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# THE FOUR GREATEST CHALLENGES TO EVANGELISM

CARE

CONSCIOUSNESS

COURAGE

CRAFT



# CARE

- A disciple of Jesus follows his actions and heart of compassion for all sinners – Mk. 6:34; Lk. 19:9-10; 9:54-56; Jn. 3:17
- Honesty with ourselves will cause us to admit we are failing in this area.
  - We often get so busy with what we are doing that we fail to **care** enough to get involved in what God is doing– Jn. 3:16
  - We develop greater **care** by realizing God’s mercy, love, and grace toward us – Rm. 12:1; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Jn. 4:19
  - We must choose to **think** more intensely about God’s love and mercy in our lives and **thank** him and **engage** our hearts to hear and consider God’s word.



# CONSCIOUSNESS

- Jesus taught and trained his disciples to be **conscious** of opportunities—but they had to **care** – Mt. 10:37; Acts 18:10
- How do we heighten our consciousness?
  - We must appreciate our role as **ambassadors for Christ** – Col. 4:5-6
  - We must be **devoted to prayer** with **thanksgiving** concerning our role as ambassadors – Col. 1:2-4
  - We must **recognize** that **every heart is soil** in which the gospel must be planted (parable of the soils) – Matt. 13; Lk. 8
  - We must **recognize** that every aspect of the **fruit of the Spirit** in our lives contains seeds of truth to be planted in the lives of those around us – Gal. 5:22-23



# COURAGE

- Most of the things I/we are afraid of are selfish and even embarrassing when examined.
  - Fearing that others won't like me, or will exclude me, or that I will embarrass myself, or put my foot in my mouth are all about **me** and **my comfort**.
  - We may have legitimate concerns for the other person. But if we **speak the truth in love**, that is what God requires! – Eph. 4:15
- How do we obtain courage?
  - We must accept God's word and its encouragement... like Eph. 4:15!
  - God doesn't expect or need us to speak things we do not know – Mk. 5:19
  - We are to speak what we have seen and heard – Acts 4:20



# CRAFT

- God is a perfect craftsman in all He does and says.
  - His way is perfect – Psa. 18:30
  - His law is perfect – Psa. 19:7a
- As children and followers of God, we should desire to perfect our Father's craft in our lives.
  - Our craft is refined by dedication to the word – Psa. 19:7b-18
  - Our craft is refined by honestly examining our efforts while not losing heart.