

Enemies of Evangelism

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Corinthians 1:17.
- B. Jesus established an unending chain of reproduction. (John 20:21, Matthew 28)
- C. If people know Jesus Christ, they have been commissioned to preach the gospel.
- D. The good soldier of Christ knows his enemies.

II. The enemy of human wisdom.

- A. The ideas and philosophy of men are not something new.
- B. These are enemies of the gospel because they nullify the cross of Christ.
- C. The cross of Christ is not an interesting philosophy—it is foolishness. (Isaiah 29)
- D. Our objective in life is to know Jesus and not anything else.
- E. Studies are not wrong, but if our primary objective is the acquisition of propositional truth, we are living in sin. We are to be ambassadors for Christ.

III. The enemy of the flesh.

- A. Many Christians are not effective because of the flesh.
- B. The flesh is ultimately opposed to the gospel and the idea that Jesus Christ is sufficient.
- C. We have joy and peace in the Lord.

IV. The enemy of the benefits of ministry.

V. The enemy of a lack of a servant attitude. (I Corinthians 9:19)

VI. The enemy of inflexibility.

- A. This prevents us from certain kinds of ministry.
- B. God will not use you where you want to be used unless you are willing to be used where He wants to use you.

VII. The enemy of spiritual fornication. (Hebrews 12:16-17, John 15:2)

A. God takes away every branch that does not bear fruit.

B. We must keep our body and bring it into subjection.

VIII. Conclusion. These enemies must be destroyed in order that we might bear fruit through evangelism. (I John 1:9)

Application questions:

1. Which enemy do you find most prevalent in your life?

2. Is all human wisdom bad? Explain.

3. How does the flesh hinder us from sharing the gospel?
