

***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).

**Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

**Matthew 10:5** These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them. . .

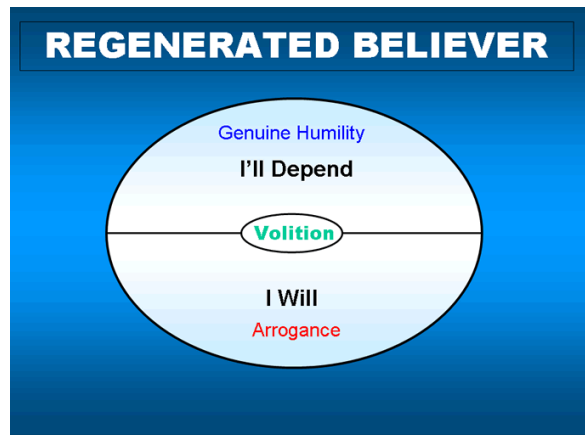
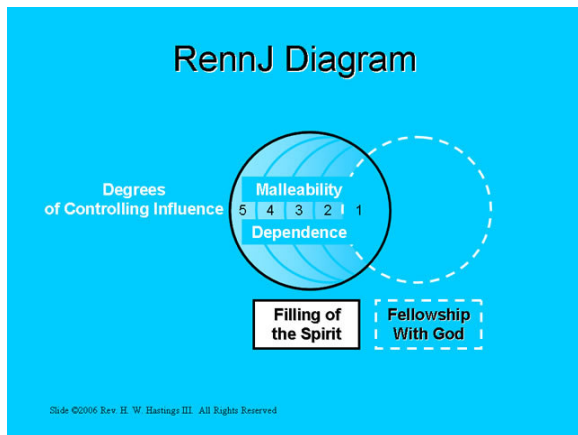
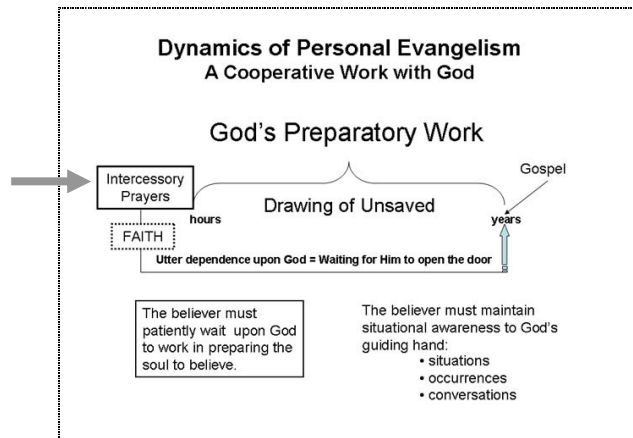
**In review -**

**1<sup>st</sup> POD: Effective evangelism requires pre-deployment training by the Lord.**

- That training comes from the Word of God, Bible Doctrine.
- Before you go out to tell lost souls about what your Savior did for them, it's important to understand the dynamics of salvation.
  - ✚ You must know how a person is saved.
  - ✚ You must know that it is a work of God.
  - ✚ You must understand the Protocol of Prayer.

### PROTOCOL OF PRAYER

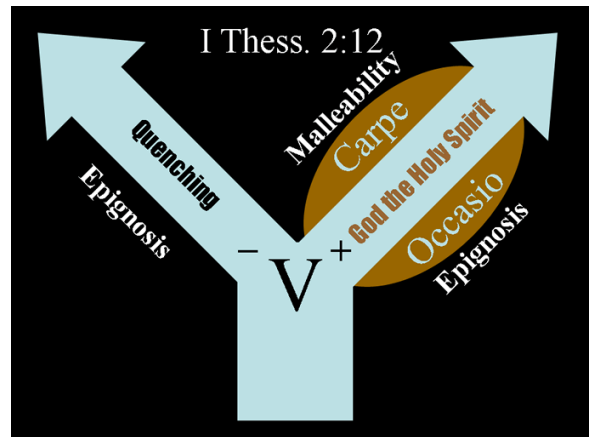
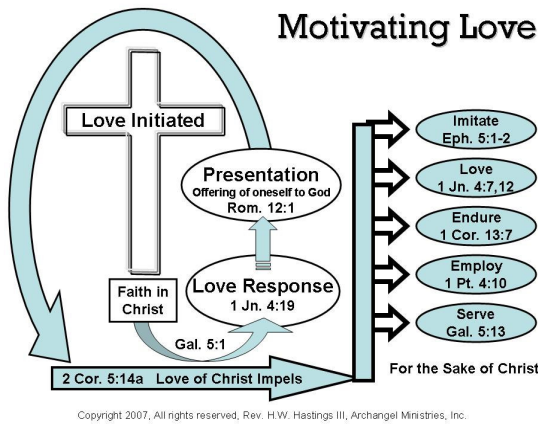
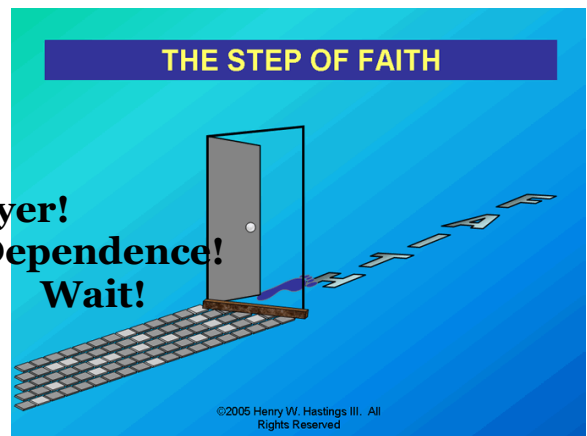
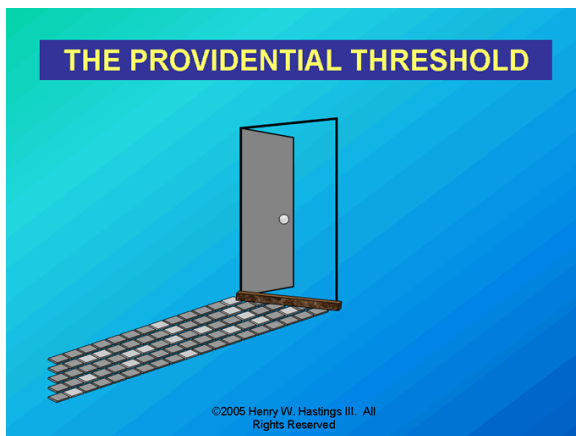
1. Address God the Father (Matt. 6:8-9).
2. By means of the Spirit (Eph. 6:18).
  - a. Filling (Eph. 5:18).
  - b. Leading (Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:14).
  - c. Bearing Witness (Rom. 8:16; 9:1).
3. In the name of Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:13).
4. IAW the will of God (Jn. 14:13; Rom. 12:2, 8:26)
5. For the Glory of God (Jn 14:13).
6. With faith/trust (Jas. 1:6-7; Mk. 11:24).
7. Malleability to the will of God (Matt. 26:36-44; Rom. 8:26).





			Jer. 17:9	
			Rom. 3:23	
			Rom. 3:10	
			Isa. 64:6	
			Rom. 3:20	
Heb.	Lev.	Jn. 1:29	Heb.	Rev.
9:22	17:11	Isa. 53:1-12	9:27	20:11-15
		1 Pt. 2:24		
		Acts 4:12		
		Rom. 5:8		
		Rom. 6:23		
		Acts 10:43		
		Jn. 3:16, 18, 36		
		Jn. 14:6		
		Acts 16:31		
		Jn. 11:25		
		Eph. 2:8-9		
		Titus 3:5		

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*



1. Saving souls is something that only God can accomplish, therefore evangelism is a cooperative work with God. Prayer is how we can cooperate with God in saving souls.
2. Prayer sets God in motion to open doors to give the Gospel (Col 4:3).

**Colossians 4:3** praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

- Prayer sets God in motion to open doors [opportunities] to tell people about Christ.

- **James 4:2** “You do not have because you do not ask.”

*Are you asking God for those opportunities?*

**2<sup>nd</sup> POD: The Lord will provide everything you need in grace to accomplish whatever it is He wants you to do.**

*God is in the business of saving souls!*

**2 Peter 3:9** states the Lord does not desire for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

**1 Timothy 2:3-4** This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God will provide all the confidence, the recall of Bible verses and anything you need to tell people about what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross.

All you have to do is ask Him.

*“Ask and you shall receive.”*

**Matthew 10:7** “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ “

- The disciples didn’t have to have every jot and tittle of the Word squared away to tell people about Jesus Christ.
- They did not need to possess the full realm of Bible Doctrine in order to represent Jesus Christ.
- They definitely weren’t standing on the hilltop of spiritual maturity in order for the Lord to send them out.

**POD: The Christian does not need to wait until he reaches spiritual maturity to cooperate with God in bringing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

It is a **false notion** that if you just attend Bible class and accumulate massive amounts of doctrine one day – after 30 years - God will work in you to begin evangelizing souls.

- If you want to put a time on it, the Lord sent the disciples out after two years of Bible class.
- Recognize that you have the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit!

**Philippians 2:13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work [ἐνεργέω - to do, to be effective, to be operational, to be in service] for His good pleasure.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

*In order to effectively accomplish what God has prepared for us requires God to work in us.*

**Will – θέλω – THELO – “to desire”**

God produces that desire from within you.

**QUESTION:** Do you have to wait until you’ve reached spiritual maturity before God starts working in you?

**POD: God begins working in the malleable believer who prays and trusts in God to work in him.**

- When you begin walking by the Spirit - God starts working in you.
- When you begin learning Bible doctrine in fellowship with a willingness to be taught, God starts working in you with that doctrine.
- Doctrine is communicated but it is the Holy Spirit that teaches you.

**Matthew 10:7** “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ “

- Although the kingdom message is the same [*The kingdom of heaven is at hand*], the nature of the kingdom has changed.
- It is a spiritual kingdom that is being offered now.
- People enter that spiritual kingdom through spiritual regeneration when they trust in Jesus Christ.

***With the King (Jesus Christ) present there are elements or certain characteristics of that Davidic – earthly - kingdom, present.***

- The King is physically present wielding His Messianic authority.
- He has given that authority to the disciples to accomplish what He commands them to do.

**Matthew 10:7** “Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. . .

Their message will be preached alongside the manifestation of Messianic authority evidenced in the miracles to validate the message.

... Freely you received, freely give.”

**Matthew 10:1** Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and ***gave them authority*** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

**2<sup>nd</sup> POD: The Lord will provide everything you need in grace to accomplish whatever it is He wants you to do.**

- The Lord gave the disciples His Messianic authority in grace.
- Grace means they did not earn or deserve it, nonetheless He gave it to them.

“Freely give” – There is no charge or obligation.

Christ’s authority was not for sale!

- The epitome of grace giving

Christ wanted the disciples to live a life of trust - to walk by faith.

**Matthew 10:9** “Do not ***acquire*** gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, <sup>10</sup> or a bag (πῆρα – a knapsack] ***for your journey,***”

This first mission for the disciples is designed to teach them things as they are doing what the Lord instructs them to do.

THERE IS NO NEED TO BE IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY TO START REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST TO PEOPLE.

**Point:** There are things the Lord wants to teach you outside of Bible class, but you will never learn them until you start doing.

**Example:** You may learn the doctrine of prayer but until you use prayer you will never understand it.

THERE ARE THINGS GOD WANTS TO TEACH YOU ABOUT PRAYER THAT YOU WILL ONLY LEARN WHEN YOU BEGIN PRAYING.

The same thing goes for personal evangelism.

**POD: God has things to teach you that you can only learn by doing.**

There are two classrooms for the believer today:

✚ Local church

✚ Life

**Matthew 10:9** “. . . or even two coats (χιτώνας - tunics) . . .

*Such action would facilitate their dependence upon the Lord to provide, in this case, shelter.*

. . . or sandals, or a staff . . .

A staff was used for defending yourself against attackers and stabilizing yourself in rough terrain.

They are going to learn dependence upon the Lord.

. . . for the worker is worthy of his support.”

**Support** – τροφή – TROPHE – “food”

✚ Who are the disciples working for? The Lord!

✚ Who is responsible to provide for them? The Lord!

**Remember their classroom training?**

**Matthew 6:25-30** "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? <sup>27</sup> And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!"

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