Self Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

- That reduces everything in life to an individual responsibility. And that's where it belongs.
- The church, ladies and gentlemen, is not an end. It's a means to an end. It's an edification society.
- Evangelism is a very personal thing. We sometimes talk about personal evangelism. I've got news for you. There ain't no other kind.

1 Self-Evangelizing: Study to Show Thyself Approved

- One of the things that we neglect, and the reason we don't do personal evangelism, is we're not doing enough self-evangelizing.
- Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.
- We don't need more programs. We need more people. We need people who are converted to Jesus Christ.

2 Cultural Contradictions of Our Age

- There is a strong tendency in our age for the acceptance of mediocrity.
- All you have to do is say it like everybody else, and you're acceptable.
- We're more concerned about what people think about us, how we dress, how we talk, how we look, than we are what God knows about us in our heart.

3 The Principle: Thou Condemnest Thyself

Romans 3:10

- Thou therefore art inexcusable, O man. Whosoever thou art that judgest another, for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself.
- We can be guilty of what we condemn in other people.
- You better be careful because the judgment of God is for all.
- As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one.

4 Thou Art Called a Jew; Thou Art Called a Christian

- Behold, thou art called a Jew. And makest thy boast according to the law. Substitution, please. Thou art called a Christian.
- And art confident that thou art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness.
- You've read the right things, and you quote the right things, and you say the right phrases, and you go to the right place.

5 Thou That Preachest Not to Steal, Dost Thou Steal?

1 Corinthians 16; Amos 8

- Thou that teachest another, do you not teach yourself the same thing? Do we condemn the thief and then turn around and steal?
- Do you ever steal time from God?
- Do you think that you steal from God when you make an excuse for not being at the services?
- Do we steal from God with our money?

6 Adultery, Idolatry and Breaking the Law

Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5

- He calls people who are friends with the world adulterers.
- You can't hold on to the world with one hand and hold on to God with the other.
- Well, what about Ephesians 5 and verse 5? He says covetousness is idolatry.
- Consistency is a part of Christianity. And teaching yourself personal evangelism on the inside of who you are is a part of being a Christian.
- Through breaking of the law, dishonorest thou God, for the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You won't care for the souls of men until you begin to care for your own soul like you ought to.**

MY NOTES