

INTRODUCTION

1. In [Mt 28:19-20](#), Jesus gave what is commonly called "The Great Commission"..
 - a. What principles should govern our efforts?
 - b. The Lord gave instructions to govern them as they sought to carry out their work
2. From the instructions of Jesus, we can glean some "Principles Of Evangelism"...

I. UTILIZE THE POWER OF SYNERGY

- A. THE APOSTLES WERE SENT OUT TWO-BY-TWO...
- B. THIS ILLUSTRATES THE PRINCIPLE OF SYNERGY...
 1. Synergy: "The working together of two things (muscles or drugs for example) to produce an effect greater than the sum of their individual effects"

[Perhaps much of the slow growth in evangelism today is a failure to appreciate the principle of synergy which was applied by the Lord and the early church. Another principle to consider is...]

II. EMPLOY THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZATION

- A. THE APOSTLES WERE SENT TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL...
 1. Which is why this is called "The Limited Commission"
- B. THIS ILLUSTRATES THE VALUE OF SPECIALIZATION...
 1. Specialization
 - a. The act of specializing; making something suitable for a special purpose
 - b. Certain skills, backgrounds, circumstances, etc., may make us more suitable to a certain area of endeavor
 - 3) E.g., certain ethnic groups as opposed to others
 3. In one's own personal evangelism...
 - a. You might concentrate on your peer group
 - b. You might focus on a particular type of evangelism for which you are well-suited

[Certainly we should not specialize to the point that we refuse to help those who come our way; but there is value in utilizing one's strengths and circumstances, being selective in the direction we go. The next principle is most essential...]

III. PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

- A. THE APOSTLES WERE SENT TO PREACH...
- B. THIS ILLUSTRATES WHAT SHOULD BE OUR THEME...
 1. It should always be the Word of God, the Gospel:
 - a. Which is God's power unto salvation - [Ro 1:16](#)

IV. OFFER OUR SERVICES FREELY

A. THE APOSTLES WERE TO "FREELY GIVE"...

B. THIS ILLUSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF "PRACTICING WHAT YOU PREACH"...

1. We preach a gospel of salvation offered as a gift - [Ro 6:23](#)

CONCLUSION

1. Here are "**The Principles Of Evangelism**" we have gleaned so far from our Lord's instructions in giving "The Limited Commission"...

a. Utilize the power of synergy

b. Employ the practice of specialization

c. Proclaim the word of God

d. Offer our services freely

e. Support those willing to work

In our next lesson, we shall examine yet another five principles of evangelism from the instructions Jesus gave to His apostles...