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A Few Questions for Street Preachers - posted by Sir_Edward (), on: 2005/11/10 14:25

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Blessings.

Re: A Few Questions for Street Preachers - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2005/11/10 14:50

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- 1: People need to hear the gospel whether they go to church or not, and it kills the flesh.
 - 2: We were open airing one day and someone asked me to give my testimony, well that went right out the window, when i started yelling that Jesus knows what everyones thinking and will judge them all :-)
 - 3: Ray Comfort / Todd Friel
 - 4: Peter (day of Pentecost) 3000 people from about 5 minutes of preaching!
 - 5: I've not seen anyone saved yet but ive had some really good conversations with people, the worst experience so far was when a guy came right up to me and pointed his finger and said 'God doesn't send people to Hell!!!' everybody in the street stopped, thinking he was gonna hit me! Praise God, the confrontational gospel thats how to get a crowd! Revival or Riot!

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Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/11/10 15:10

1. People are going to Hell and I want them to turn from sin unto the living God.
2. The Holy Spirit worked on me for awhile and I started doing one-to-one and then moved to open-air.
3. Ray Comfort has had a huge impact on me. He is the one that God used to open my eyes that repentance has to be preached, and that the lost has to be reached.
4. John the Baptist. out side of the Bible - George Whitefield.
5. You can read my thread here - (http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=6995&forum=44&39) http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=6995&forum=44&39

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Re: - posted by Forevidence (), on: 2005/11/10 15:21

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1. Because Jesus told us to preach the Gospel to every creature. People get saved!
2. I heard a quote from Charles Spurgeon that said "The first thing that a young man should do when he moves into a town and settles in is to open air preach." I had hit a wall in my life and walk. Completely dissatisfied with Churchianity and hype. So I stepped out in faith.
3. Ray Comfort/Leonard Ravenhill/Noah/Jeremiah/Spurgeon/William Booth/Paul/Peter/Whitefield/Wesley
4. Jesus
5. I have a real good friend that was saved in an open air session that I preached. She is wonderfully converted and has amazing fruits of repentance and marks of conversion and that makes me want to go on. I have had horrible experiences in open air preaching. You feel like a wretch one you get kicked out. You feel like a criminal, and it feels as you should hang your head in shame but, why? You are doing the right thing! So that is bad. But the worse is when Christians try to rebuke you for preaching. I hate that!

Re: A Few Questions for Street Preachers - posted by elijahfire, on: 2005/11/10 15:31

1. I do it because God commands his disciples to do it.(mark 16:15)Everyone needs to be preaching, either one on one or to many(open air)there is no excuse not to.
2. about 2 years ago a friend @ BRSM wanted to know if I would go with him to Pensacola beach and check out the evangelism team and I said sure. When I arrived there were two guys switching off preaching to a huge crowd on the board walk. I've never seen or heard anything like that before and I grew up in church needless to say I was hooked and have been doing it ever since.
3. Definitely John the Baptist just because of the anointing he had, also he was Jesus' favorite preacher!(matt 11:11)
4. besides Jesus I would say either Edwards or Finney.
5. I find that most of my opposition is from so called other Christians. They always say things like "your doing it wrong" and "you are just turning people off", mainly modern gospel approaches i.e. love, happiness, God has a plan your life etc. One time I was witnessing a catholic and became so irate and angry I really thought he was going to swing on me after I told him that Mary was not diety. but by then end of our conversation he was helping me introduce myself to witness to others, it was hilarious! I have had alot of interaction and great conversation with many people and even prayed with a few (not leading to salvation). you have to be determined to open air preach in your heart and have a burden for the lost.

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/11/10 15:34

Quote:
-----But the worse is when Christians try to rebuke you for preaching. I hate that!

Amen to that. When "Christians" try to stop me from preaching ask them " why are you helping people die?" They will have no idea what you are talking about. Then inform them that they are helping people die because they are stopping the Gospel from being preached. They are sure not promoting the live-saving Gospel. That will sometimes put a guilt trip on them and they will stop, if they have any compassion at all.

from the heart - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/11/10 15:46

Why do you do it?

As I've read the Word of God I personally have felt a sense of conviction about going into the highways and byways (so to speak), so I went out of obedience.

What got you started?

I felt as if I myself would be eternally lost if I didn't respond in obedience to the burden He placed upon me. So I started with fear and trembling.

Who Inspires You the most beside Christ in Preaching?

David Wilkerson

Who do you consider to be the best street preacher ever?

George Witfield in his preaching to the coal miners.

What are some of the experiences in this that have touched you deeply and what are some that have been hostile?

I love to see peoples lives helped and changed. I have no greater joy than that. The knowledge that there are people who are ministering for Jesus to this day makes it all worth while.

I've been physically attacked, had people try to run us over in cars coming up on the sidewalks, falsely accused, blasted in the local newspaper and the list goes on, however in the midst of it all I've seen and experienced God in a way that very few have or will. And thoughts are treasures in my heart that I'll never lose. I know everyone else goes out of a concern for others, but for me the streets was and is a matter of obedience to Jesus Christ. In what I say and do I seek to bring a smile to His face and hear a "well done good and faithful servant", no other motive really. Hope that's enough for ya. I kept it brief for ya :-)

Re: A Few Questions for Street Preachers - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/11/10 16:02

Quote:
-----1. Why do you do it? (I know that is obvious but I need specifics here because someone recently told me that street preachers have ulterior motives -- I want to prove them wrong)

Because God called me to do it. He showed me doing it in a dream one night, and then caused my heart to grow increasingly burdened to do it, until I simply could not imagine doing anything else.

Some street preachers do it out of wrong motives. I believe some do it out of a sense of self-righteousness, and get a kick out of damning everybody else to hell because they are going to heaven. But those that God has called do it out of a deep sense of burden for the lost.

Quote:
-----2. What got you started?

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Ultimately what probably pushed me over the edge was hearing an Andrew Strom sermon, I believe it was called "Thunder in Nashville."

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Probably Leonard Ravenhill.

Quote:
-----4. Who do you consider to be the best street preacher ever?

Hard to say. I would have loved to hear George Whitefield, John Wesley, and Leonard Ravenhill preach on the streets. George Whitefield perhaps was the king of street preaching, and seems to have had the most success. Though, I absolutely would have loved to hear Ravenhill.

Quote:
-----5. What are some of the experiences in this that have touched you deeply and what are some that have been hostile?

I suppose you mean while street preaching? The one that has probably touched me the most was a time where I went to UNC Charlotte to preach open air, and came across Gary Birdsong, whom I consider a false evangelist. He had already gathered quite the crowd when I came, and there was a heckler there giving him a hard time. Eventually he said during his random nonsense something along the lines that if anybody has cancer, they are cursed of God. This made the one heckler quite angry, as his girlfriend was just diagnosed with cancer, and the heckler approached him from behind shouting at Gary ready to punch him out. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to me to go right then and pray for this guy. I quickly approached him and put my hand on his shoulder and told him that I wanted to pray for him and his girlfriend right there, and this instantly turned his eyes into tears. When I was done praying, I opened my eyes, and several other believers who saw what was happening had surrounded us as well and were praying for Chaz and his girlfriend. One woman in particular was just bawling for them, though they never met each other. This was probably the most moving experience I had street preaching.

As far as hostility goes, I've had nothing absolutely outstanding happen. However, I've dealt several times with security and police officers, some friendly, some not so friendly. I've also been cursed out and threatened bodily harm. Several times I knew if I didn't pause my preaching for a few minutes, then I would have indeed been beaten up. But my philosophy is, if somebody doesn't want to hear it, and are already showing mild signs of persecution, then I simply won't speak to them and will simply wait until they leave the area.

Re: - posted by Bomar, on: 2005/11/10 17:40

Quote:
-----1. Why do you do it?

The Lord told me to - not generally through the Word, but He told me to do it by the Spirit.

Quote:
-----2. What got you started?

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Besides the Lord's calling, I think it was probably Ray Comfort's ministry that helped the most.

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-----3. Who Inspires You the most beside Christ in Preaching?

I can't answer that.

Quote:

-----4. Who do you consider to be the best street preacher ever?

I would say Wesley, because he not only preached with power, but he wasn't "just a preacher" - he built the body up, led people into the fullness of Christ, and made a structure that could contain the fruit of God's harvest - as opposed to just preaching and leaving.

Quote:

-----5. What are some of the experiences in this that have touched you deeply and what are some that have been hostile?

Every time you preach you get both :-)

Seriously, I have had a heckler cussing and being vulgar come under deep conviction, take a gospel tract, and come back saying he just gave his life to the Lord!

Re: - posted by Sir_Edward (), on: 2005/11/11 16:13

All,
I am among giants. I am glad to hear that there are still real evangelists out there; it gives me great hope. Pray for me as I am looking to be a true prophet/pastor who is unafraid to preach anything to God's people, the lukewarm church and the lost.

I don't know who said this but one person said that God was getting up at 4am because of the Holy Spirit to pray. I have been getting up at 5am and praying as well for the same reason, weeping over the state of the church because of the burden on my heart. I would appreciate your prayers because I am doing a major shift in my ministry looking for a real revival of God in this country and using the Bible alone as my ministry manual.

Blessings.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/11/11 17:00

Quote:

----- I am among giants

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things, that way He gets the glory. It's All Of Grace, His :-)

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/11/11 19:17

As one person on here long ago posted, we are but mere men of the great God :) We are just doing what God has called and equipped us to do. We are no more spiritual or great than the man or woman who stands in front of youthful eyes every Sunday morning.

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Re: - posted by Sir_Edward (), on: 2005/11/11 21:40

All,
It was not my intention to puff anyone up, but i do stand in awe at what God is doing through you. If you are giants (I think you are) then it is God who has made you so.

Blessings.

Re: A Few Questions for Street Preachers - posted by Willo (), on: 2005/11/11 22:45

Quote:
-----1. Why do you do it?

I preach in the streets, so that God may get glory, and so that each person that hears cannot give the excuse we didn't know.

Plus Christ commanded us to do it.

Quote:
-----2. What got you started?

Through the Grace of God, we were given a permit to preach in the mall, and when I got there, I realised that in the whole evangelism team, no one had ever preached open air before, so being leader I had to preach first.

Quote:
-----3. Who Inspires You the most beside Christ in Preaching?

Hard to answer, but I would say I am most inspired by first timers overcoming their fears, and lifting up the name of Christ on the streets.

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-----4. Who do you consider to be the best street preacher ever?

If we look in the bible, I would say Jesus ;-)

But out of the Bible, John Wesley, then Whitefield.

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-----5. What are some of the experiences in this that have touched you deeply and what are some that have been hostile?

Earlier in 2005 I was preaching in King George Square at night time to a big crowd, when a bunch of Satanists decided to be against me, and set me on fire for preaching. That was the most hostile, but God brought it for good, when 2 girls that saw this repented!

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Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2005/11/12 12:27

I want to change my response to question 5 after today's experience.. i was out preaching today in my home town and a girl walked up, now I'm not used to people coming to listen to what I say, so far everyone that has come up to me has had a go at me, but this girl was listening! albeit a bit sarcastically she was about 15 years old, then she was joined by 2 friends, they sat down!!!! i carried on preaching and as i got to the topic of sin, i asked one of the girl if i could ask her a few things, she said sure, so i took her through the law and as i did i could see conviction on her face, my fiance who was with me saw conviction on the face of her friends too! Praise God !!!! they rushed off before i could give them the gospel but the Holy Spirit was at work in them this afternoon.

matt

Re: - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2005/11/13 11:42

Wow this is such a cool topic to read! :-)

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"

It's so cool that you people openly share the Truth and the Gospel on the streets!

I will pray some more for streetpreachers. :-)

Re: - posted by Sir_Edward (), on: 2005/11/18 15:40

Just a word of thank you to all the street preachers that responded. I will be praying for you these days more than ever. I believe you are on the front lines of it. I agree with Warrior4Jah that this has been a remarkable thread to read, I am glad I asked my questions.

Blessings.