

What Jesus Wants! Part 5: "Evangelists! (Good News Bear-ers!)"

"Will you just do it for Me?" –Jesus "I know what you want from Me..." "But do you know what I want from you?"

Farmers... Who imitate their Father, who is the great Farmer of farmers! *Removing* what is dead... *Pruning* what is fruitful to improve shape, growth and sweetness of the fruit! *Working* with hope with the barren to produce fruit! *Waiting* with long patience for that precious fruit that pleases God!

Who as disciplined friends of Jesus and a force to be reckoned with in the world, will never stop throwing seed!

Evangelists! The Sower sowed the seed... Mark 4 The seed fell on good ground in us and is on track to produce 100 times! **We are now the sowers sowing seed...** The seeds we sow are the words we speak! The words we speak, if they are going to produce the gladness of salvation... Have to be the words that "produce" life and fruit! **Matthew 28.19-20**

We call that process "evangelism..." But it is merely *kerusso*; heralding, *euaggelizo*; announcing, proclaiming, *the good news of God's love and salvation!*

Best News Ever! "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he has anointed me to *preach; euaggelizo; announce good news* to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to *preach; kerusso; publicly proclaim* deliverance to the captives, the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To *preach; kerusso; publicly proclaim* the acceptable year of the Lord." **Luke 4.18,19**

2nd Best News Ever! "Father... as You sent Me into the world so have I sent them into the world... and I am not praying for these alone *but for all those who will believe in me through their word...*" **John 17.18** "Go into all the world and *preach; kerusso; publicly proclaim* the *gospel; euangelion: the good message* to every creature..." **Mark 16.15** "*We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, euangelion, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.*" **1Thess 2.4**

Best News Flash Ever! Evangelism is not the work of an appointed officer... Ephesians 4.11
"Evangelism" is not a program we do... Evangelism is the work and joy of every believer!
44x to "announce/herald" "When they were dispersed they went everywhere *preaching* the word!" **Acts 8.4** "*Tell your friends the great things the Lord has done... and he published...*" **Mk 5.19**

Evangelism is a testimony we transmit... Of the goodness of God... From the pages of the word and from the volume of our life experiences!

Think Jesus! 60x He quotes or alludes to the prophets of the Old Testament... By name, or, "Well did the prophets say..." **Several references to the old law, Moses, and new order of His rule!** "it is written..." **But most of His words were relevant, contextualized, discourses...**

About the character and purposes of God! About the nature of man! About the new course for us to follow! About the overcoming love of God available for anyone!

Think Jesus! “A man must be born again to see God and to enter His kingdom!” **J3** “God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship in spirit/truth!” **J4** “Be-attitudes” “Salt and flavor” “Light in the darkness” “Genuineness” “Forgive” “Live purely” “Do good” “Seek first” “Don’t be a hypocrite” “**BE A HEARER AND DOER OF MY WORDS!**” **Mt5-7** I am the Light of the world! **J8** The Good Shepherd! **J10** **Go out in My name, with power!** **A1.8 ALL GOOD NEWS FROM THE 1st HERALD!**

Think “Us!” “I am not ashamed of the *gospel: euangelion*, of Christ for it is the power of God for salvation to all those who believe!” **Romans 1.16** “But how can they call on Him of whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a *preacher: kerusso? For faith (to believe in Him) comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God!* **Romans 10.14,17** “Preach... convenient or not...” **2Tim4.2**

“Be ready always to give an account for the hope that is in you!” 1Peter 3.15

Think “Us!” Sowers sow seed... **the seed we sow is the words we speak... the words we speak should be spirit and life!** Have Holy Spirit breathed words in you, ready for Him to use... There will be times when it’s absolutely necessary to take them to the word and show them what God has said! Have the words of your life experience, ready for Him to use... There will be times when it’s absolutely necessary to open the book of your life and let them see what God has done! *And there will be a time when it’s over!*

2Timothy 4.2-5 **Preach the word; be instant in season and out; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but will after their own lusts heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they will turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned to fables. *But you keep watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry.* [Why...]**

2Timothy 4.6-8 **For I am now ready to be offered up, the time of my departure is at hand. *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: From this point on, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing.***

We never know when the run is done! There is a crown to be won! But we should do it for love for Him!

**“Will you speak up for Me just because I am asking?” “You are My friends if you do!”
“Will you do the work of an evangelist just because I am asking?” -Jesus**