

The Role of an Evangelist

- *Three books are written to evangelists; 1&2 Timothy, Titus.*
- *A careful examination of these books can help us understand their role.*
- *We will look at what Paul told them to do.*

What Is An Evangelist?

- **Evangelist** - an evangelist ("euaggelistes", Noun) is one who preaches ("euaggelizo", Verb) the gospel ("euaggelion", Noun).
- **The role of evangelist is a gift from Jesus**
 - Ephesians 4:11 "And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,"
- **To edify the body**
 - Ephesians 4:12-13 "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"
- **Charged to set things in order**
 - Titus 1:5 "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—"

Grouping of Commands

- Preaching and teaching
- Keep the commands

Preaching & Teaching

■ 1 Timothy

- 1:3-4 *"As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith. "*
- 1:18 *"This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, "*
- 3:14-15 *"I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. "*
- 4:6-7 *"In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; "*

Preaching & Teaching

■ 1 Timothy cont.

- 4:11 *"Prescribe and teach these things. "*
- 5:1 *"Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, "*
- 5:7 *"Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. "*
- 6:2 *"... Teach and preach these principles. "*
- 6:17 *"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. "*

Preaching & Teaching

■ 2Timothy

- 2:2 *"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. "*
- 2:14-16 *"Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, "*
- 4:2 *"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. "*

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■ Titus

- 1:10-13 *"For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain. One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, "*
- 2:1 *"But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. "*
- 2:9 *"Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, "*

Preaching & Teaching

■ Titus cont.

- 2:15 *"These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you."*
- 3:1 *"Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, "*
- 3:8 *"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men. "*
- 3:9-10 *"But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, "*

Keep The Commands

■ 1 Timothy

- 4:12-16 *"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."*
- 5:21-22 *"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality. Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin. "*

Keep The Commands

■ 1Timothy cont.

- 6:11-14 *"But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, "*
- 6:20 *"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"— "*

Keep The Commands

■ 2Timothy

- 1:8 *"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, "*
- 1:13 *"Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. "*
- 2:1 *"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. "*
- 2:3 *"Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. "*
- 2:7 *"Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. "*

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■ 2Timothy cont.

- 2:22-25 *"Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, "*
- 3:14-16 *"You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; "*
- 4:5 *"But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. "*

Keep The Commands

■ Titus

- 2:7-8 *"in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. "*