

Sharing our faith

*We're not selling
a product – we're
sharing a person*

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Matthew 28.18-20

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:
"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.'... So Christ himself gave the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesian 4.7-8, 11-13

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1 Corinthians 12.29-30

Am I an evangelist?

- 1 - No, this is not really true of me at all*
- 2 - Sometimes, in some circumstances, or to some extent this is true of me*
- 3 - Yes, generally this is true of me*

*Are you confident, outgoing,
good at expressing yourself,
sincere, enthusiastic about
being a Christian?*

*Do you build friendly
relationships with people
outside the church ?*

Are able to speak easily and naturally about your faith and experience of God?

*Do you create opportunities
to talk to non-Christians
about spiritual matters?*

*Can you communicate
the message of Christ
with clarity, conviction
and enthusiasm?*

*Can you help people to
understand the Christian
faith and commit
themselves to Christ?*

*In the last five years have
you regularly been involved
in leading people to a living
relationship with Christ?*

*We are not all called
to be evangelists
- but we are all called
to be witnesses*

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Acts 1.8



Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3.15-16

Do's and Don'ts

- *Don't stress*
- *Be natural*
- *Ask the Lord for divine appointments*
- *Listen to the Holy Spirit*
- *Listen to the person – and make a relationship*
- *Ask questions*
- *Answer the other person in an intriguing way*
- *Be prepared to take risks*
- *Be prepared for a diversion – and answer it*
- *Come into land at the appropriate time*

Jesus gave them this answer: 'Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 5.19

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. the Father does the Son also does.

John 16.13

2 big issues for western people today

1- What about other religions?

*2- Same sex relationships –
why does God hate
homosexuals?*

Telling your story

- *Relate it to what you have been asked*
- *Don't come out with a pre-prepared spiel*
- *Testify – explain what Jesus has done for you*
- *Keep it short – max 2 minutes*
- *Don't use jargon*

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