



CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN SERIES

Topic: Being Yourself & Impacting Others

Bible Study & Life Groups: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

LUKE 19:10 (NKJV) *"...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

I CORINTHIANS 12:18 tell us that, *"God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be."*

SIX BIBLICAL STYLES OF EVANGELISM:

1. THE DIRECT STYLE

- Our biblical example is Peter in Act 2.

ACTS 2:14-15,23,36 (NKJV)

¹⁴ *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

ACTS 2:40-41 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."* ⁴¹ *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIRECT STYLE

- Confident
- Bold

- Assertive
- Skips small talk
- Gets right to the point
- Has strong opinions and convictions

II TIMOTHY 4:2 (NKJV)

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2. THE INTELLECTUAL STYLE

II CORINTHIANS 10:5 (NKJV)

... casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

- Our Biblical example is Paul in Acts 17.

Acts 17:2 – “... and for the three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the scriptures.”

Verse 3-4 – *...explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.”⁴ And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.*

Verse 11 – *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

Verse 12 – *Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.*

Verse 7 – *Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.”⁸ And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.*

Verse 23 – ... *for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.*

Verse 28-29 – ...*for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.*

Verse 34 – *However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INTELLECTUAL STYLE

- Inquisitive, analytical, logical
- Enjoys questions and ideas
- Like to debate others point of view.
- Will question why you think your view point is right.

3. THE TESTIMONIAL STYLE

- Our Biblical example is the blind man in John 9.

I JOHN 1:3a (NKJV) ... *that which we have seen and heard we declare to you.*

JOHN 9:25 (NKJV) *He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TESTIMONIAL STYLE

- Clear communicators
- Compelling stories
- Good listeners
- Vulnerable about your personal life, ups and downs.
- Overwhelmed by the account of how God reached you.
- See links between your experience and that of other people.

4. THE INTERPERSONAL STYLE

- Our Biblical example is Matthew in Luke 5:59

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22b (NKJV) *I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INTERPERSONAL STYLE

- Relational warmth
- Conversational
- Compassionate and friendship orientated.
- More focused on people and their need than ideas, accomplishments or current events.

5. THE INVITATIONAL STYLE

- Our Biblical example is the Samaritan Woman in John 4.

LUKE 14:23 (NKJV) *Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INVITATIONAL STYLE

- Hospitable
- Enjoys meeting new people
- Persuasive
- Enthusiastic
- Spiritually opportunistic

6. THE SERVING STYLE

- Our Biblical example is Tabitha (Dorcas) in Acts 9.

MATTHEW 5:16 (NKJV) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

ACTS 9:36 says that Dorcas served others by “*doing good and helping the poor.*”

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SERVING STYLE

- Others-centered
- Work behind the scenes
- Patient

- Sees needs and find joy in meeting them.
- Shows love through actions more than words.
- Attaches value to even menial tasks.

THREE CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

1. God knew what He was doing when He made you.
2. God knew what He was doing when He put you in your circle of non-Christian friends.
3. God knew what He was doing when He put you in your church.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Review your Style Questionnaire with your group.
2. Discuss your primary evangelism style based on the column with the highest total.
3. Discuss your secondary evangelism style based on the column with the second highest column.

EVANGELISTIC STYLES QUESTIONNAIRE

“Becoming a Contagious Christian”

Directions:

1) Read each of the 36 statements and record a number by each that reflects the degree to which you think that statement fits you. Your choices are from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest match to who you are, and 5 the highest. Here’s a description of what each number means:

- 5That’s totally me
- 4 Pretty much like me
- 3Somewhat like me
- 2 A little like me
- 1 That’s not me at all

2) Transfer those numbers to the grid and total each column.

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- ___ 1. In conversations, I like to approach topics directly, without much small talk or “beating around the bush.”
 - ___ 2. I have a hard time getting out of a bookstore without buying a bunch of new books that will help me understand what people are thinking.
 - ___ 3. I often speak out of my personal background or experience in order to illustrate a point I am trying to make.
 - ___ 4. I am a “people-person” who places a high value on friendship.
 - ___ 5. I enjoy adding or including new people in activities I’m involved in.
 - ___ 6. I see needs in people’s lives that others often overlook.
 - ___ 7. I don’t shy away from challenging someone when it seems necessary.
 - ___ 8. I tend to be analytical and logical.
 - ___ 9. I often identify with others by using phrases like, “I used to think that, too,” or “I once felt the way you do.”
 - ___ 10. People have commented about my ability for developing deep friendships.
 - ___ 11. To be honest, I often watch for situations in which someone “better qualified” can explain concepts to my friends.
 - ___ 12. I find fulfillment in helping others, often in behind-the-scenes ways.
 - ___ 13. I do not have a problem confronting my friends with the truth even if it strains the relationship.
 - ___ 14. In conversations, I naturally key in on questions that are holding up a person’s understanding or progress.
 - ___ 15. When I talk around the locker room or the drinking fountain, people really listen.
 - ___ 16. I would rather delve into personal life issues than abstract theoretical ideas.
 - ___ 17. It is not unusual for me to attend special events or concerts and bring along a carful or friends.
 - ___ 18. I would rather show love through actions than through words.

- ___ 19. I think the world would be a lot better place if people would stop being so sensitive about everything and just speak the truth!
- ___ 20. I enjoy discussions and debates on difficult questions.
- ___ 21. I intentionally share my mistakes and struggles with others when it will help them consider solutions that could help them.
- ___ 22. I prefer discussing a person's life before getting into the details of their beliefs and opinions.
- ___ 23. I tend to watch for worthwhile events to bring people to (such as enriching seminars, retreats, classes, or church services).
- ___ 24. I have found that my quiet demonstrations of love and care sometimes help people open up and become more receptive to what I think.
- ___ 25. A motto that would fit me is: "Make a difference or a mess, but do something."
- ___ 26. Often when listening to teachers or TV commentators, I mentally (or even verbally) argue with their positions and logic.
- ___ 27. People seem interested in hearing stories about things that have happened in my life.
- ___ 28. I enjoy long talks with friends, and it doesn't matter much where we are or where we're going.
- ___ 29. I am always looking for a match between the needs and interests of my friends and various books, classes and programs that they would enjoy or benefit from.
- ___ 30. I think the world would be a better place if people would talk less and take more action on behalf of their friends and neighbors.
- ___ 31. I sometimes get in trouble for lacking gentleness and sensitivity in the way I interact with others.
- ___ 32. I like to get at the deeper reasons for opinions that people hold.
- ___ 33. I am still amazed at how God has worked in my life and I would like others to know about it.
- ___ 34. People generally consider me to be an interactive, sensitive, and caring kind of person.
- ___ 35. A highlight of my week is when I can take a guest with me to a helpful learning event, including church.
- ___ 36. I tend to be more practical and action-oriented than philosophical and idea-oriented.

	DIRECT	INTELLECTUAL	TESTIMONIAL	INTERPERSONAL	INVITATIONAL	SERVING
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	#7 ___	#8 ___	#9 ___	#10 ___	#11 ___	#12 ___
	#13 ___	#14 ___	#15 ___	#16 ___	#17 ___	#18 ___
	#19 ___	#20 ___	#21 ___	#22 ___	#23 ___	#24 ___
	#25 ___	#26 ___	#27 ___	#28 ___	#29 ___	#30 ___
	#31 ___	#32 ___	#33 ___	#34 ___	#35 ___	#36 ___
TOTALS:						