

# The Devil's Deceptions About Evangelism

*Understanding Our Obstacles Toward Teaching the Lost*

# The Devil's Goal to Deceive

- Satan is the great deceiver and seeks to destroy us
  - John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
  - 1 Peter 5:8
- When one comes to Christ, he leaves the domain of the Devil
  - Colossians 1:13
- Satan is keenly interested in thwarting efforts in conversion
  - 2 Timothy 3:24-26
- Evangelism is necessary for the salvation of souls
  - Romans 10:13-18

**“Evangelism  
is not  
essential”**

- **Evangelism is a command**
  - Matthew 28:18-20
- **We have authorized examples of evangelism**
  - Acts 8:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- **Each member should work to the building up of the Body**
  - Ephesians 4:15-16
- **We have a responsibility to those who we are around**
  - Acts 20:20, 26-27; 1 Timothy 2:3-4

# “Just be a good witness”

- Clearly we are to be lights to the world
  - Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Peter 2:12
- But we must speak!
  - 2 Timothy 4:2
- Not afraid to discuss difficult topics
  - John 4:16-18; Matthew 3:7-12
- Do we really trust in the power of the Word?
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 1:21

**“Numbers  
are the sign  
of effective  
evangelism”**

- **Biblical effectiveness is not judged by numbers**
  - Matthew 7:13-14
- **We are not responsible for changing the hearts, simply spreading the seed**
  - Matthew 13:1-15
- **We should turn to the biblical model to teach and preach instead of relying on marketing tactics or gimmicks**
  - 1 Peter 1:23-25
- **God will give the true increase**
  - 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

# Where is our faith?

- *"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,' we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you."*
  - 2 Corinthians 4:13-14