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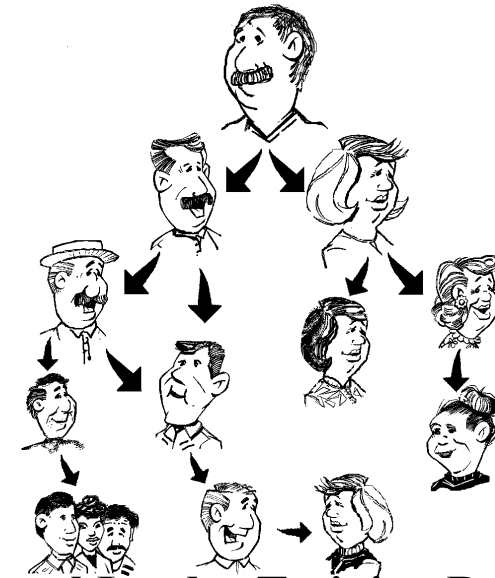
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THE CHURCH GROWS WHEN WE EVANGELIZE

We recognize the supreme authority of the Lord Jesus Christ over His churches. When a church obeys Him, it grows and reproduces. Just like plants, the Church has the capacity to reproduce after its own kind. (Mark 4:26-29) For a local church to grow, we must keep on sharing the Good News of the Lord Jesus. Let's not get tired of this task. With God's blessing, we will soon reap the harvest.

Wait. Haven't you done enough evangelism?
Forget it. Just have worship services now.



Be quiet! That's the most common error of the new churches. They start inviting the public to meetings before they are quite ready and stop evangelizing.

PRACTICAL WORK

Mark the boxes when you are practicing these tasks.

- ☐ Ask God to help new believers evangelize their own relatives and friends.
- ☐ Witness to your own family and friends.
- ☐ Teach (you may use this study) the new converts to cultivate loving relationships with their family and friends and to witness to them (not just inviting them to church, but talking with them about the Lord Jesus Christ in their homes, so that they repent, believe in Christ and are baptized).
- ☐ Help these new believers at once to win their own friends and relatives in the same way.
- ☐ Memorize Acts 16:31.

SUMMARY TEST

It is easier to win our relatives and friends than strangers. Why?

A church that has many whole families is stronger. Why?

Yes. You're right. We stopped evangelizing when people started coming to our meetings. And the church stopped growing.

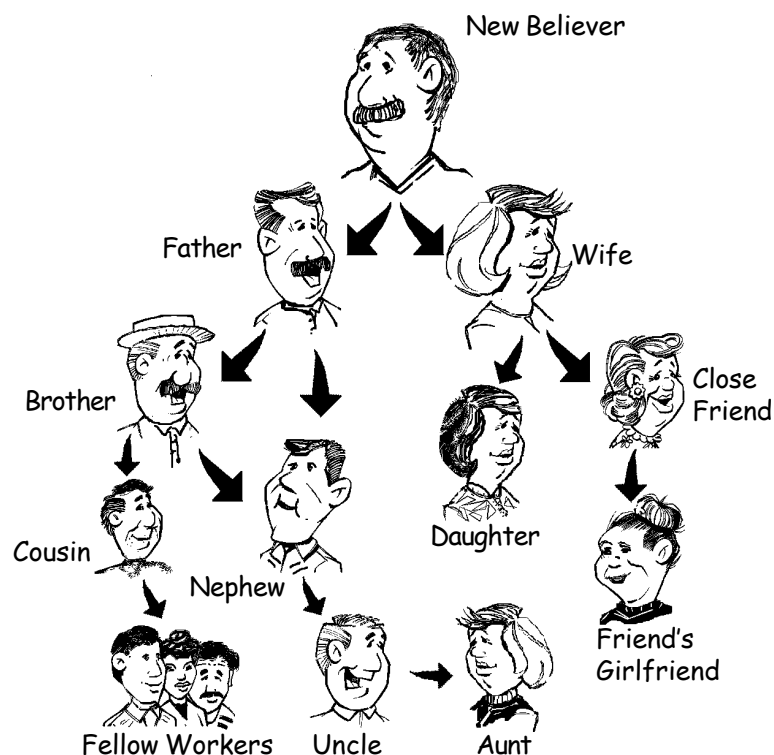


We must never stop witnessing to people. This is the lifeblood of the church. We want to make it a daily and permanent practice - a habit- before we start giving more advanced teaching.



WITNESS FIRST TO OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Normally the church grows through the conversion of our friends and relatives. They have more confidence in us than in strangers. For example, a new believer brings his brother and father to Christ. Soon he helps them to win their friends and relatives. Each one witnesses to those closest to him. The movement grows among family and friends until the gospel spreads throughout the community:



When someone receives Christ, help him to reach his own family and friends. (Acts 16:30-34, John 4:34-42)

☐ Reading Completed.

Peter preached in the home of Cornelius and all those who were present received Christ. (Acts 10:44) The secret was that Cornelius invited to his house only his relatives and closest friends. (Acts 10:24)

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Read and consider the example of witnessing in John 1:40-51.

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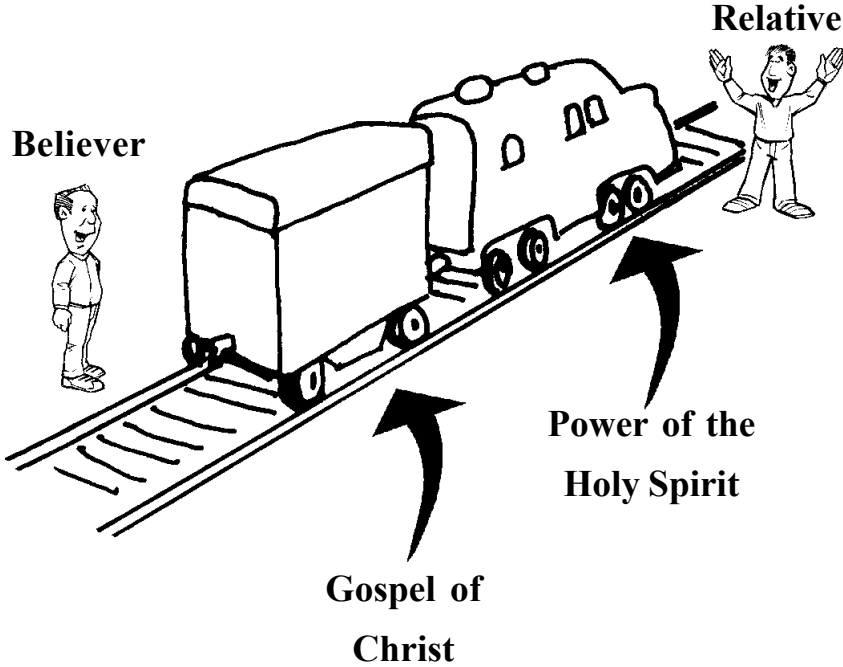


When a whole family is converted, each member feels the support of the others. They encourage each other. Serious problems come from separating converts from their families. Sometimes we can't help it; the family does not respond or lives far away. We help such converts find a spiritual family. Our unity in Christ can become stronger than blood ties.

With whom do you talk often during the week? These are the persons whom God wants you to evangelize first. Write the names of some relatives and friends that you can witness to:

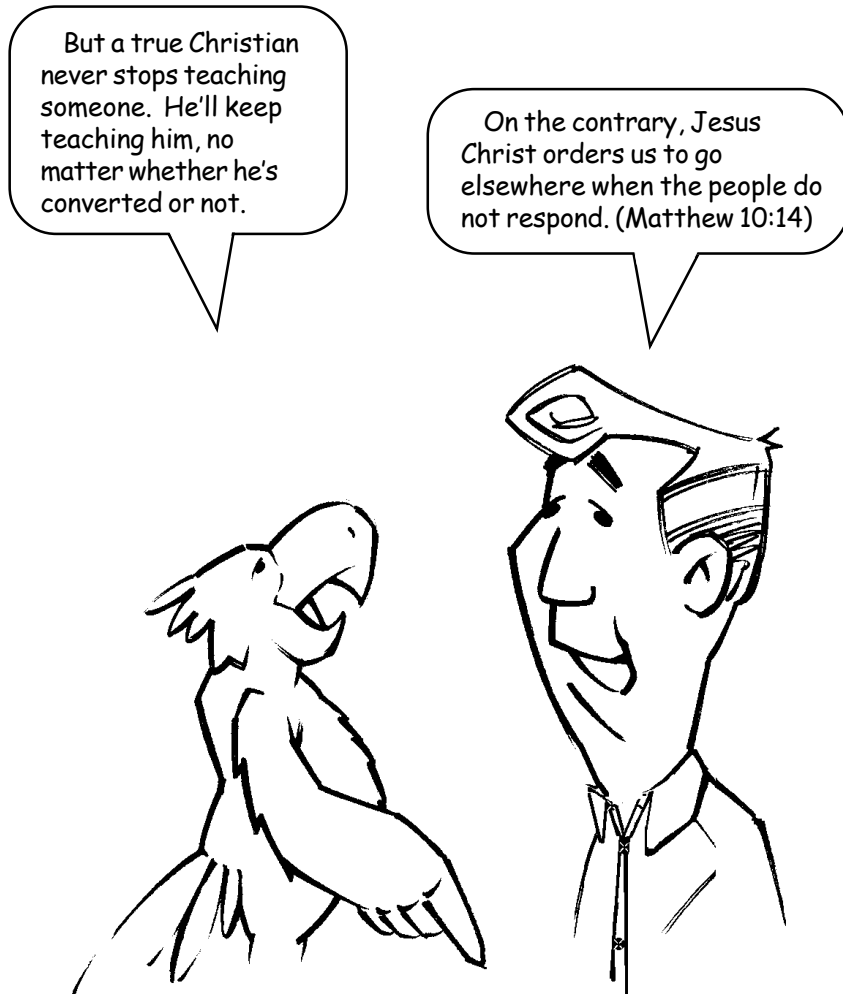
When we combine love and the Word of God, we have an effective witness: Romans 1:16, Romans 10:17, 1 Corinthians 13:1.

☐ Mark this box when you have read these three passages.



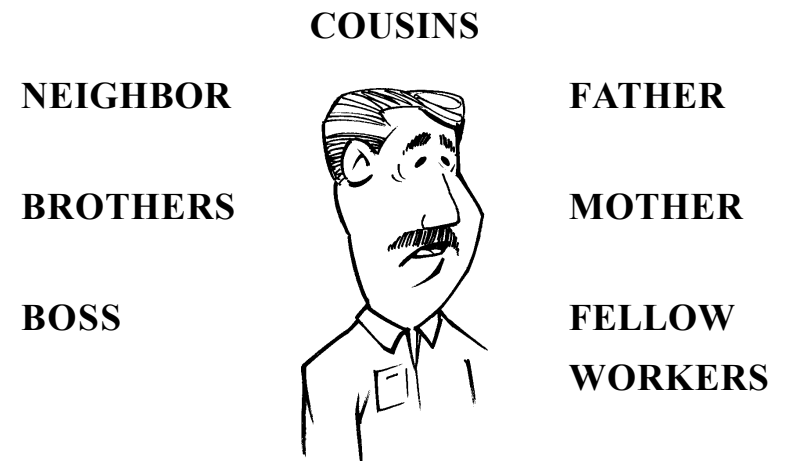
The church grows when God's grace is communicated through the natural, loving ties between a believer and his relatives and friends.

To obtain a good harvest, we concentrate our efforts on the friends and relatives of those who are already open to the Gospel. Do not use up your time with those who are not interested.



WIN WHOLE FAMILIES TOGETHER

Sometimes we witness to someone who is very interested in the Gospel but does not want to make a commitment to the Lord. Why should he not want to commit himself? Generally, it is because of his circle of family and friends.



Often a person cannot sincerely follow Christ until he has discussed the Gospel with these family members and friends. Let us help him to communicate his faith to them. We can accompany him and encourage him. The Holy Spirit confirms his faith in Christ when he confesses his faith before them. (Romans 10:9-10) Later, it will be easier to win them for Christ.