

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Psalms 107:33-35 He changes rivers into a wilderness and springs of water into a thirsty ground; ³⁴ A fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it. ³⁵ He changes a wilderness into a pool of water and a dry land into springs of water.

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- **“Sanctify”** - ἁγιάζω – HAGIAZO – “To set apart, to consecrate, or to revere”
- **“Lord”** – κύριος – KURIOS – “Lord or Master” - Conveys the authority that Jesus Christ has over everyone’s life, whether they realize that fact or not
- **“Hearts”** – καρδία – KARDIA – “Soul”

“Setting apart” the Lord in your heart is a decision you make in your soul as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

POD (review) - The believer must rely on God to open the door to every ambassadorship opportunity.

There are two objects in functioning as an Ambassador –

- The unbeliever - the spiritually dead - separated from God
- The fellow believer

POD (review) – Doors are opened through prayer. **Matthew 7:7**

POD (review) – All personal evangelism must be preceded with prayer.

- Specific (for a specific individual)
- General (prayer that the Lord would open up a door – *an opportunity*)

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Eph. 6:17 – Remember that it is the Word of God that is the “**sword of the Spirit.**”

POD (review) - Trusting in self, armed with biblical knowledge, results in a debate fueled by arrogance. **2 Tim. 2:23** - But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

- **“Defense”** - ἀπολογία – APOLOGIA – “A defense or a reply”
- **“Always being ready”** - ἑτοιμος + αἰεί – HETOIMOS plus AEI – “To be ready or prepared” plus “Always” - - “Always prepared”

Dynamics of personal evangelism

1. Understand the role of the Holy Spirit – common and efficacious grace - baptism – sealing – regeneration and filling.

Efficacious _____

Indwelling _____

Regeneration _____

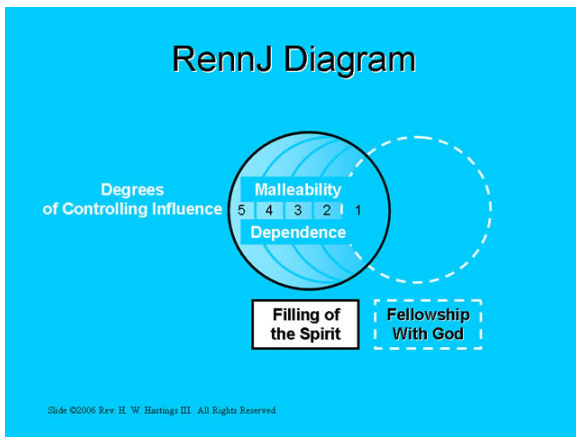
Baptism _____

Spiritual gift _____

Sealing _____

2. Cooperate with God! *Be on God's timeline, not your own!*

3. Understand the scriptures associated with personal evangelism.



John 14:26 “... He will bring to your remembrance. . .”

4. Have your Bible and material [gospel tracts] ready.

5. The believer who has “set Christ apart as Lord” always stands at the ready – always ready to represent Him as an Ambassador.

DIVINE WORKS OF GRACE					
E Grace	Imparted	EL	Adopted	Drafted	Raised
Sealed	Secured		Guaranteed	Issued	Enslaved
Regenerated	Forgiven		Employed	Qualified	Grafted
Filled	Created			Predestined	Seeded
Gifted	Commissioned			Elected	Called
Baptized	Appointed			Presented	Glorified
Indwelt G/HS	Transferred			Perfected	Healed
Indwelt G/F	Delivered			Rooted	Confirmed
Indwelt G/S	Empowered			Completed	Anointed
Reconciled	Rescinded			Circumcised	Enlightened
Redeemed	Liberated		Provided	Crucified	Blessed
Sanctified	Freed		Placed	Died P	Enriched
Imputed +R	Granted		Nationalized	Died E	Bulwarked
Justified	Related			Buried	Seated

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Commissioned and Appointed!

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“To everyone who asks” – remember that God opens doors

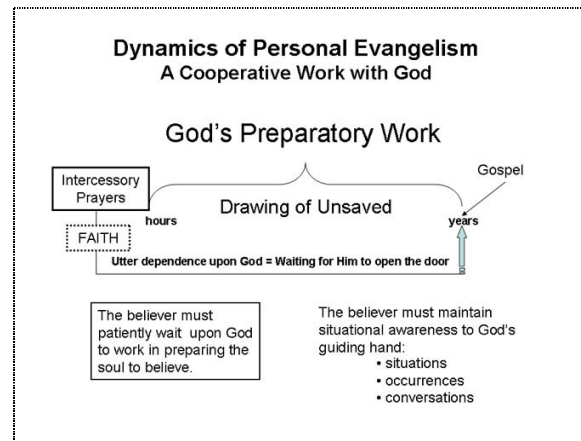
- ✦ **“Asks”** - αἰτέω – AITEO – “Ask because of a desire”
- ✦ **“Account”** – λόγος – LOGOS – “Word” – a reason given. . .
- ✦ **“Hope”** - ἐλπίς – ELPIS – “Confident expectation”

“. . . the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. . .” **2 Cor. 4:4**

POD – The will of God is not irksome; therefore, when God is involved, personal evangelism is *easy*.

Remember that it is God who prepares souls.

POD – The willing believer must possess the reality that he is in a cooperative work with God and rely on the Holy Spirit in all personal evangelism encounters.



All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.