

III. WHAT IS OUR MOTIVE?

MOTIVATIONAL FACTORS IN EVANGELISM

There are four key motivational factors in evangelism among many: will talk about four

- Commission
- Command
- Compulsion
- Compassion

1. COMMISSION

Do I understand the crucial role of evangelism in fulfilling the Great Commission?

- Evangelism is part of the "Great Commission."

Let's take a closer look at Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission goes beyond evangelism. We are to make disciples, which only begins with evangelism.

1) Christ has all authority (cf., Eph. 1:18-23).

Therefore, He can commission us to go and make disciples in His Name.

2) We have His delegated authority when we share the gospel, and when we engage in the process of disciple-making, we do so in the power and authority of God Himself.

Why do we need God's authority?

We are entering **Satan's domain**. He is the ruler of this world; the god of this age. The whole world lies in his grasp.

We are attempting to snatch souls from him, and we have no power or authority to do so apart from Christ.

The devil will not let people go without a fight, which in our own strength we are utterly incapable of winning.

2 Cor. 10:3-5

We can't compete in that arena with fleshly weapons.

Matt. 13:19

The devil is ready to snatch away whatever has been planted in us by God; he will not just leave you

2. COMMAND

We or I am under direct orders to proclaim Christ?

The Great Commission is also the Great Command.

This is Christ's mandate for evangelism and discipleship. We are to be making disciples and equipping them for the work of the ministry.

We are obliged to make disciples and so we have no option.

3. COMPULSION

We should have the sense of urgency and purpose in proclaiming Christ?

We are under compulsion, constraint, or obligation.

Being commanded should give us a sense of priority about the task at hand; being compelled gives us a sense of urgency and mission.

Being commanded should help us appreciate the importance of the task; being compelled should help us appreciate the weight of the task.

1 Cor. 9:16-17

This compulsion isn't primarily an inner compulsion or subjective feeling

It is an external, objective, divine destiny.

- Paul did not choose Christ; Christ chose Paul.
- Paul did not choose to preach the gospel; Christ called him to that task.
- This was Paul's pre-ordained destiny, revealed to him on the road to Damascus.
- In that sense, Paul ministered against his will.
- Therefore, he had a stewardship responsibility to fulfill, and he sensed that responsibility.
- And he knew he would face divine chastening if he neglected the task.

We too like Paul we are under obligation to fulfill the task of making disciples.

- We have a God-given task.
- We are compelled to pursue that task.
- We should sense an inner compulsion due to its urgency.

Commission, Command, and Compulsion are important motivational factors in evangelism. They define our duty to evangelize. But, of course, that isn't the only motivation we have.

4. COMPASSION

Are we moved by compassion to the point of sacrificial involvement in bringing others to Christ?

This is a common term that describes how Jesus felt as He looked upon fallen humanity.

Matt. 20:34 - Regarding two blind men, it is written that, " moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him."

Mark 1:40-41

Jesus was moved with compassion towards the Leper and cleansed him

Luke 7:13 -

Jesus felt compassion towards the Widow who had lost her Son

Luke 10:33 - The Good Samaritan felt compassion over injured fellow.

Luke 15:20 - The Prodigal Son's father felt compassion over his Son

Application

Why should we evangelize?

- ❖ Because we see the need
- ❖ We see the situation as Christ sees it.
- ❖ We are filled with compassion!