

Strategies for Evangelism

Edward Kimble - He was a Sunday School Teacher that was afraid to witness. He went into a shoe store and he laid a trembling hand on a shoulder on a shoe clerk and tried to lead him to Christ. He left that day thinking his witness was a failure. The shoe salesman, Dwight .L Moody, went to the back room and thought *if that Sunday school teacher is that interested in my life and my soul then I should care about my own soul*. He bowed his head and committed his life to Christ. The shoe sales man was named Dwight .L Moody. Moody applied for church membership and they told him that he didn't know enough and that he is still stupid and they rejected him at first. Moody didn't have much of an education. He only had an 8th grade education, but he wanted to teach, but he didn't know how to teach. He kept after it so long, they told him he could get his own class. He led 200 young street merchants to Christ and he started his own class. Then he started preaching just as a layman. God used him. In 1873 he went to England he began to preach there and a revival broke out and for two years he ministered there.

F. B Myer – He was an influential English pastor, very fine very cultured and refined. He heard about Moody and thought he should come to his church not knowing what he was like (opposite of F.B Myer) or that he only had an 8th grade education. Moody was the only man alive that could pronounce the word Jerusalem with only one syllable and he would tell death bead stories. Finally, F.B. Myer thought “Why did I invite him and when will this guy (Moody) go home?” After Moody left, Myer was having tea with some of the ladies in the church and they told him how Moody has touched their life and as a result they went out and lead every girl in their class to Christ. That day God spoke to the heart of F.B Myer and said “Do I have all the keys to your life?”. Meyer said “You don't, but you will!” and he made a full surrender to Christ.

Jay Wilbert Chapman – F.B Myer came to America preaching on absolute surrender. Jay Wilbert Chapman was a young man on a college campus who was discouraged, defeated and about to quit. He heard Myer say “Are you willing to give God everything? If not, are you willing to be made willing?” Chapman said “That's me. God make me willing.” Chapman went on to be a great evangelist.

Billy Sunday – When work grew and he needed help (setting up chairs and tents), he hired an ex-base ball player named Billy Sunday. He discipled and invested in Sunday's life. When Jay Chapman went into the pastorate, Sunday took over and he preached. They say some 500,000 people came to Christ because of the ministry of Billy Sunday. Sunday went to Charlotte, North Carolina in 1926 had a great crusade and out of those meetings a great revival prayer movement stayed together.

Mordecai Ham – A few years later Charlotte wanted Sunday to come back because they believed God was going to send a revival. Sunday was sick so he recommended Mordecai Ham. Sunday had mentored and invested in Mordecai Ham. Mordecai went to Charlotte in 1934. He was a controversial preacher and a lot of churches said they didn't want to be involved in the meetings, but that caused more people to come. Young people came to check it out. For two weeks he preached and gave no invitation, the third week he gave the invitation. Young people were in the crowd. When Ham would reach out and point and say, "You're a sinner!", it seemed like he were pointing to them, so they would hide behind ladies with big hair and hats. Finally, that night a young man stepped out. His name was Brady Wilson and right behind him was his best friend, Billy Graham. Billy Graham came to Christ. Who can say all the lives have been touched through Billy Graham's ministry?

Franklin Graham (Ruth and Billy Graham's first-born son) was a rebel and didn't follow God. One day Billy said "Franklin, we have been watching the struggle in your life for these 22 years. Franklin, you are going to have to make a decision to accept or reject Christ; you can't stay in the middle." One night in the Middle East Franklin Graham was reading John Chapter 3. He put out his cigarette and got down his knees beside his bed and said to God "My life is a mess and if you can put the pieces together, it's yours." He received Christ.