

SHARING THE GOSPEL - "INTRODUCING OTHERS TO CHRIST"

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Without Jesus My World Is Empty

STEP 1 PREPARATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SHARING CHAPTER 2 – WHY SHARE THE GOSPEL?

WHY SHOULD WE SHARE?

THE GREAT NEED!

The Bible tells us that those who have not received Christ as their Savior will spend endless time in hell, separated from God, in torment ([Revelation 20:15](#)). God is real. Heaven is real. Hell is real. Knowing the horrifying destiny of the lost should persuade anyone with compassion to share the Gospel message.

If your neighbor's home is on fire, you would wake them up and warn them of the great danger. You would never stand by and watch the house burn down with people still in the home. Anyone who knows they will go to heaven when they die would not want to be so self-centered to keep the "Good News" from those who desperately need Christ as their Savior.

GOD'S COMMAND

God has given every Christian responsibility and command. *"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation."* (Mark 16:15). You have a choice to obey God's command or disobey it. **Your choice!**

If a parent tells one of their children to mow the lawn, the child replies, "I don't feel like doing it... I'd rather watch the television but glorify your name, Dad; what is your will for me?" If my child said this to me, I would again tell him, "Go mow the yard!" If my child still didn't cut the grass, I assure you, it wouldn't be much longer until they would be in the "mowing the lawn business."

It is the same with God's command to share the Gospel when you feel like it and when you don't. We are in a battle and fighting for the souls of individuals.



Anyone in the military cannot stop fighting on the battleground because they don't feel like battling. God has selected us to be soldiers for Him. There are enough "*diligent objectors*." God is searching for faithful, dedicated, front-line soldiers who will give themselves entirely to the endeavor, telling many others the good news of Salvation.

No Christian can declare the lack of ability to witness and criticize God for it because the very last words of Christ upon earth were. "*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).

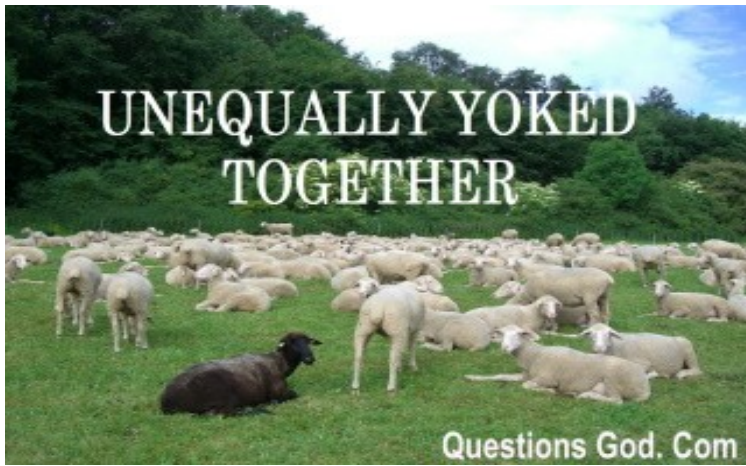
As Christians, we have the power, but often we want to avoid using the power. God's precise command to every follower is to be a soul-winner. If someone does not even try to win souls for Christ, they are guilty of the sin of disobedience.

OUR PRIVILEGE - LOVE IS CONSTRAINING US

Since God loved me more than enough to pay for my iniquities and give me everlasting life, I will not be ashamed of the Gospel. It is when men and women hear the Gospel that they are saved. "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*" (Romans 1:16).

The indwelling Spirit works through us. Any person who has accepted Christ has the indwelling Spirit who engages every follower to look out for lost souls. The working of the Holy Spirit was so great in the Apostle Paul that in Acts 20:31, this constraining force was so immense that he said, "*So be on your guard! Remember that for three years, I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.*"

We can observe from the New Testament that when individuals discovered Christ, the Holy Spirit placed a strong desire in their hearts to reach others: Philip ([Acts 8:4-8](#)), Andrew ([John 1:40-42](#)), and the Samaritan woman ([John 4:4-42](#)). Not to be winning souls is to be guilty of quenching the Spirit who desires us to pursue the lost.



UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH UNBELIEVERS

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14).

The dullness may reside within you because you are engaging in worldly things. Are you involved in things that

are impure or things not considered holy? Are you letting impure thoughts take a foothold in your mind and then acting them out instead of dismissing them? Are you being unloving to others? These things separate you from God and others.

You might need to be listening to the correct type of music or quit viewing unwholesome shows on TV or online. And what do you think about individuals you fellowship with? Are they challenging and pushing you to be more like Jesus, or are they worldly, pleasure-seeking friends who lead you far from God?

"Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord." (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Do you ever wonder why we are not excited about the things of God? Fellowshiping with things that are not pure and holy brings blurred and impure thoughts and separation from our Lord and others. It affects our faith, prayer life, and our love of our Savior and others. Sometimes, we can let too much of the world residue and work within us.

DESIRING THE RENEWAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our Father loves and delights in us, living a glorious, wonder-filled life. As we invest time in prayer and reading God's Word, we find the Holy Spirit convicting us of wrong thoughts, actions, and attitudes. By God's Grace, we ask forgiveness and for the Holy Spirit's help to separate the things that easily beset us.



JOY OF LEADING A PERSON TO CHRIST

We can have peace of mind by living out God's command to share the Gospel with our neighbors. God also promises us rewards later on for living out this command.

Proverbs 11:30 states: *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is*

wise saves lives."

No book or study guide can give you the desire and passion for witnessing. Just the wondrous love of God could constrain you to do so. ([2 Corinthians 5:14](#)). Salvation is VOLUNTARY. You have to DECIDE to accept Christ as your Savior. Service is also OPTIONAL. It would be best to DECIDE that disciplining yourself to spread the Gospel is worth it to save souls.

We pray that these study guides will give you concrete, practical suggestions on HOW to witness effectively. *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* (John 15:8). If we understand that Christ died for sinners and have experienced Him in our lives, we are accountable for witnessing this truth to others.

Part of what the Apostle Paul said in Galatians 5:22 is, *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."* The result of allowing the Spirit to control your life, obeying and following God's leading and guiding, really brings LOVE INTO YOUR LIFE - LOVE FOR THE LORD - LOVE FOR THE LOST, AND LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS.

We are duty-bound for the non-Christians around us. Not to be winning souls out of our responsibility of sharing the Gospel is to be guilty of our duties. How many lives would be spared from hell if we would speak out and be part of winning them to Christ? In James 5:20, *"Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins."*

THE FIELD IS CALLING US ([John 4:35](#))

The vineyard calls us to share the "Good News" because so many are lost. Over 8 billion people are on earth today, and very few know the Savior. According to the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association report, 360,000 births occur every 24 hours, and 170,000 deaths occur every 24 hours. Every year, we increase by



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approximately 70 million people. Every day, another 74,000 people across the globe come to faith in Christ. That is 3,083 new fellow believers every hour of every day.

(Status of World Evangelization 2022 - [Joshua Project](#).)

Approximately 12% - .94 Billion - Christ Followers

Approximately 20% - 1.57 Billion - Nominal Christian Adherents

Approximately 42% - 3.28 Billion - Heard, Not Responded

Approximately 26% - 2.04 Billion - Virtually No Exposure

More than half the individuals in the world do not understand the way to Salvation. God's Word is calling us to win souls. Therefore, not winning souls is to be guilty of indifference and not caring in our Christian walk. *"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." (Matthew 9:37).*

JESUS HAS CHOSEN US ([John 15:16](#)).

Jesus is counting on us to be productive. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." (John 15:16).*

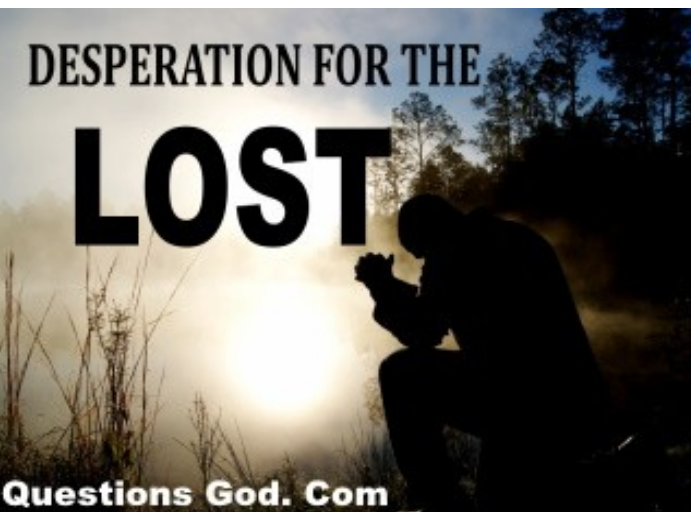
Notice that Jesus is not just worried about quality but also quantity. In John 15:2, He speaks of being more fruitful, *"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."*

Not winning souls is to be guilty of the sin of the absence of love for Jesus, who has picked us to bear fruit. In John 15:5, He mentions bringing forth more fruit, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."*

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE FOR US ([Luke 4:18](#))

Jesus, our ideal example, blazed a trail in soul-winning. Soul-winning was the heart of Jesus and must also be our heart's desire. *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10).* In Matthew 9:36, *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."*

THE APOSTLE PAUL DEMONSTRATED IT FOR US ([Romans 9:2-3](#)).



Apostle Paul, our human example, demonstrated how Christians should go after the lost. He had a passion for souls and was going from house to house day and night, warning them in [Acts 20:20-21](#).

Apostle Paul talked to everybody he met and believed that men, women, and children were lost without Christ, and he loved them and tried to win them.

"To the weak, I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22).

THE EARLY NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS ADOPTED IT

Yes, preaching the Gospel and witnessing to everyone were the goals of the early church. *"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 Messiah."* (Acts 5:42). Every circumstance became an opportunity to tell the Gospel. **Persecution** added fuel to their way of life, as shown in Acts 8:4, *"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."* They were in a continual revival, with souls added to the church daily.

MAY GOD HELP US TO ADOPT SOUL-WINNING AS THE THEME OF OUR CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

OUR SALVATION IS COMPELLING US ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

Our salvation experience is compelling us. Those who have experienced God's saving Grace cannot be silent, just as a light on a hill cannot be hidden. One cannot sit on a pin quietly or be quiet once we encounter the Son of God.

Andrew had to find Peter and tell him. ([John 1:41](#)).

Philip had to tell his brother Nathaniel. ([John 1:45](#)).

The Samaritan woman had to tell the whole city. ([John 4:40-42](#)).

Paul could not keep quiet about it. ([Acts 4:20](#)).

Dear friend, if you have met Jesus, you must tell someone about it. Not to do so is to deny the Lord who bought you.

WHAT A CARING, COMPASSIONATE GOD WE SERVE



Jesus always has a special place in his heart for the weak, brokenhearted, and rejected among His people. Compassion and concern for the downtrodden and oppressed are rooted in the very nature of our God. *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* (James 1:27).

God still wants and desires to do amazing things for his followers, who follow Him in

loving and compassionate giving. It is a far-reaching and significant truth that we would do well to utilize in our day-to-day living.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in." (Matthew 25:35).

STOP AND PONDER!

SUCH GRACE!

God *saved* you by His [Grace](#);

God always *keeps* you saved by His [Grace](#);

God *directs* and *guides* you by His [Grace](#);

God makes it *possible* for you to *work* for Him by His [Grace](#).

God *cares for* you with *love, joy, and peace* in this present life for *serving* and *working* for Him by His Grace. God *rewards* you in heaven for **caring** for others for Him on earth.

Unconditionally, God is good, and with the Psalmist, we must say,

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" (Psalms 116:12).

I love the Lord, don't you? **Share the Gospel Message!**

A Journey Of Chapter 2 Questions – Why Share The Gospel.

Embark on a journey of self-discovery, reflection, and personal growth. Explore your thoughts and emotions to better understand yourself and your world. By reflecting on these questions, we can expand our perspectives and uncover new insights to help us overcome any obstacle.

Please reflect on these questions from Chapter 1.

1. In [Acts 20:31](#), Paul describes his labor of love in serving the church.

What ministry is God leading you to become passionate about?

2. Do you want to see more people saved through your church?

3. *"Come, follow me." Jesus said, and I will send you out to fish for people.*" (Mark 1:17)

What does it mean to you that Jesus tells us to be **Fishers** of our community and society?

4. As Christians, do we have a responsibility to share the Gospel with others?

5. Do you want to positively impact people's lives?

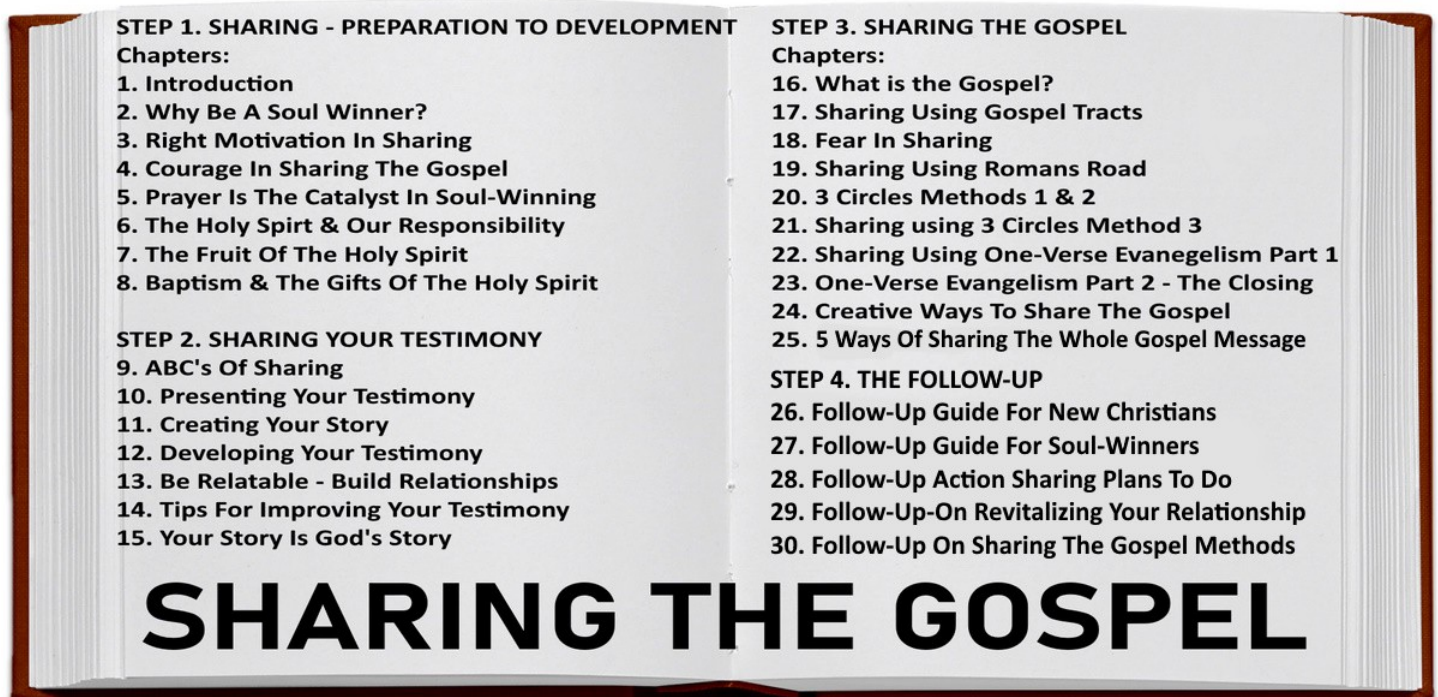
6. Do you regularly share the Gospel with individuals who are non-Christians?

Spread the message of the Gospel to non-believers. Your words can bring hope and Salvation to those who need it most. So, please make it a habit to share the "Good News" with others."

TOMORROW'S STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 3

RIGHT MOTIVATION IN SHARING THE GOSPEL

Please let us know if you said Yes to Jesus [here](#).
If you are undecided or have questions, please let us know [here](#).
Need to talk to a Christian - 24/7 Christian Chatline [here](#).
Need help to find a caring local church? Go [here](#).



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