

A Biblical Pattern for Daily Evangelism

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Colossians 4:2-6 gives us good Biblical guidelines to start each day prepared to witness for Christ:

PRAYER

When it comes to evangelism, we often pray for those we want to share with. However, *prayer needs to **prepare** our hearts for witnessing placing us in position to be used by God.* Pray for a **love** for the lost. Pray for the **willingness** to share. Pray to see the opportunities God brings our way. Pray for an **obedient** heart to share when the opportunities arise.

WATCHFUL

Then be watching throughout the day for opportunities. Seek to 'see' and recognize how God may be working in those around you. Allow the **Holy Spirit** to make you sensitive to and alert to opportunities. This develops with time and experience. *It is very important that you're **willing to respond** to opportunities; if you're not, God won't waste time bringing them your way.* You'll likely pick up on it in conversations. **Ask questions...** draw them out. Be willing to **listen** graciously and with compassion. As appropriate, share how God has helped you or made a difference in your life that relates to what they are struggling. It may be job related, relationships, purpose in life, parenting, difficult decisions, etc. These stories of God's influence in your life will often open the way to explaining the Gospel with others.

THANKFUL

The best way to combat discouragement is by being thankful. God says to, "**Remember what the Lord has done.**" Remembering what He has done encourages you and **builds your faith** for what He can do. Take time to be **thankful** for your **salvation...** for a relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit... for how the Lord has **helped** you, **protected** you, **comforted** you, **guided** you and **provided** for you. Be very thankful for the opportunity to serve Him and be and **ambassador** of His to point others to Jesus.

PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE CLEARLY

*Study to learn how to explain the Gospel clearly. **BE PREPARED.** Like most things, practice will make you better. Don't be lazy and apathetic. Seek to explain the Gospel so those you share with will be able to make an informed decision.* Equally important is to learn to **trust the Holy Spirit** to use what you share with others. There's no such thing as sharing it perfectly so don't let the devil beat you up thinking you did it poorly. Just do your best to be able to explain the Gospel clearly. We need to depend on God giving us **wisdom** and **discernment**. And trust in the Holy Spirit's power to make spiritual truth **understandable** to those we speak. You'll be surprised at how the Holy Spirit will use what we share when we are cooperating with Him.

FULL OF GRACE

People can tell if you truly **care** about them. Be gracious and practice **kindness** when you share. *Let the love of Jesus flow through you to them.* Show **respect** and be **pleasant** towards them. Practice explaining the Gospel in front of a mirror and ask yourself if you would want to listen to 'the person in the mirror'.

To introduce and offer Eternal Life (JESUS) to others, let **Eternal Life (JESUS)** live through you. (John 17:3)