

We will begin the fifth lecture on the Study of Evangelism. /Chapter 7. Qualifications of an Evangelist. /Read Acts 5:42.

/"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ."

/God established the early church /and armed the believers with his word and the Holy Spirit. /It says, "they never stopped teaching and proclaiming." /Today, the church's calling is to preach the gospel. /The church must also spiritually fight with the devil in this world.

/We must think about ways we can lead souls to God. /All believers who have been saved must become evangelists. /God commanded us to teach God's word and proclaim the gospel.

/Then what qualifications must an evangelist have? /1. An evangelist must have confidence in his salvation. 1 Thessalonians 1:5. /We must believe Jesus with our hearts. /An evangelist must have confidence of salvation in his heart.

/Anyone who believes in the cross and resurrection of Jesus is qualified to evangelize. /Anyone who believes in Jesus will change. /The hopeless will gain hope, /and they will have joy that the world does not know.

/They will also know how precious it is to believe in Jesus. /Therefore, we share the gospel with joy to others after we believe in the Lord. /Anyone who experiences confidence of his salvation can preach the gospel.

/When we buy items at the market, /we tell others how good the items are if we are satisfied. /"I bought this, and this is really nice." /It is amazing how we believe in Jesus today.

/Only those who are confident of their salvation in their hearts can preach the gospel. /Anyone who is not happy that he is God's child and a man of heaven cannot evangelize. Acts 4:19, 20; 5:41, 42.

/"I am a child of God." /"I am a man of heaven because I believe in Jesus." /"I received forgiveness of my sins." /Only those who have confidence in their salvation can go out and preach the gospel.

/Anyone who accepted Jesus as Savior must evangelize. /God's children must evangelize wherever they go. /When believers of the early church gathered, they prayed and went out to evangelize.

/They all experienced God's grace, /they experienced the grace of the Holy Spirit, /and they had confidence in their hearts of who Jesus was. /Hence, they could not cease to evangelize.

/Today the church must unceasingly evangelize. /A church that has life does not cease to preach the gospel. /All believers of Jesus are the body of the church. /Anyone who has confidence of his salvation must evangelize.

/Those who evangelize also have love for the Lord. /How much do we love the Lord in our hearts? /Only those who truly love Jesus can obey His command. /Only those who truly love Jesus can carry out this calling.

/Jesus asked Peter a question. /“Do you truly love me more than these?” /When the Lord was certain that Peter truly loved Him, He said, “Feed my lambs. Take care of my sheep.”

/What is another qualification of an evangelist? /2. An evangelist must truly love the Lord. /Anyone who truly loves the Lord obeys the Lord’s command. Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:14. /Those who truly love the Lord will take after the Lord’s heart.

/Only those who love the Lord can convey the Lord’s will. /How much do we love the Lord in our hearts as evangelists? /Anyone who loves the Lord in his heart can evangelize.

/Jesus spoke to His disciples. /Truly love God, /and love your neighbors as yourselves. /Today, those who love the Lord also love their neighbors.

/If one does not love the Lord, how can he go out and preach the gospel? /The most important thing for an evangelist /is to love the Lord in his heart. /Those who love honor work for honor, /and those who love materials evangelize for materials.

/However, those who love the Lord preach the gospel with the heart of the Lord. /Who does the diligent worker at church /love most? /Only those who truly love the Lord can be used as a valuable worker of the gospel.

/What is another qualification of an evangelist? /3. An evangelist must have a heart that burns with love for other’s souls. /A man’s physical life is important. /When people become sick, they spend a lot of money to heal their sicknesses.

/God made us with spirit and flesh. /Animals do not have spirits. /The spirits of all who do not believe in Jesus are dead. /Evangelism is the act of bringing the dead spirits to life. /Man’s physical life will eventually come to an end.

/The wealthy will die /and the powerful people will also die. /How pitiful would it be if one gained the whole world, but did not gain spiritual life? /The souls of others are important, just as my soul is important. 2 Peter 3:9.

/Therefore, our Lord told us that one life is more important than the world. /The spirits of all who do not know heaven and Jesus are all dead. /If we stand by and watch those souls,

/they will go to hell when they die.

/Therefore, we must not judge people by their appearances, /but have compassion on their dead spirits. /There are souls that are headed towards hell /because they do not know God. Luke 16:24. /We must love them so that we can lead them to God. Jeremiah 20:9.

/Who are the poorest people in this world? /Are they those who do not have money? /Are they those who are uneducated? /Are they those who do not have honor and authority? /The poorest people in this world are the souls who do not believe in Jesus, who do not know God.

/We can evangelize if we have hearts of love for these poor souls. /How many lost sheep are there in this world that do not know God? /We must have compassion on these souls.

/Those who do not know God continue to roam about in this world. /They live without knowing how they should live. /They live without purposes in their lives.

/We must have compassion on these poor souls and have loving hearts for them. /It is only when we love these souls that we can lead them to God. /Parents make sacrifices for their children because they love their children. /Jesus loved us humans and died on the cross.

/God's love was displayed most clearly on the cross. /Jesus died on the cross to save people who were headed to eternity in hell. /How much does the church today love souls?

/We must not judge others by their appearances, by whether they are rich or poor, /but must always consider the souls created in God's image valuable. /There are also lost sheep in this world. /There are people who are captivated by the devil and live in pain and agony.

/How pitiable are the souls who are slaves to the devil? /We must lead them to God and free them from the devil's shackles. /We must love these souls and free them from the devil.

/The devil continuously drags souls down to hell. /Therefore, we must have compassion on dying souls, /lost souls, /and soul that are bound by the devil.

/The apostle Paul loved his people. /Paul made a confession. /"For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ /for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race." Romans 9:3.

/How much did Paul love the souls of the people to wish that his people be saved, even if he was cursed? /Paul's love for the souls transcended peoples and races /after he met Jesus.

/Paul did not only love his people, /but also loved the Gentiles. /Paul preached the gospel

even when he faced many sufferings. /He was cursed at and treated with contempt, but he unceasingly preached the gospel to many souls.

/He was not afraid of death threats, and he preached the gospel. /He preached the gospel to save souls, even when he was treated with contempt and scorned at. /How much does the church love souls today?

/Too many believers today are unconcerned with saving lives. /There was a man in Luke 10 /who was robbed while going from Jerusalem to Jericho. /He was robbed and was dying, but no one showed concern.

/The Levite and the priest believed that they served God well. /They are like leaders in the church today. /They have no concern for dying souls.

/Today, there are many apathetic believers who are bound by the devil. /However, there was a good Samaritan. /He approached the man who was robbed. /The Samaritan went to the man who was bound by the devil. /The Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds.

/He gave up all his belongings and led the man to church. /Then he bandaged the wounds of the man and nurtured him. /Who today would be a true neighbor to the man who met the robber? /Anyone who shows love is a true neighbor.

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/What is another qualification of an evangelist? /4. An evangelist must be fully armed with God's word. /We must be fully armed with God's word in order to have victory in the spiritual war. Ephesians 6:15-17. /Today, evangelism is a spiritual war.

/We can save souls only when we defeat the devil in battle. Luke 13:16. /In Matthew 4, /Jesus defeated the devil with prayer and God's word, /and Jesus began his evangelistic ministry.

/We must be armed with God's word to live, /and we must be armed to save others as well. /Others will have faith only when God's word is continuously preached to them. Romans 10:17. /We must gain victory in the spiritual battle by fully arming ourselves with God's word.

/Jesus too trained His disciples with God's word before He sent them out. /The apostle Paul was captivated by God's word when he began preaching the gospel. /Evangelists do not arm themselves with man's knowledge.

/God's word is power, /and God's word has the power to change people. /God's word alone is the Word of life. /We live because of God's word, and we must also save others. Acts 13:13-18.

/What is another qualification of an evangelist? /5. An evangelist must have power of

prayer. /The Holy Spirit changes people and moves their hearts. /In the time of the early church, 120 believers gathered in John Mark's room and prayed. Acts 1:14, 15.

/They prayed and received the power of God. /Hence, they were able to preach the gospel to many others. /We must pray so that we may receive power, /and we must pray for our subjects of evangelism so that they may change.

/Jesus prayed early in the mornings, /and He traveled from village to village preaching the gospel. /Why must evangelists pray? /We cannot preach the gospel with our own strength.

/God must give his grace when we evangelize. /We cannot preach the gospel without the power of God. /Thus, God's servants prayed diligently so that they could evangelize. Acts 4:31.

/What is another qualification of an evangelist? /6. An evangelist must be filled with the Holy Spirit. /Acts 1:8. /An evangelist must evangelize with the power of the Holy Spirit. /Our hearts become courageous when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

/We can move the hearts of others when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:8; 5:32; 20:22-24.

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/How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit? /We must first find the sins in our hearts and repent. /The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of holiness and purity. /We can more power of the Holy Spirit when we are pure in heart.

/We must repent of our sins daily, and we must diligently pray. /We must also obey God's word to be filled with the Holy Spirit. /The Holy Spirit leads us to the truth. John 16:13.

/When we obey God's word, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts. /We must always long to be filled with the Holy Spirit. /We must always pray to God that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit. /We can evangelize when we receive power of the Holy Spirit.

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/Chapter 8. Method of Training for Evangelism. /1. Pastors must become teachers of evangelical training. /Before they train believers, pastors must emphasize the importance of evangelism every time they give sermons.

/Pastors must always teach believers why they must evangelize. Ephesians 4:11, 12. /Then the entire church must change into a church that evangelizes. /It is God's command that we evangelize. /If we do not evangelize to a specific person, that person will go to hell.

/God's purpose in establishing the church was to save souls. /It is easy for the church to stray from this foundation. /The church must preach God's word and evangelize. /All believers must be trained to evangelize through God's word.

/Next, believers must be receive concrete training. /For example, athletes have coaches. /The coaches train the athletes. /The coaches train the athletes so that they will do well on their future performances.

/2. Pastors must train the entire congregation. /Pastors must emphasize the need for evangelize through their sermons. /Pastors must also gather people who can evangelize, and he must train them.

/Today, churches that evangelize have life. /The church must not fall asleep. /Believers must awake in faith. /We must wake up and receive training through prayer and God's word. /We must also go out to the field of evangelism, meet people, and evangelize.

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/All organizations in the church must change so that they evangelize. /Small groups at church do not gather at church for fellowship. /They must gather to evangelize. /Pastors must change the atmosphere at church so that believers would evangelize.

/How will we go out and evangelize? /What will we say when we meet people? /What will we say first? /We need detailed training.

/Although it may seem difficult at first, we can become good evangelists when we receive training. /Who succeeds on their first try? /We all make mistakes at first, /lack confidence, /and get disheartened. /Thus, when we receive training, we can confidently go out and preach the gospel.

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/3. Pastors must select supporters of prayer for evangelists. /What supporters do we need? /We always need supporters who will pray for evangelists. /We do not do God's work with knowledge. /There must be prayer teams in the church.

/Evangelists can receive great power when they are supported with prayer. Romans 15:30; Ephesians 6:19. /We must always pray for evangelists, /and we must always pray for subjects of evangelism. /This is because God is the only one who can move people's hearts.

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/We must also support evangelists with materials. /If some cannot go out and evangelize, /they must support evangelists with materials.

/It is priceless to be able to use our possessions for evangelism. /When we use our materials in the work of saving lives, it will remain forever before God.

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/If we earn money and use it for evangelism, /it would be used for the most valuable work. /We must support evangelists with prayer and materials.

/4. Pastors must select special evangelists in the church. /The church must specifically train teams of evangelists. /The entire congregation must be trained on how to evangelize. /The church must also form teams of evangelists.

/The church must gather people who are interested in evangelizing, /and must plant the calling in them, /and train them as soldiers of Jesus. /Believers with fierce training will change the world.

/Those who receive fierce training will go out into the world and evangelize. /The church must also continuously guide them /so that they could continuously carry out their calling.

/They must gather together and pray. /Pastors must guide them and always teach them God's word. /Believers must also encourage one another so that they could carry out their calling.

/There must be specially trained believers in the church so that they can lead many to God. /Then the Lord's church can grow daily.

/We must train them so that they are not shaken by temptations or difficult circumstances. /When the church brings up special teams for evangelism, the church can have power and life.

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/Evangelism is the church's calling, /and it is obedience to God's will. /I pray that you will be a church that advances God's kingdom through trained evangelists.

/Here we will conclude the fifth lecture on the Study of Evangelism. /Thank you.