

### **THINGS THAT MAKE EFFECTIVE PERSONAL EVANGELISM.**

1. PRAYER: 1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY 2: 1-4. THIS CONNECTS THE EVANGELIST TO HEAVEN FOR A DIVINE ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL GUARANTEE EFFECTIVENESS. THROUGH PRAYER, GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY GHOST IS INVITED TO COME AND LEAD THE MOVE.
2. LOVE: 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS 5: 14. THE LOVE OF ONE'S NEIGHBOUR COULD LEAD TO EFFECTIVE PERSONAL EVANGELISM AS HE WHO LOVES HIS FELLOW WILL ALWAYS WANT AND GIVE THE BEST TO HIM. SINCE SAVING ONE'S SOUL IS THE BEST GIFT, IT IS ONLY LOVE THAT CAN INITIATE THE STEPS. THAT IS SEEN IN JOHN 3:16.
3. DIVINE WISDOM: PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE IN EVANGELISM MAY NOT LEAD TO EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM AS DIVINE WISDOM. THIS COMES FROM GOD WHO GIVES UTTERANCE TO THAT FITS DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT DIFFERENT OCCASIONS OR SITUATIONS.
4. PATIENCE: LUKE 9:53 – 55. FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM TO BE EFFECTIVE THERE OUGHT TO BE UNALLOYED PATIENCE ON THE SIDE OF THE EVANGELIST. THIS IS TO ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT A CHANCE TO MANIFEST ON THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO RESIST THE HOLY GHOST WHEN HE COMES. HOWEVER, THE FRUIT OF EVANGELISM IN MOST CASES ARE NOT IMMEDIATE, IT IS A GRADUAL PROCESS.
5. REWARDS OF EVANGELISM. PSALM 126: 5 – 6. THE REWARD THAT AWAITS THOSE WHO DO THE WORK OF EVANGELISM CAN TRIGGER THE MORE THE EFFECTIVENESS IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM SO TO MERIT THE REWARD OR PROMISE AS SEEN IN DANIEL 12:3.

### **PRACTICAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM ARE:**

1. DIFFERENCE IN STATUSES: PEOPLE OF LOW STATUSES OR LOW SELF-ESTEEM FIND IT DIFFICULT TO APPROACH THOSE UP LADDER, EXCEPT SPIRIT GIVES THE BOLDNESS.

2. RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES, BELIEFS, RACISM ETC: DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN BELIEFS, LANGUAGES ETC, IT IS ALWAYS HARD TO MAKE EFFECTIVE CONTACTS.
3. TIME FACTORS: TIME ALSO PLACES SOME DEGREES OF CONSTRAINTS IN PERSONAL CONTACTS.
4. LEGISLATIONS AND LAWS: SOME NATIONS LIKE CHINA HAS LAWS PROHIBITING OR FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, THIS COULD BE A MAJOR PROBLEM TO PERSONAL EVANGELISM PARTICULARLY, IN A COUNTRY LIKE CHINA.
5. WARS OR SOCIAL UNREST: WHEN THERE ARE A WAR OR CONFLICT PEOPLE TEN TO MOVE OUT OF THE CHAOS THUS IMPENDING EVANGELISM.

HOW TO OVERCOME THEM:

1. PRAYER
2. COMMITMENT TO GOD.
3. LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOUR
4. READINESS TO DIE FOR A GOOD CAUSE.
5. DETERMINATION TO SAVE ONES SOUL AND THAT OF OTHERS.