

# BOOK FEATURES

- What are the most important topics you should learn to grow as a Christian?
- Learn 50 reasons to be totally committed to Jesus Christ.
- What dangers are faced by those ‘wanting to have their cake and eat it too,’ trying to serve God and enjoy the world?
- What are the best and clearest Bible verses to memorize, since Scripture memory is the devastatingly omitted practice in most Christians’ lives?
- How can you have a Quiet Time--the key to walking with God?
- Where can you find the most powerful initial Bible reading schedule?
- Does the Bible give reasons to evangelize, or is it just our obligation?
- Learn possible negative consequences if you don’t get involved in evangelism.
- Where can you find concise, researched answers to 223 of the most-asked apologetic questions of Christians by lost people?
- Learn 3 great memorable answers for evangelizing other religions and handling tough intellectual questions.
- Discover a simple yet effective plan for reaching all lost people in the world in the next 3 years with the Gospel.
- Learn new as well as long-established strategies for reaching countries closed (and open) to the Gospel.
- Discover a plan for the 5% who do evangelize to keep doing all the work unto completion.
- What is “Relational Discipleship” besides just the most effective and least-utilized method for growing up Christians in the Lord?
- What is “Body Life,” besides just being how the Church is supposed to relate as the body of Christ?
- Learn hundreds of surprising truths of the Bible many will never know.
- Learn the most popular Old Testament events.
- Learn substitutes for and the top excuses to not evangelize, which salve our consciences (and how to refute them).
- Be aware of any potentially harmful influences from 4 modern Christian trends— Lordship Salvation, Relationship Evangelism, Calvinism and Charismatic theology.
- Want more? Please come inside and spend a little quality time warming up to a good book/web site...

## INTRODUCTION

### **What are the world’s 2 greatest needs?**

1. For lost people to get **saved**, and
2. For saved people to get **sanctified**.

- If ever there were a place where these two subjects were more *clearly* addressed to achieve these 2 objectives, it's in God's word, the **Bible**.
- And if ever there were a more *concise*, thoroughly-researched and clearly *understandable* explanation of how to solve the world's 2 greatest problems, I would hope it would be on THIS *web site*.

We pray for "revival,"

We read about revivals in history,

We claim we want revival.

We believe that every Christian is supposed to grow up in the Lord and **evangelize...**

God will bring these things to pass in his *sovereignty*, but **more likely so if we are aligned with His will**. That knowledge comes through the word of God, and this book/web site presents and explains **the most important part—the CORE or heart--of that great book**. We are hereby stripped of our excuses for *delay*, and need only evangelize and disciple from now on as our *top priorities*, and God will *bless* us.

The three most neglected and needed ministries in the Church today are **Evangelism, Relational Discipleship**, and '**Body Life**.' Those subjects constitute **ALL** this web site is focused on!

The author has spent more than **30 years** researching and analyzing what are the **most effective subjects** for Christians to know in their experience as quickly as possible, to **grow** as *believers*. The *18 Discipleship topics* on this site are a result of that effort.

Contrary to popular **myth**, the Bible is NOT an **out-dated**, **boring**, *confusing* or "**irrelevant**" book, and though it is quite large, this web site (and a *larger book following*) attempt to bring you the **best of what's found there**, without *omitting* our **eventually searching all** that God has for us in His blessed **gift**, the word of God. HD TV, videos, hi tech, celebrities, getting rich, sports and entertainment WILL NOT get you to heaven or ultimately benefit you if you miss heaven and end up in hell! Only a *personal knowledge of God* through Jesus Christ will sustain you in this life and keep you from destruction in the next!

I have spent the **first half** of my life watching the statistic remain stable that **5%** of Christians ever evangelize one soul in their lifetime. My conviction is that by the grace of God I don't want to see that statistic remain constant the second half of my life! One man can do only *so much*, but **all of us together** can change the world for Christ!

Is it consistent with God's character and practice to give **one (last?) WARNING** to the world (and tell the Church to **FULLY harvest**) before executing *judgment*? Are there any '*signs of the times*' which might make this exhortation more urgent? I hope everyone reading these materials will **dedicate themselves to doing their part** to **literally reach every soul with the Gospel** within the next **three years!**

# WEB SITE EXCERPTS

We live in a SOUND-BITE SOCIETY, with *short attention spans*, an *entertainment* and *technology* obsession, and many people hardly reading anymore. Therefore, I offer the following **excerpts** to let you see what you'll be missing if you choose not to hear the *message* contained in this book/web site.

## THE BIBLE

- If you want proof of the Bible's inerrancy... **READ IT!** Since it is the *means* of **knowing God**, it is *boring* only to those who would have been bored in heaven anyway.
- The Bible is the **best-selling book** of ALL time, and one of the least read. The Gospel is the **greatest message** of ALL time, and perhaps the **least**-often told.
- **87%** of American Christians don't regularly read their Bible each week. Is it *any wonder* we accept so many false teachings and our society's morays are quickly going downward?
- Are you "too busy" to have a **Quiet Time**? Its possible to be morally too busy with misplaced priorities (i.e., a *sin*)! We all have the same 24 hours a day. Make and take the time, because you'll rarely ever find it!
- The knowledge and wisdom of the **Bible** is more valuable than pure gold (i.e., modern-day *money*). Is it *that valuable to you*?
- Don't play the **fool**, by **studying** that *out-moded* book of myths, including the lie that **Hell** is real. —the devil
- You can prove whatever you want from the Bible **as long as you never have to open it up** and make your case.
- If you don't ever plan to read your Bible, donate it, burn it (if old) or at least rip out the parts you don't believe so you don't carry them around as a **hypocrite**.
- The **Bible** is **not an accessory** you wear with your Sunday clothes.
- Those who don't believe the **Bible** is God's word just want an **excuse** for keeping it on the shelf, gathering dust.
- Even American Christians, subconsciously, believe the Bible is too *thick, old-fashioned, too boring* or *difficult*, or principally "*irrelevant*" to their lives.

## EVANGELISM

- For 30 years only **5%** of American Christians ever share the Gospel with **anyone!** **This statistic cannot continue**, and the buck stops with **PASTORS**. **Disciple** your *church members!*
- The devil couldn't stop Christ's victory on the cross, so he implemented **Plan B**—to keep the Church from evangelizing or even noticing that there's a spiritual battle taking place.

- If you would take only 5 minutes to *contemplate* what **Hell** is really like, you couldn't help but go evangelize today.
  - If you have a **reason** for never having evangelized, be *sure* that you know that it is the **devil** who gave it to you!
  - If God were to give the *world* ONE (LAST?) CHANCE to **HEAR** the **Gospel**, would **He** lead it to be done...
    - **Urgently** or *slowly*?
    - **Directly** or *indirectly*?
    - **Fully acted upon** or *over-analyzed* and *over-planned*?
    - Using **ALL** believers or just *some*?
    - Reaching **ALL** lost people, or just *some*? (ex.: Mt. 21:34)
  - Christ put so much effort into saving the world, yet most Christians **won't lift a finger** to make sure they hear about it. The average Christian will do almost ANYTHING to avoid evangelizing!
  - Jesus said, '*Follow me and I'll make you fishers of men.*' We claim to follow Him, yet do so little evangelism. Did Jesus lie, or are you **not following very closely**?
  - If God were here and put a gun to your head saying, "*go evangelize!*," what would you do IMMEDIATELY? Move your feet and open your mouth to **tell someone** the Gospel! He's already here, and the 'gun' is His **commandment**.
  - We have the **greatest message ever known** to man, yet if you ask the *average* believer to share it with the lost they *look at you* as if you had asked for volunteers to clean the local **trash dumpster**.
  - If your evangelism is not urgent and bold, it's not biblical.
  - Even carnal evangelism is better than no evangelism.
  - **Billy Graham** can't make up for the church's lack of evangelism forever!
  - 11 *less-educated*, *less-affluent* and *less-technologically* enabled men 'turned the world upside down' in a relatively *short time*. Why can't we do **even more** than them?
  - With humanly- (vs. Divinely-) **limited** resources of *manpower*, *materials* and *money*, don't let the *greater things*—like **completing the Great Commission**—be **delayed** or **hindered** by doing **good, yet lesser things**.
- If **all** people go to **hell** without **Jesus**,
- They **only** get to **heaven** through **Jesus**,
- The **Gospel** is the **only** true message of **salvation**,
- The **Church** the **only** *institution entrusted* to take that message to the **world** and,
- **You** are IN that *institution*—
- GET WITNESSING!**

- The great **irony** is that the Gospel is so *positive* and evangelism is so *exciting, fulfilling* and important, yet most Christians treat you like ‘the *fool on the hill*’ if you tell them only POSITIVE reasons to *evangelize*!
- In an *earlier* survey, **12%** of Senior Pastors strongly believed that most Christians could **effectively share** their faith with lost people, only **1/4<sup>th</sup>** described their church as being ‘*evangelistic*,’ and out of **14 traits** describing their church, **EVANGELISM** ranked **LAST**.
- If you **feed** a man, provide **clothing** and **shelter**, **educate** him and teach him **job skills**—but you **never share Christ with him**—*ultimately*, you have **NOT HELPED** him at all.
- **No company** in the world which was trying to get its product in the hands of EVERY PERSON (ex.: Coke) would be considered successful or would commend their Managers or Sales people if the Managers *encouraged* their sales force to **GO SELL** and *simply hoped* they did, or every sales person randomly worked where and when they wanted, even if **only reaching one customer a year**. If the Managers were not on the same page with each other, and **never tracked results** of who was *reached*, who needed *reaching* and how many sales were made, **they’d be FIRED in an instant**, and certainly could not rest peacefully believing themselves to be doing a good job at leadership, *hitting* their numbers or *meeting* their objectives.

The direct corollary to the *universal Church’s* lack of a **plan**, lack of coordination, **hit-and-miss rarity of effort** and **comfort with her effort** is abundantly obvious (not to mention competition between and separation from franchise distributorships—local churches and their denominations). And I’m being too judgmental and negative? Lost peoples’ eternity is at stake—not missed soft drink sales, and people die before we complete our objective in a *timely fashion*—*not just miss out* on the experience of a tasteful burning sensation in their throat! To accurately borrow from a business analogy, **JUST DO IT**, for we have **THE REAL THING**.

- What are the **ramifications** of our sinful apathy, weak timidity and non-urgent lack of love for the lost? **Millions**, up to **BILLIONS** may not enter heaven who *otherwise might have*, with all the negative consequences this fact entails.
- We have the **Greatest Life Available**, yet we don’t **ENSURE that Christians** learn how to daily live it or regularly tell it so lost people can **get in on it**. **How Selfish!**
- Was Jesus **Joking**, or asking the **impossible** when His *last words* commanded us to **take His ‘Good News’** to every soul? (Mt. 28:18-20)

Christ could come back at any time,

People die unexpectedly and ‘prematurely’ all the time,

- Isn’t it great that we can sit back and enjoy ourselves, and just wait for *Christ’s return*, since **we’ve completed the Great Commission?** (*sarcasm*). **NOT EVERYONE HAS heard** the Gospel and it takes an **average of 7 hearings** for

someone to accept it, so we've got A LOT of work to *do*, few workers and very little time.

- What would **John the Baptist** do if he returned to *our society* today? Likely what he did when here—reprove the religious establishment for their major sins, and exhort them to change urgently. God send us another John the Baptist!
- Para-church organizations like Campus Crusade and the Navigators run circles around the average American Church in evangelism and discipleship, yet they are *not even* the institution God *established* to do these ministries—the local church.
- The *first century* church was spurred on to evangelize by persecution. Pray that God would bring persecution to the American Church if that's what it'll take to get her off her duff!
- Christians can suffer shame in heaven, at least *initially*, and can be poor compared to others and especially compared to what they could have achieved in life. Don't be a pauper in heaven.
- Am I too negative? We've tried 20 years of PMA (*positive mental attitude*) to encourage believers to evangelize, but the 5% statistic has not changed.
- Do I believe there is nothing positive in the U.S. Church? Of course there is, but so long as we don't solve our top two needs—*evangelism* and *discipleship*, let's not look for opportunities to pat ourselves on the back.
- “Can't I be more positive about our efforts in *evangelism*?” I can, but after 30 years of 5% of claiming believers ever reaching one soul, the *silver lining* is hard to see and not what deserves our focus. Being too positive may give an excuse to not seriously address this abominable statistic and might keep almost all from ever being righteously indignant about it!
- I am more positive about a life in Christ than *anything* else on earth, and I hope the Church will prove me wrong and not continue to provide reasons to be *negative* about her stable 5%-only evangelism statistic.
- Strategically, don't evangelize Christians, and go to the ripe fruit first, if possible.
- Evangelism motivation is perhaps the most needed subject and one you rarely hear a sermon on. The Bible gives hundreds of reasons to *evangelize*, yet we *only camp out* on it being an obligatory commandment.
- Some believers get more worked up over the color of the church carpet than over our *apathy* about the *eternal destiny* of lost people!
- Our evangelismlessness finally *boils down to* our not being willing to be different from the crowd, to speak of something not normal in conversation, and unwillingness to face our message being rejected or *ourselves* possibly being seen as “*weird*.” Our desire to be in the comfort zone is stronger than our desire to see lost people NOT go to hell. In a word, we are ASHAMED of the Gospel, except when we are in a church building or among believers.
- How many Bible verses do you know from memory, and when's the last time you witnessed to anyone? If you don't believe you are sinfully procrastinating, set a

reasonable date on your calendar, and if it passes before you take one *step*, **you will have proved** it to yourself.

- Strategically, to tell a few people the Gospel **many times**, and **many** people not at all or rarely *seems to me* a great **injustice**. Also, to have **many people** evangelizing the few while few to none are reaching the many seems to be a disorganized **duplicity** of effort.
- If forced to choose, I'd rather see fewer spiritually mature people *in heaven* than to see so **many going to hell**.
- The Bible teaches **direct** vs. 'subtle' evangelism and a '**go and tell**' vs. 'come to our building to hear' methodology.
- **Not evangelizing hinders** your *spiritual growth*, like holding something in that's **got to get out**.
- Evangelism is the **number one reason** Christ came to earth, and likely the **number one reason** the Church still remains *on earth*.
- You don't like my evangelism **methods**? If you're one of the **95%'ers** who **never evangelize**, I **REALLY don't like** yours! You hate my "**tone**?" Go *evangelize*. I can change my tone as quickly as you can go evangelize!
- Life is **EASY** when you *don't ever* evangelize! All you have to do is be a **lover of money**, then salve your conscience by attending church and trying to be a "nice person."
- On August 19, 2007, Rev. Ron Parsley stated in a TV broadcast (paraphrased), "**92% of evangelical Ministers** [stated] they have no inclination, no anointing, **no ability to communicate the Gospel with lost people**." We can only **hope** these figures are in error!
- Do you *personally* have a **vision** for the world's **spiritual** condition—lost or saved—and for what the New Testament Church is **supposed to be**? **No wonder** so few Christians insist on **Evangelism, Discipleship** and "**Body Life**."
- We have **eternity** to celebrate our victories, but only a limited time to **reach the lost**.
- People die "prematurely" and unexpectedly all the time. Christ could return at **any time**. Don't delay—*evangelize today*!
- If denominations cannot AT LEAST unite for **global evangelism**, let's *conclude* that the Bible was in error when it spoke of the **unity of the faith**.
- If *God* were to **call you home**, would the cause and work of Christ be **impeded** at all?
- For only **\$375** per American church, annually, we could fund enough indigenous Evangelists to reach ALL in the 10/40 Window—the *least-evangelized* area of the world.
- In my *opinion* the Church should conduct a **thorough threshing** of the field--the world--every 3 years. We can get creative, be customized and broaden our mission THEREAFTER. Even **Cults**, who are *serious* about getting their message to

everyone, do this, and once *completed* we would only have to monitor those coming of age to hear our message. It can and must be done, but WILL it be?

- Once your church has **reached every person** ‘of age’ within 3 miles of your building with an *accurate, effective* Gospel presentation, **BROADCAST** those results as MUCH as possible to encourage ALL OTHER CHURCHES to *do the same*.
- I encourage MANY people in many cities to emulate my Gospel Signs which are addressed to **Christians**, and take them to churches when you are not in worship yourself! We need to start a grass roots movement to get Christians evangelizing!
- **Christian, you have been WARNED**. There is no excuse available to you now for not evangelizing. There is a biblical place for warning people you know won’t heed it, because it makes them accountable to God, and He doesn’t ALWAYS lead you to just do “what works,” but always what he tells you!

### DISCIPLESHIP

- If Christ used “*relational discipleship*” to produce the **greatest ever ministry results** in mens’ lives, who are we to think we’re wiser than Him, ignoring this ministry method?
- “RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP” is the MOST effective and LEAST utilized tool for *Pastors* to grow up their members in the Lord.
- What’s taught on this web site IS Christian basics. We’re so used to skim milk **diluted with water**, that even the “milk” of the word causes us to **choke**.
- Christ said, ‘*Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*’ We are NOT ‘**SPIRITUAL CAMELS**’ who can be sustained for a week off a 45 minute sermon without daily exposure to the **word** of life.
- You’re **too busy** to have a Quiet Time? Then you’re MORALLY too busy (i.e., you have *misplaced priorities*—a **sin**). We all have 24 hours a day—take and make time for *God*.
- If you don’t find time for God during the week, why do you think He’s going to **take much time** answering your prayers or blessing you?
- The answer to **carnal Christianity** is NOT to preach a false Gospel which changes God’s standard for salvation, but maturer believers taking *seriously* their need to **tutor**/mentor/disciple/feed younger believers, like a mother would nurture and a father would correct and instruct their *child*.
- In life, it’s **ultimately a matter of what you DID with God**. On judgment day, **you alone** will be *accountable* for what YOU did in your relationship with Christ—not your *nation*, your *church*, your *denomination*, the *Minister* you supported or even your more courageous evangelistic *family* members.
- Preachers will rarely tell you but habitually carnal believers (perhaps the **majority** of the American Church), will be judged by God, and His **disciplining** can include unnecessary sickness and premature death.

- A Christian without a *ministry* is like a **grocier** without *food* to sell.
- If you're not **daily** walking with God, and **regularly** evangelizing, the **devil** has you **defeated**, and you are doing **His** will. You're missing out on so much, *likely* because you've 'bought into' Hollywood's and Madison Avenue's version of "*the good life*," rather than having God's perspective on His **abundant life** in Christ.
- Which is *more* true...the Church is *influencing* the world, or the world is influencing the Church?
- It may sound *crazy*, but **having lots of money** is not 'the good life,' according to the Bible. Christ offers an **abundant life**, yet the majority of American believers **ride the fence** between the world and servng God. As the slogan says, that only yields you (spiritual) splinters in your *backside*.
- You **cannot** pay your way out of the obligation of **EVERY** Christian to evangelize, either by *tithing* at church, or *supporting* Evangelists!
- "Churchianity" is defined as either seeking God's *favor* by attending multiple **activities** put on by your church, or, more often, believing that the **core** of Christianity is attending church and tithing.
- We're more concerned with "**fitting in**" with the world than with being as "*radical*" as **Paul**, for instance. We fear being called "Bible Thumpers"—whatever that means—so **we avoid being HOT for God** by being **luke-warm** about Him (or **cold**, which is the **LESSER** of the two sinful evils). As one person put it, "a **fanatic**' is **usually** someone **MORE COMMITTED to Christ than you are.**"
- Our relationship with **God** is like a **blessed marriage**--it must be cultivated, protected and **enjoyed** every day.
- *Someday*—hopefully *sooner* rather than *later*--you'll **look back on your life** and *realize* that you have **not been giving your all** to Christ.
- It **feels like a lie** but is nevertheless **true** that God "blesses" us by turning us from our sinful ways. There is enjoyment in **sin**, but it is fleeting and destructive.
- The **Bible doesn't warn** about being 'too heavenly minded for any earthly good,' but it **does warn** about being **worldly**, and tells you to **set your mind on the things above**.
- If you aren't walking by faith you aren't walking in the will of God. Don't ask, "*What Would Jesus Do?*" **Why ask YOURSELF?** **Read** what He said and did, and **ASK HIM Directly!** That's the *privilege* we have as believers!
- *Heaven* and *hell* are **real** and imminent. Quit *living your life* as if they are **not**, and ignoring reality.
- *Paul* said—'If anyone does not love the lord, let him be accursed.' Christ did so much for you—**what are you doing for** and in Him in thankful return?

### **"BODY LIFE" IN CHURCH**

- The Bible describes church “Body Life” lay participation in the *worship service*, yet we’re content being **passive** and sitting next to virtual strangers for an hour a week.
- The *sadly missing ingredient* in modern American life is genuine biblical **relationship**. We’re too busy, too isolated, too skeptical and too self-centered to consider this as anything but an old-fashioned ‘*Leave it to Beaver*’-era mentality.
- The *first two* Christian sermons produced **mega churches**! They **cared** about and knew each other, and with all our money, technology, knowledge and buildings we have yet to seemingly grasp what relationship between loving believers looks like—especially in interactive relating during church services!
- Christianity is not a **spectator sport**, and church is not for **bench-warmers**. You cannot pay the professional to do **your job**, and “leaders” who don’t **affect** lay evangelism and discipleship haven’t really done their job.

### SIN

- The Bible, overall, is a **positive book**. But with the repeated stubbornness of God’s people, **HIS message**—as *contrasted* with what you may hear from the pulpit—WILL get ever more negative, until He **warns, once for all**, just prior to **judgment**. *Study His ways* and you’ll see that this is true.
- As Billy Graham reportedly said, ‘If God doesn’t **judge** America He owes Sodom and Gomorrah an **apology**.’ How is it that the greatest missionary-sending country in the *history of mankind* is now a **mission field** for godly 3<sup>rd</sup> world believers?

### PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

- Christian Ministers are **co-laborers**--not competitors. Those who teach that ‘church is a business’ have never **analyzed why** Christ *twice* cleansed the temple. It may be a *business* to hirelings, but not in the word of God.
- Pastor, if you don’t believe only 5% of your congregation ever evangelizes, ask them to go witnessing with you, cancel church on Sunday and tell them ‘*we’re going evangelizing*,’ conduct a worship service solely devoted to **evangelism testimonies** from the week (but have a sermon handy as you’ll need it), or hand out the enclosed **Church-Wide Evangelism Survey** and SEE FOR YOURSELF.
- Preachers **preach sermons** exhorting evangelism, and believers may even *nod* or *agree to* or say, “*amen*.” But without follow-up and personal accountability—with *love* and *grace*—**VERY LITTLE** affect is brought about by those sermons!
- The *definition* of “**success**” in the ministry is when the *whole world* has been **reached** (with the Gospel) and EVERY BELIEVER is ‘**sold out**’ to God. Attempting anything less is failure and an *immoral compromise*.
- In America there’s almost a “**conspiracy of silence**” between clergy and laity, that if the faithful will attend and give money, the preacher will **rarely address** the serious **evangelismlessness epidemic** or their need to have a daily Quiet Time.

- **95%** of Christian Ministers serve in North America—the **most affluent** place in the *whole* world. Could there be any correlation?
- Pastors whose primary evangelism method is worship service invitations are primarily “*preaching to the choir.*” Get out of your cloistered fish bowl where the majority of lost people are!
- If your Pastors are not **leading** in **PUBLIC EVANGELISM** outside the church walls as their *regular* practice, they are neither leading nor properly ‘earning their keep.’
- Modernizing (i.e., “updating”) church is **not wrong**, but **lessening** what Church is supposed to BE to **cater to** and ‘attract’ the lost (i.e., “*seeker sensitivity*”) shows you must never have read that “no one seeks God, no, not one.” Church is the place for **believers** to be edified, and lost people *visiting* is NOT our **primary purpose** for our *gathering!*
- Pastor, if you haven’t taught the most important Bible subjects to get believers growing in Christ *as quickly as possible*, **what right do you have preaching anything else?**
- **Most professional Evangelists STRUGGLE to make ends meet**, and must rely on people liking or believing in them for the work **as necessary as evangelism**. Yet Pastors each week have the opportunity to call for giving to **support every “ministry” known to man EXCEPT fully funding** and **completing** the Great Commission (*at least* within 3 miles of their church *building*) as soon as possible.
- If a Pastor cannot, over time, bring about change in the only 5% evangelism statistic, are they **leading** and have they really **earned** their *pay checks*?
- The devil can make you **rich** and do miracles. If the Gospel promised 100% health and **wealth**, ALL PEOPLE would be **Christians**.
- “**Churchianity**” promotes church attendance and “tithing” as the CORE of Christianity rather than Quiet Time, 24/7 walking “in the Spirit,” evangelizing, and using your spiritual gift(s) in ministry.
- A love of money and pride can be **barriers** to *global evangelism* (through denominationalism/institutional Christianity’s asset-claiming and **stake-holding** vs. *cooperative* spirit).
- Anyone discussing having a “**hook**” in their sermons or church activities is NOT presenting the *Gospel* I know. We are **fishers of men**, but salvation is the **greatest gift**—not a “hook” which lures or attracts actual fish to their **death!** Analogies break-down, and you must **notice** when that break-down *occurs*.
- CHRISTIAN LAY PERSON: if your **Pastor and Staff Members** are not lovingly holding *you* accountable, under *grace*, to have a **daily Quiet Time** (i.e., *prayer* and Bible *meditation*), and have *never asked you* to go out sharing the Gospel, possibly with them (as role models), **SHAME ON THEM**, and ask them why they have not and **when** they *plan to begin!* That’s NOT inspired ‘leadership,’ no matter how ‘successful’ our businesses of “church” (and building programs) may appear to men! (Eph. 4:10-16, I Pet. 5:1-4)

## LOVE

- If the Bible's definition of "love" is synonymous with *emotional* "luv," or just a positive feeling, **throw away your Bibles** and just be nice to everyone. **See how many people go to heaven when you *only* do that!**
- If LOVE meant being nice and never reproofing of offending anyone, all **politically correct** lost people would agree with Christianity.
- Do you think you can '**catch more bees** with honey than vinegar?' That may be true in *bee catching* and therein may lie the problem—we're **fishing for men** and you've got your '*bees in a tizzy*' about whether we're politically correct in our "**tone**" toward the **95% of CHRISTIANS who never evangelize**. Tell Jesus, John the Baptist and Paul that they were not as positive as you'd have liked them to be, though they were **fully led of the Lord**. It is toward the NON-EVANGELIZING BELIEVER—**not** the needy lost person, that this **reproof** is directed!

## MONEY

- The Bible says that when you set your eyes on money, as a bird with wings it will fly away, and MANY who love money **pierce** themselves with many pangs.
- You cannot "BALANCE" your serving God with your serving money. You are either **living for eternity** or the here-and-now as your primary concern. God sees your heart, whether it's *energized* (more) by your bank account or your heavenly treasures.
- **Evangelists** and para-church organizations often far out work churches in evangelism and discipleship, so **laymens' giving** should **reflect biblical priorities!**
- A *money-oriented* Minister is not a biblically qualified Minister.
- The more spiritual Christians are apt to give **more** at church, yet preachers so often *let* them remain **nominal**, and just insist on "*tithing*."
- The bible teaches that **those with money** should be generous and live without FULLY enjoying the *use* of it. Do you *ever* hear this in church?

## LORDSHIP SALVATION (VS. SAVIORHOOD)

- Salvation is not a **gift exchange**—ALL you have to *offer* God is sin.
- Salvation is like--but **much greater than**--receiving a **Maserati** automobile. Who in their *right mind* would think that a gift offered would be "free" if the donor **required** you to commit to use it, read the owner's manual, change the oil every 3,000 miles, etc? Yet Lordship Salvationists think our Gospel is like **enlisting in the army**... 'free to join but costly to live.' Salvation is not an invitation to **risk death** as a lifestyle, and the difficulties we experience are nothing in comparison to the **joys** and **blessings**, if we live **dead** to our old selves.
- Lordship Salvationists teach that the way to **reduce carnality** in the Church is to **doubt claimers' salvation** and offer a Gospel with requirements different from God's. The Bible teaches **discipleship** as the means of curing carnality—getting believers into the habit of prayer and Bible meditation.

- What's *more important*—**committing** to obey rules or **actually** obeying them? A person can say one thing and do the other—**actions** cannot be denied.
- Lordship Salvation and Saviorhood Salvation **cannot both** be the **true Gospel**. One must be **incorrect**, and the *ramifications* of either being wrong is that **lost people could go to hell** by hearing a *false Gospel*. Except in the case of the trinity, three (steps for salvation) can never equal one.

### RELATIONSHIP EVANGELISM (VS. LOVINGLY DIRECT)

- If “*Relationship Evangelism*” is God’s **primary way** of evangelizing, and your lifestyle is a method of evangelism, what ‘message’ do lost people read from the lives of **Ghandi** and the average **Mormon**, who likely live(d) at least as ‘good’ a life as you, yet whose doctrines lead men to **hell**?
- If someone you were ‘cultivating a relationship with for Jesus,’ **unexpectedly died** BEFORE you *got around to* sharing the Gospel with them, might you change your method?
- **EVANGELISM IS the best way to show love to people**. The **Great Commandments** are BEST applied by fulfilling the Great Commission! Christ exhorted evangelism well before He elucidated the *Great Commandments*, contrary to what Relationship Evangelists will tell you.
- You do not need to “*earn the right to be heard*” by lost people! **Christ earned that right** and you are an Ambassador for Him, **commissioned** and **commanded** to speak, much like the old *town crier*.
- Relationship Evangelism was *invented* in the 1980’s as a **reaction** to EE-like ministries, by those **not bold** or **proud enough** in our *Gospel* to speak it lovingly to strangers, or who blamed their lack of results on methodology, rather than a **lack of spiritual power** or God not having prepared the hearts yet. We’re *always* looking for a theological-sounding excuse to not have to speak with strangers!
- All ‘relationship evangelism’ eventually turns into **direct evangelism** anyway—when they finally open their mouth to **speak the Gospel**.
- Some **ivory tower Christians** are so concerned about “*offending*,” “*bruising the fruit*,” and “*turning off*” lost people in our Gospel presentations. They may have analyzed the event longer than they have performed it. Evangelism is **not a sales call**, and **God** brings about the results, not **man**. If God doesn’t call the person to salvation just then, these **arm-chair quarterbacks** blame the **Evangelist** and his/her (lovingly direct) “methods.”
- In evangelism, never confuse emotional bonding or *schmoozing* with **spiritual power**.
- *Relationship Evangelism* **tries to appease** CARNAL CHRISTIANS by making evangelism “comfortable,” and trying to make a conversation about eternity “natural.” **It gets NO MORE results from these new “friends” than a Spirit-empowered, well-trained believer does with total strangers**. But *at least* direct evangelism CAN be used to complete the Great Commission in a timely fashion,

whereas Relational Evangelism is **slow** and focused on **quality** at the expense of **EVERYONE** hearing the Gospel. It is **not straightforward** about its **hidden agenda** while “befriending” strangers for Jesus, which hiding is like **withholding the Bread of Life** from a **starving child** until you get to know them.

- **No** direct Evangelist I have **ever heard of** tries to **impress** lost people with **how** much they **know**. Our message is **focused** on Christ, and we only need to present **3 to 5** Bible verses—one minimum (John 3:16). Therefore, don’t buy the **secular psychology** which states, “**no one cares how much you know before they know how much you care.**” Catchy **poetry**, but evangelism stated lovingly is what we’re commanded to do, not “**befriend**” people *first*.
- Could “*Relationship Evangelism*” have some **serious biblical flaws**, when Proverbs says “a man of many friends comes to ruin?” Either we **cannot** reach **MANY** people for Christ, or we must **abandon** much of the *friend-making* “**pre-evangelism.**”

### **CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM**

- God neither **forces** lost people to get **saved**, nor will lost people **respond** to the Gospel without **God’s initiation** and **preparing their heart**. **Why is it so hard** for **so many** to see any **errors** in **Calvinism** and **Arminianism?**

## **CONCLUSION**

In everything being presented here, ‘**be Berean**’ in **Searching the Scriptures for yourself** to see if these things are **true**. **Because American Christians are such busy multi-taskers**, **MOST** Bible verses you **NEED** to be aware of are **fully printed out** on this web site. I wanted there to be **no reason** for you to *remain in the dark* by having to expend effort trying to find any critical verses without **knowing their contents**.

I hope you will find the site *interactive* enough to **feel free to contact us** about any **questions** or **comments** about this site. We will respond to you **as we are able**, but do realize I have **poured my entire adult life** into the *research* behind this web site, so if you write to disagree with the beliefs, I’ve **probably read** most of the *major* book supporting your view and **have concluded against them**, so extensive **bantering back and forth** will likely **not convince** you, and certainly **not move me** much. I do **WELCOME suggestions** where the site can be **improved**, or any **Bible verses** I might have missed to **broaden my understanding** of given subjects.

Paul once asked, ‘**have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?**’ If the ‘**truth hurts**,’ it’s just the **pinch** of that **vaccination** keeping you from more serious harm. As with Paul, I too, am meek and mild-tempered most of the time, so if these **words have convicted** you, the **LORD**—not myself—has been at work. **I was as committed to carnality as the next guy until someone showed me a better way**, which is all I’m *trying to do* with this book/web site.

You can **ignore** what has been written here, but please know you are on record as having **known the knowledge was there**. The only reason I can conceive of why pastors would not hand out the enclosed **Church-Wide Evangelism Survey** and **Church-Wide Discipleship Survey** is because they think it might OFFEND some people, thus causing a *reduction* in *giving*, and the only reason they would not implement the **Local Church Plan of Evangelism** is SIN, unless they implement it's *spirit* in their own effective way.

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