many targets with a bullet hole in the exact center of the bull's eye. So he anxiously sought out the rifleman who had performed such astounding feats.

In a congratulatory and inquisitive vein he said: "Your shooting beats anything I have ever seen. How did you do it?"

"No trouble at all," replied the rifleman, "I shot first and then drew the circles around the holes."

Men often aim at nothing and then try to draw the lines of life around accidental marks. This is why they go in circles around shots they aimlessly call. If I would make the most of life, I must aim (1 Cor. 9:24-27).

A few years ago some young men with bows and arrows were shooting at a target. When the arrows of one of them kept hitting the ground, another companion cried out, "Aim higher! Aim higher! Your arrowhead is always pointed to the ground!" The same is true of man. He goes where he points himself.

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What are YOU aiming at in life? Is heaven your goal? To get to heaven, one must be a Christian, a child of God. To become a child of God, one MUST obey the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. One MUST..

Hear the Word of God - John 8:45; Romans 10:17

Believe in Jesus Christ - John 3:16; 8:24

Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3, 5; II Peter 3:9

Confess Jesus is the Christ - Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37

Be baptized for the remission of your sins - Acts 2:38; 22:16

Live faithfully everyday - Matthew 10:22

PREPARING TO EVANGELIZE

Bobby Liddell

The word “evangelize” comes from two words: “good” and “messenger,” and it means to preach the gospel (Rev 14:6). The gospel is the “good news” of salvation in Christ (cf. Luke 2:10), the message which we are to proclaim. If we would prepare to evangelize, there are several questions which we must answer: When, What, Why, How, and Who?

When should we prepare to evangelize?

NOW for when death comes (Heb. 9:27), or Christ comes (Matt. 24:36), it will be too late. We must understand the urgency of preparation (cf. John 9:4). One day, it will be too late to do good, or to undo wrong (Luke 6:46; Jam. 4:17), to get ready for eternity (Matt. 24-25), and to prepare to evangelize (Luke 16:27ff). Judgment is coming (Acts 17:30-31), and we must prepare to evangelize

NOW, or we should prepare to be lost, to see the church lose her strength, to see the numbers decline and, very possibly, to see the doors close.

What should we do to prepare to evangelize? We must get ready to tell people the good news (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:2). We must prepare ourselves to be able to teach the truth (John 8:32; Rom. 1:16; Mark 16). The fact that souls are lost without the gospel should spur us on to study and learn God's Word that we might teach it to others (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rom. 10:13ff). We cannot tell people what we do not know, but we should be able to tell them what we do know. If we have obeyed the gospel, surely we can tell others what we did, but let us not be content to stop there in our knowledge and ability.

Why should we prepare to evangelize? Because the lost need to hear the good news of salvation made possible by the love of God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The downtrodden need a lift (Luke 19:10). Those in darkness need light (John 8:12). The despised need love (Rom. 5:8). Those who are dying in sin need to hear about life in Christ (John 14:6; 10:10). We should prepare because God commanded that we evangelize (Matt. 28:18ff; 1 John 5:3), but also because we care!

How should we prepare to evangelize? We must prepare with hearts filled with compassion (1 Cor. 13; Luke 10:33), minds filled with knowledge (2 Tim. 2:2; John

8:32), and attitudes of sincerity (Jude 23; Rom 2:21ff). We must also prepare to face disappointment, rejection, anger, and apathy (cf. Rom. 5:8-9).

Who should prepare to evangelize? Those who realize the value of one soul (Matt. 16:26), that sin brings death (Rom.5:23), that Heaven and Hell are real (Matt. 25:46), and that their souls are at stake (1 Tim. 4:16). Likewise, those who realize that no price is too costly, no sacrifice too great, no burden is too heavy, no hardship is too severe, no excuse will suffice, and no time is better than now—to prepare to evangelize. Let us all be messengers of the “good news” of the salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

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POINTS TO PONDER

--The tongue weights almost nothing, yet very few people can hold it.

--A sound argument must have more than sound to it.

--Want the best? Give the best!

--When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.

--Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy

to get into but hard to get out of.

--Some people don't look up until they are flat on their backs.

--Be content with what you have, but never with what you are.

--The man who walks with God always knows in what direction he is going.

What We Owe The Local Work Tom Wacaster

When the Lord designed the church, He did so with a consideration of how the work of God could best be accomplished in the most efficient way. While the New Testament speaks of the church in a universal sense (Matt. 16:18, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18, etc), it also speaks of the church in the local setting. Consequently we read of the church at Rome , the church at Ephesus , the church at Philippi, and the churches of Asia in Pergamum , Sardis , Laodicia, etc.

It seems to me that even the most casual search of the scriptures will reveal the fact that God intended for each member of the body of Christ to be identified and labor with the congregation that is nearest in proximity to where they live. In fact, the only way any one of us will labor in the Lord's vineyard is within the structure commonly referred to as the "local church." There are a number of reasons why this is the case, not the least of

which was the need for members to be under and submit to godly men who serve as Shepherds of their souls (Heb. 13:17). It would seem that any attempt to drive a great distance to meet with the brethren, when there is a faithful congregation close at hand, would diminish the capability of one to participate to the fullest in whatever capacity he or she may be able to labor. I have known of some brethren who would drive for two or three hours to attend another congregation for no other reason than the fact that the speaker was more "dynamic," or that they simply did not get along with one of the brethren, or they liked what congregation A had to offer over congregation B. Much more could be said regarding the use of our talents to help the church grow where we ourselves live, but I want to move on to another thought.

Seeing that most of us are members of a local congregation, it remains, therefore, to determine precisely what I owe my local congregation. A number of years ago I conducted a gospel meeting at a congregation in rural Indiana. On Sunday morning, after the A.M. worship, the local preacher and his family departed for a week's vacation, much to my surprise and dismay. His attitude was: "Well, we have someone else here to do the preaching, so I can be gone." Most of us would respond in absolute horror at such lukewarmness, and yet, do we not manifest precisely the same attitude toward the Lord's work when we plan vacations, week-end trips, outings, and any number of activities

when the local congregation is engaged in a major effort to promote the cause of Christ? When the elders plan a gospel meeting, or a lectureship, and provide enough notice to the members, it rests upon us to do everything within our power to arrange our schedule so that we can be present, and encourage others to do the same. There may be occasions when an "ox gets in the ditch." But it is a spiritually weak person who will make his plans with no regard to what God wills, and without any interest in the planned work of the local congregation, and then pitifully and hypocritically bemoan his inability to be present for those meetings because he "has other plans."

Don't forget that James told us, "for that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both do this or that. But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is vain" (James 4:15). When we fail to participate in the work of the local congregation to the best of our ability, we rob the church of one more vital link in the life chain to the lost. Our absence and/or lack of involvement will reduce the influence of the church locally, and will eventually cause us to loose our soul with that wicked and slothful servant who dug a hole and buried his talent in the dirt of the earth.

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