

POWER EVANGELISM THE BOOK OF ACTS SERIES

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TEXT: Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. **44** And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; **45** and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

INTRO: Acts 2:47b “And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” In a historic revival, the Church is revived, the harvest comes in, and society is transformed. The harvest came in because the revived Church went out and evangelized. Here we see in Acts how souls were saved daily. I want to submit four points on how they brought the harvest in through: (1) Prayer Evangelism, (2) Power Evangelism, (3) Presence Evangelism, and (4) The Priority of Evangelism.

I. PRAYER EVANGELISM

A. **Acts 2:42** They were continually devoting themselves to... prayer.

B. **1 Timothy 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, **2** for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. **3** This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1. Mark 11:17 Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, *‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’?*”
2. “It is doubtful that any soul is saved apart from the believing prayer of some saint.” J. Oswald Sanders

3. **2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- C. My uncle Mark's conversion after praying for him almost daily for over 25 years.
- D. My mother-in-law, Dr. Roxas.

II. POWER EVANGELISM

- A. **Acts 2:43** Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
 1. Healing of the lame beggar: **Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. **2** And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. **4** But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" **5** And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene — walk!" **7** And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. **8** With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God; **10** and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
 2. **Acts 4:4** But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.
 3. My neighbor Ann.
 4. Akiko.
 5. The couple from Sri Lanka.
 6. Mike and Sharon Trainer.

III. PRESENCE EVANGELISM

- A. **Acts 2:44** And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; **45** and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. **46** Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of

heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

B. By “presence evangelism” I am talking about your presence and Christlike character displayed before unbelievers.

1. **“My life is my message.” Paul Little**
2. **You are a witness either for Jesus or against Him depending on your character.**
3. Presence evangelism is the way you relate to the lost.
4. You don't *do* witnessing. You are already a witness, either a witness for or against God based on how you relate to and love the lost.
5. **“You are a witness to whatever or whoever is foremost in your life. You are telling the world right now what god you really belong to. You cannot live life without showing the world your real interests. Your words and your life are tied inseparably together; you will always convey to others around you what you really love and live for most. Your words will either prove this or call you a liar. Anyone, who watches you closely, follows you around for a day can tell if you really mean what you claim with your lips.” Winkie Pratney**
6. Your witness is the total package of your attitudes, character, and actions. Whatever your god is, you will show the most interest in. It will be the thing you like to talk most about, read most about, center your life around, love and live for.
7. If you have claimed to belong to Him, but your life does not back up your words, men and women have rejected Christ and the Gospel because of you. That is why Jesus said, “He that is not for Me is against me; and he that gathers not with Me scatters abroad” (Matthew 12:30).

IV. THE PRIORITY OF EVANGELISM

A. Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-49, Matthew 28:18-20

B. I have said that the number-one biblical justice issue is abortion. I was wrong. That is number two. The number-one issue is allowing your family members to die without sharing the gospel with them. I am not saying they must get saved when you share. You may be planting the seed, but I believe that we will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and give an answer to Jesus why we didn't share the gospel with our family.

CONCLUSION: An invitation to surrender your life to Jesus as Lord.