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BEFORE HE DIES, LET'S EVANGELIZE

I. The Psychologist says 62% of all ideas are accepted by a person only after they've been received 6 times.

A. I think I've already said it 6 times--let's evangelize before He dies.

B. If I haven't I have plans to say it 6 times in this sermon.

II. I believe we will accept these facts.

A. We are a hoarding people.

1. No, not money, though one has well said "God is either a partner or else a man loses his soul." 20% give 80% of whole. (Bible says "more blessed to give"--un-experienced happiness.)

B. But we hoard the gospel!

1. 40% of Americans homes never had a religious call made on them.

a. Gallup said Baptist made most and Catholic's second.

C. To keep the gospel hidden is not only unscriptural but its cruel.

1. Suppose you knew a doctor with cancer cure. Frantically neighbor asks "Who is he?" What of "I'm not going to tell you" answer! Murder?

D. Our failure is apparent.

1. More are being born than won.

2. 50% Americans in most any community are nothing.

3. 2000 years after Jesus' birth and world has 2 billion folk who's never heard one sermon.
 4. Place these in coffins at equator they'd circle the world 18 times.
 5. Can't depend on S.S. for it would take 9 years to offer one course in 5th. grade arithmetic the way the average teach.
- F. We can't attribute our failure to anyone but ourselves.
1. I know to "go."
 Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore and teach
 a. Yet we studiously avoid.
 b. Some won't mail out a card for the meeting.
 c. Could it be I'm lazy? Selfish?
 2. I know what I'm to take.
 Matt. 28:19 --teach--teaching. *bearing prec.s,*
 Ps. 126:6 "He that goes forth, and weepeth
 Rom. 1:16 "So as much as in me is
 a. Pilot on 1st flight ran into 10 ,
 radioed "Send help immediately, I've
 got 10 *Migs* cornered."
 3. I know its my personal responsibility.
 John 1:41-42 "He first findeth his own bro
 Acts 8:1-4 "And at that time
 a. No substitute for personal work.
 b. One thing to have a TV picture--its
 better to have the man there."
 c. Business, politics, banking know this!

d. We've got a few that go and as Churchill said of the RAF "Never in the history of the world did so many owe so much to so few."

e. 1 Chr. win 1 in 1 year, 2 yr. 2 Chr. win 2, 4 third year, 31 yrs. all.

4. I can't say "No man has hired me."

(v. 6 & 7)

Matt. 20:1-16

III. Then let's evangelize before he dies."

A. Suppose you were in a home and this happened?

1. Do you have a Bible?

2. May I see it?

3. Will you let me show you what God says?

4. Salvation is two fold:

a. God's part -- John 3:16

b. Man's part -- Acts 2:38

5. Man must have:

Faith. Heb. 11:6

Repentance. Luke 13:36

Baptism. Mark 16:16

6. Do you have faith? Ashamed to confess it?
Ashamed to be baptized?

7. All you lack is repentance -- is it right or wrong? *think*

8. You'll ~~tell~~ *think* about it? You've already thought about it? Would it make anyone angry if you became a Christian? Only the Devil -- please him or the Lord?

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While I am talking about giving this may be of interest to you. In the Broadway bulletin from Lubbock, they had some comparison of budgets. They had the figures of the largest Baptist churches. The largest Baptist Church is in Dallas with 13,142 members and a budget of \$1,459,921.00 (an average of \$111.00 per member a year). The Broadway Church is the largest of the Churches of Christ with 2,000 members and a budget of \$250,000 (an average of \$125.00 per member).

Here at 16th. and Pile we have 576 members and will give by the end of the year \$85,000 for an