**Personal Evangelism**

I am afraid we don’t hear as much preaching on “personal work” as we might because many preachers are not working as hard as they ought to in this area, so they would be hypocrites if they preached the truth about what Christians should be doing.  If the preachers won’t preach on it, then the elders must emphasize it.

2 hours a month knocking on doors should keep each of us in 2 Bible studies per week with non-Christians.  Do we want that? Knocking on doors is not the only method, but we should do whatever it takes to have 2 or more studies per week. Personal work lessons at my website -

* **Acts 8:1,4 all the church went everywhere preaching the word – men, women, & youth**
* **Matt 28:19-20 some preachers say this was only for the apostles, but …**
* **Ezek 3:18 warn for their benefit, but also to save our own soul**

Other passages:

* Proverbs 25:9 debate thy cause with thy neighbor (more than just one liners)
* Acts 5:40-42, 20:20, 31, 28:30-31 (Phil 4:9) should we follow approved examples or not?
* II Timothy 4:2 “preach the word” is a command, not just a recommendation
* I Peter 3:15 are we too shy to give an answer to every man that asketh?
* Jude 1-3 all that are sanctified are to contend for the faith, not just the “the preachers”
* Hebrews 5:12 ye ought to be teachers – what does “ought” mean?
* II Corinthians 5:10-11 if we don’t try to persuade men, then does that mean we really don’t believe in the terror of the Lord (the bad place)?
* II Corinthians 4:13 if we don’t speak, then that means we really don’t believe like Paul

Some Witnesses spend 100 hours a month doing "field service." How many hours a month are those of us with the truth doing?

What should every congregation be doing?

1. teach the congregation the Bible Acts 20:28

2. teach them how to teach others, especially the lost II Timothy 2:2

3. personal work program Acts 8:4 (individuals should be doing this even if local church is not)

Personal evangelism is the most important work a Christian can be doing. Is it being neglected?

I Corinthians 3:6 we are not responsible for the results but for trying

We would persuade someone of a cure for their cancer (to help them avoid physical death); how much more should we tell them we know a cure for their sin (to help them avoid eternal death).

Let me repeat; the Bible requires this of all Christians. So unless we are trying to be regularly/diligently involved in “personal work,” we will be lost.

He that winneth souls is wise Proverbs 11:30 – why is it wise to be involved in personal work?