



Ten Commandments of Evangelization

"Our duty to bear witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus and His saving presence in our lives is as real and pressing as was the duty of the first disciples.

We must tell the Good News to all who are willing to listen." John Paul II

- 1. Thou Shalt Always Pray**
Life of Prayer First Priority
Pray with people
"Pray more than you read." St. Francis of Assisi
- 2. Thou Shalt Be Prepared**
Always be ready... "Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you."
1 Peter 3:15
Study Apologetics
Mark up your Bible
Memorize key Scripture verses
- 3. Thou Shalt Be Intentional**
Evangelization is an attitude
Fish don't catch themselves
God will put you in positions to evangelize
- 4. Thou Shalt Stay Not Get Discouraged**
Not a numbers game... "I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow."
1 Corinthians 3:6
Peter's Pentecost sermon vs James' martyrdom in Acts (different results, both faithful to the call)
1 Corinthians 3:8 (heavenly reward for evangelization)
- 5. Thou Shalt Stay Motivated**
"Cloud of Witness"... "As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Hebrews 12:1
Read lives of the Saints, watch EWTN, listen to CD's for encouraging examples
Remember the stakes. Jesus said, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul?"
- 6. Thou Shalt be Charitable**
Be nice. Don't bully or come off like a know-it-all
"People don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care."
Read Luke 15 for how much souls are worth
Souls are worth your time
75% of Jesus' miracles took place when he was interrupted
- 7. Thou Shalt Ask Questions**
Be interested in and find out about people (fallen away? Bible-Christian?)
Fallen away: "Can you name the Seven Sacraments?" "Ten Commandments?"
Protestant: "Does your church teach...?"
- 8. Thou Shalt Admit When You Are Wrong**
You don't have to be perfect but should be humble
If you don't know, admit it and go find out
Sometimes, a simple, "I'm sorry," is the best witness
- 9. Thou Shalt Reap What You Sow**
53% of those who come back to the church were given some kind of materials
Have CDs and brochures to give away
CD of the Month Club
- 10. Be Not Afraid**
Motto of John Paul II and his "New Evangelization"
2 Timothy 1:7
Luke 21:13-15

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Evangelization is the heart
of the church's mission.

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