

The Example of Philip the Evangelist

I. Proper Attitudes to Reach Others

- A. _____.
1. When God commanded Philip to leave Samaria and go to the road that led from Jerusalem to Gaza, he obeyed. (Acts 8:26-27)
 - a. "He arose and went."
 - b. He obeyed God without question.
 2. If we are going to be effective workers for the Lord, we must be _____ .
 - a. We must, at all times and at all cost, be willing to do what God wants us to do not what we want to do.
- B. A willingness to teach _____ as well as many.
1. God commanded Philip to leave the multitudes in Samaria and travel about 50 miles for one lost soul.
 - a. He was willing to travel that distance, more if necessary, to achieve God's mission.
 - b. Such dedication takes _____ love.
 2. We must understand that one soul is a large enough crowd to be concerned about.
 3. We must be willing to leave the "ninety-nine" and bring that one lost soul back into safety. (Luke 15)
- C. _____.
1. The Ethiopian, though a proselyte, was still considered an outcast in the full sense of the word. (Deut. 23:1) Since he was not entirely Jewish, he was in the same category as the Gentiles.
 - a. It took a miracle for Peter to go into a Gentile's house and teach the gospel. (Acts 10)
 - b. Yet, without hesitation, Philip was _____ to teach a Gentile. (Acts 8:27)
 2. We must be like Philip.
 - a. We must be color-blind in doing personal evangelism.
 - b. Since neither God (Acts 10:34-35) nor Christ (Mark 16) shows _____ , why should we?
 - c. All need salvation (Rom. 3:23), therefore, all need the gospel, God's power to save. (Rom. 1:16)



- D. An _____ to reach others.
1. When the Spirit told Philip to join himself to the chariot, Philip "ran to him." (Acts 8:29)
 2. He knew the urgent need the man had. This kind of enthusiasm is desperately needed today.

II. Proper Technique!

- A. Ask _____.
1. Philip asked the Ethiopian a question to get the discussion started. (Acts 8:30)
 2. Not only did it serve as an "icebreaker," but also it showed a real concern.
 3. If we would do the same, we would win more _____ to Christ.
 4. Questions arouse greater interest in study and discussion.
- B. _____ the Scriptures.
1. When The Ethiopian asked him a certain passage in Isaiah, Philip knew of whom the Scriptures referred. (Acts 8:31-35)
 2. If we are to be _____ teachers, we must know the Scriptures.
 - a. We cannot remain ignorant of God's Word, and expect to win souls. (Hebrews 5:1-14)
 - b. Only the Word of God can bring about salvation. John 8:32; Romans 10:17; James 1:21
- C. Preach _____!
1. After reading Isaiah 53, Philip began to preach "Jesus" to the Ethiopian. (Acts 8:35)
 2. The only message that can save man today like before is "Jesus" for He alone has words of eternal life. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- D. Look for more _____.
1. Philip was not content in winning only one soul for Christ.
 - a. After baptizing the Ethiopian he went on his way preaching to others (Acts 8:40)
 - b. If we are going to be _____ "fishers of men", we must cast our nets into the deep, again and again.

Conclusion:

- A. We need more "Philips". We all need to be more like Philip!
- B. He may not have been an apostle or as famous as Paul or Peter but he was a _____ , effective servant of Jesus Christ.