

## Becoming a Contagious Adventist

*Part 1: Who? Me?*

*Rev 14:6-10;*

### Perceptions of Evangelists

Negative

Positive

### Relational Evangelism

1. Authentic

– Matthew 5:16

– John 15:5

2. Natural

3. Personal

4. Verbal

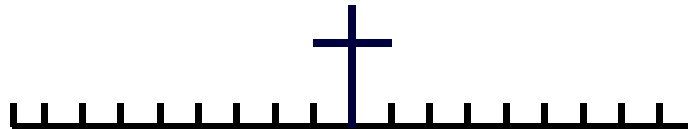
– Romans 10:14

5. Process-Oriented

– our goal must be to move everyone closer to Jesus in everything we do.

6. Team-Oriented

7. “Putting Others First”



### Revelation 14:6-10

3 Angels' Messages

Urgency

This is good news? (v. 6)

*The good news is that there is a way out.  
We can avoid Babylon by choosing to follow Jesus.*

### Six Styles of Evangelism

1. Confrontational

2. Intellectual

3. Testimonial

4. Interpersonal

5. Invitational

6. Serving

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## **Confrontational Style**

*Biblical Example:* Peter in Acts 2

*Characteristics:* Confident, Assertive, Direct

*Contemporary Examples:* Billy Graham, Dwight Nelson

*Cautions:* Use tact when confronting people with truth to keep them from becoming defensive.

## **Intellectual Style**

*Biblical Example:* Paul in Acts 17

*Characteristics:* Inquisitive, Analytical, Logical

*Contemporary Example:* Josh McDowell

*Cautions:* Do not substitute giving answers for giving the Gospel, and be careful not to become argumentative.

## **Testimonial Style**

*Biblical Example:* Blind Man in John 9

*Characteristics:* Clear Communicator, Story Teller, Good listener

*Contemporary Example:* Corrie ten Boom

*Cautions:* Beware of talking about yourself but not relating your experience to the other person's life. You need to listen to them first and connect your story to their situation.

## **Interpersonal Style**

*Biblical Example:* Matthew in Luke 5:29

*Characteristics:* Warm Personality, Conversational, Friendship-oriented

*Contemporary Example:* John Maxwell

*Cautions:* Avoid valuing friendship over truth-telling. Presenting the Gospel may mean causing friction in the relationship, but it must be done.

## **Invitational Style**

*Biblical Example:* Woman at the Well in John 4

*Characteristics:* Hospitable, Relational, Persuasive

*Contemporary Example:* Ruth Graham

*Cautions:* Do not always let others do the talking for you.

*"... If you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it." (1 Peter 3:15)*

## **Serving Style**

*Biblical Example:* Dorcas in Acts 9

*Characteristics:* Others-centered, Humble, Patient

*Contemporary Examples:* Steve Sjogren, Mother Theresa

*Cautions:* Actions are not substitutes for words. Romans 10:14 makes it clear that we must verbally tell people about Jesus.

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## Next Steps

1. Find your primary evangelism style by filling out and scoring the Evangelism Styles Survey.
2. Brainstorm how to develop your evangelism style.
3. Start an Impact List with the names of people you know that you could possibly reach for Christ.
4. Pray for those people every day.

## Impact List

This list will change as these people become Christians or move out of your sphere of influence. An updated list, therefore, should be an ongoing part of your lifelong evangelism strategy.

It is **important** to develop *no-strings-attached friendships* with the people on your list. Let them know by word and deed that they matter to you, whether or not they agree with you about religion.

### Praying for the people on your list

Ask God to work in their lives and to give you wisdom on how to effectively reach out to them.

Ask God to:

- Open their eyes to the emptiness of life without Him
- Help them understand their need for forgiveness
- Remove the confusion they have about real Christianity
- Open their hearts to God's love and biblical truth
- Help *you* to live a consistent and attractive Christian life
- Make *you* authentic and honest
- Expand *your* knowledge and wisdom
- Give *you* appropriate boldness and courage
- Use *you* to lead this person into a relationship with Christ
- Open doors to spiritual conversations
- Guide those conversations in pace, frequency, and content

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