



Introduction

"The chief agents in the expansion of Christianity appear not to have been those who made it a profession or made it a major part of their occupation, but men and women who carried on their livelihood in some purely secular manner and spoke of their faith to those they met in this natural fashion."

Latourette, History of the Expansion of Christianity, 1:116

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Introduction

"Christian obedience is not motivated by guilt, but by glory. Teach the people that evangelism is done as an act of obedient worship. The Christian evangelizes because his heart has been made glad by the glorious grace of God, and, so satisfied by the joy of the Lord that comes in Christ, He becomes free to lay down his life in faithful service to others, longing for them to know the joy of worshiping the God they love."

Jesse Johnson, TMS Evangelism Class Notes

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Pros and Cons of Evangelism Methods

Pros

- $\checkmark~$ Gives a template to follow
- ✓ Helps stay focused
- ✓ Motivate a church group
- ✓ Sets example for others
- ✓ Reminds us that evangelism is verbal

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Pros and Cons of Evangelism Methods

Cons

- $\checkmark~$ Can lead to "THE way" to evangelize
- ✓ Can lead to division
- ✓ Can lead to varsity vs. junior varsity methods
- ✓ Can lead to formal training = "the right way"
- ✓ Can lead to trust in a method vs. trust in Holy Spirit
- ✓ Can lead to an abridged gospel



- $\checkmark\,$ Based on 10 Commandments to confront the lost with reality of his sinfulness
- ✓ Typical interaction ...

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The Way of the Master: A Cold Evangelism Method

Strengths

- $\checkmark~$ Easy conversation to start
- \checkmark Takes God's holiness and man's sin seriously
- ✓ Quickly puts people in a logical paradox
- $\checkmark~$ Gives the bad news before the good news

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The Way of the Master: A Cold Evangelism Method

Weaknesses

- ✓ Aspects of the gospel downplayed
- ✓ Often disconnected with the local church
- $\checkmark\,$ Rightly stresses judicial nature of salvation but not restoration of relationship
- ✓ Leads to confusion about the New Covenant
- \checkmark Sometimes presented as the only valid approach

"His Intended Way"

- Live a transformed life
 Maintain a vital prayer life
 Have the right expectations
- Frace the light expectations
 Start the conversation
 Rely upon Scripture as the only authority
 Play the Long Game