DISCIPLESHIP MANUAL

Becoming an Active, Consistent, and Fruitful Disciple

CHAPTER 1

HOW TO STAY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE IN EVANGELISM

Key Scripture: Acts 1:8 (KJV)

Chapter Objective

By the end of this lesson, every disciple should:

1. Understand why believers become inactive in evangelism.
2. Learn practical ways to remain active in soul winning.
3. Develop a personal plan for regular evangelism.
4. Build a burden for lost souls.
5. Understand that evangelism is a lifestyle and not an event.

Introduction

Many believers begin their Christian journey with great excitement. They are eager to share Christ with others and participate in ministry activities. However, after some time, many become inactive. Some become discouraged because people reject the Gospel. Others become distracted by work, school, family responsibilities, or personal struggles. Some simply lose their passion for souls. The truth is that effective evangelism is not sustained by excitement alone. It is sustained by a close relationship with Jesus Christ and a constant remembrance of the value of souls. Jesus did not command believers to evangelize occasionally. He commanded us to make disciples. Evangelism is therefore not a church program but a Christian lifestyle.

What Is Evangelism?

Evangelism is the act of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people who do not know Him. It includes: 1. Sharing the Gospel. 2. Giving your testimony. 3. Inviting people to fellowship. 4. Following up on new converts. 5. Helping people begin a relationship with Christ. Every believer is called to evangelism. **Matthew 28:19-20**. Jesus commanded every disciple to go and make disciples of all nations.

FIVE KEYS TO STAYING ACTIVE IN EVANGELISM

1. Keep Your Relationship with God Strong (John 15:5)

Our effectiveness in evangelism depends on our relationship with God. Prayer, Bible study, worship, and obedience keep us spiritually strong and help us maintain our passion for souls. Daily prayer, Scripture reading, and praying for lost souls should be part of our lives. Lack of prayer, loss of desire to evangelize, excuses, and spiritual laziness are warning signs of weakness.

2. Remember the Value of Every Soul (Mark 8:36)

Every person has an eternal destiny. People are more than their professions, positions, or daily activities; they are souls Christ died to save. Just as we would rescue people from a burning house, we must have urgency in reaching those who do not know Christ.

3. Make Evangelism Part of Your Weekly Routine

Do not evangelize only during special outreaches or when you feel inspired. Set aside regular time to pray for souls, share the Gospel, follow up on disciples, and participate in outreach. Consistency produces fruit, and a disciple who evangelizes regularly will accomplish more than one who does so occasionally.

4. Stay Connected to Other Active Disciples (Hebrews 10:24)

Isolation can lead to discouragement, loss of motivation, and spiritual weakness. Fellowship provides encouragement, accountability, prayer support, learning, and confidence. Stay connected with at least one disciple who can pray with you, evangelize with you, and check on your progress.

5. Focus on Faithfulness, Not Results (1 Corinthians 3:6)

We cannot save people, change hearts, or force decisions. Our responsibility is to share Christ faithfully, while God gives the increase. Continue witnessing despite rejection, following up, praying, and serving even during difficult seasons. God rewards faithfulness.

COMMON REASONS DISCIPLES BECOME INACTIVE

- **Fear of rejection:** Remember that rejection of the message is not rejection of you.
- **Lack of confidence:** Begin by sharing your testimony.
- **Discouragement:** Trust God for the results.
- **Busyness:** Schedule evangelism into your week.
- **Spiritual weakness:** Return to prayer and Bible study.

PRACTICAL WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT

For the next seven days:

1. Pray daily for five unbelievers.
2. Share the Gospel with at least two people.
3. Follow up one disciple.
4. Attend one fellowship meeting.
5. Record your evangelism experiences.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What has prevented me from being active in evangelism?
2. Which of the five keys do I need most?
3. How can I improve my spiritual life?
4. Who will I intentionally share Christ with this week?
5. What practical changes will I make immediately?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord, give me a burden for lost souls.

2. Help me remain faithful in evangelism.
3. Remove fear and discouragement from my life.
4. Fill me with the Holy Spirit for effective witnessing.
5. Make me fruitful in Your Kingdom.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8