

Evangelism Class #4 Outline

7 Ways to move Jesus from Stranger to Savior:

1. Heavy Love and Mercy
2. Interested Conversation
3. Consistency
4. Listening
5. Authenticity
6. Service
7. Sacrifice

3. Consistency

- **Matthew 23:1-3**
- Must be consistency in 3 areas
- A) Between what we preach and what we practice.
- B) Between days of the week. Living right is a regular, constant thing.
 - Hypocrisy is a major turn off!
 - Hypocrisy actually blocks people from coming to God!
 - **Matthew 23:13,15**
 - **Romans 2:17-24**
 - **Encouragement:** Since hypocrisy is so common, our consistency will shine brighter!
 - **2 Corinthians 10:11**
 - **1 Peter 2:12; 3:1-2**
- C) Between how we live publicly and how we live privately.
 - Secret sin **destroys** evangelism.
 - 1) Can't form real relationships because you're always hiding.
 - 2) Can't experience the peace and joy of being a Christian and evangelism will always be an obligation.
 - 3) Will feel hypocritical telling people about the Lord.
 - **Psalms 51:10-13**

4. Listening

- **Proverbs 18:2**
- Key to successful evangelism: listen more, talk less.
 - **James 1:19** - Quick to hear, slow to speak.
 - Our thinking: "I have the truth, so I should be doing way more of the talking."
 - That's a fail.
- 7 Benefits of listening:
 - 1) Listening uncovers the real meaning behind words
 - **Proverbs 20:5**
 - The human heart is deep. We're not superficial beings.
 - Words are often superficial. Have to dig beneath to find real meaning.
 - "I'm fine."
 - "School is stupid!"
 - "Belief in God is ridiculous."
 - "Christians are all hypocrites."
 - **Mark 4:9** - "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." He who is willing to be patient and dig in to uncover the meaning, listen carefully.
 - We'll finish the rest next class.