

## Applied Theology: Evangelism Part 2

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### Introduction

"The chief agents in the expansion of Christianity appear not to have been those who made it a profession or made it a major part of their occupation, but men and women who carried on their livelihood in some purely secular manner and spoke of their faith to those they met in this natural fashion" (Latourette, *History of the Expansion of Christianity*, 1:116).

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### Introduction

"Christian obedience is not motivated by guilt, but by glory. Teach the people that evangelism is done as an act of obedient worship. The Christian evangelizes because his heart has been made glad by the glorious grace of God, and, so satisfied by the joy of the Lord that comes in Christ, He becomes free to lay down his life in faithful service to others, longing for them to know the joy of worshiping the God they love."- (Jesse Johnson, TMS Evangelism Class Notes)

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### Pros and Cons of Evangelism Methods

- Pros
  - Gives a template to follow
  - Helps stay focused
  - Motivate a church group
  - Sets example for others
  - Reminds us that evangelism is verbal

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### Pros and Cons of Evangelism Methods

- Cons
  - Can lead to "THE way" to evangelize
  - Can lead to division
  - Can lead to varsity vs. junior varsity methods
  - Can lead to formal training = "the right way"
  - Can lead to trust in a method vs. trust in Holy Spirit
  - Can lead to an abridged gospel

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### Way of the Master: A Cold Evangelism Method

- Based on 10 Commandments to confront the lost with reality of his sinfulness
- Typical interaction . . .
- Strengths:
  - Easy conversation to start
  - Takes God's holiness and man's sin seriously
  - Quickly puts people in a logical paradox
  - Gives the bad news before the good news

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- Strengths
  - Easy conversation to start
  - Takes God's holiness and man's sin seriously
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  - Gives the bad news before the good news
- Weaknesses
  - Aspects of the gospel downplayed
  - Often disconnected with the local church
  - Rightly stresses judicial nature of salvation but not restoration of relationship
  - Leads to confusion about the New Covenant
  - Sometimes presented as the only valid approach

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"His Intended Way"

- Live a transformed life
- Maintain a vital prayer life
- Have the right expectations
- Start the conversation
- Rely upon Scripture as the only authority

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