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The making of an evangelist

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To the reader

This disk contains the notes for a book to be written by our late Director Rev. Dr. Reg. Jarrott. He was called "home" on 20th January, 1993.

The title of the book was to be "The Making of an Evangelist". Below please find:

2. A list of the chapter headings of the book.
4. Two sample chapters of the book.

Our main aim is to disseminate the valuable information contained in these notes in memory of Rev. Jarrott, as he would have wanted it.

Yours in Christ

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BIOGRAPHICAL

REV. DR., REGINALD EDWARD JARROTT


DIRECTOR/EVANGELIST

WORKED

As an Interdenominational Evangelist in Australia and overseas.

TRAINING

Trained in Queensland Baptist Theological College (5 years) and ordained to the ministry by the Baptist Union of Queensland.

Holds Diplomas from Melbourne College of Divinity (L.Th.), (3 years course), Diploma of Religious Education (Dip.R.E.), (3 years course).

Holds Diploma from University of Queensland, Diploma of Divinity (Dip.Div.), (3 years course).

Has Bachelor of Divinity Degree (B.D.) Luther Rice Seminary, U.S.A.

Also Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div.) Luther Rice Seminary, U.S.A.

Was Member of Evangelical Theological Society (M.E.T.S.) for some time.

Awarded Doctor of Ministry Degree by Cambridge Graduate School U.S.A.

SERVED

For sixteen and a half years as Pastor of Baptist Churches, for thirteen years and eight months as State Evangelist, and first Director of Evangelism and Mass Media for the Baptist Union of Queensland. Has been in full-time evangelism for a total of thirty years (as July 1, 1991).

Has done considerable radio and Christian Television work.

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

*Is a Justice of the Peace
*President, Baptist Union of Queensland (1969-1970)
*President, Queensland Council of Churches (1973-1975) (NOT W.C.C.)
*President, British & Foreign Bible Society, Queensland (1974-1975), (now Bible Society of Aust.)
*Secretary, Queensland Council of Churches, (NOT W.C.C.), (Evangelistic Committee 1961-1975)
*Vice-President and Foundation Member of Christian Television Association (during period 1959-1975)
*Queensland Representative, Australian Board of Evangelism (18-20 years)
*Member, Executive Council, Baptist Union of Australia (3 years)
*Member, Executive, Baptist Union of Queensland (for a long period)
*Member of Department of Theological Studies, (Baptist Union of Queensland)
*Recommended (1991) to become "Life Member" of Baptist Union of Queensland (was admitted to this list 4/9/91)

Ú “ORGANISED • As "Director", a number of major Crusades in Queensland for leading Evangelists, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Leighton Ford, Dr. Akbar Haqq, Dr. John Wesley White of the Billy Graham team, and Dr. John Haggai and others.

Ú “HAS MINISTERED• In many Crusades, Seminars, lecturing widely throughout Queensland, Australia and overseas, including Crusades and Seminars in U.S.A., Malaysia, New Zealand, India, Northern Ireland (as part of the "All Ulster Crusade") as Evangelist in provincial Crusades and Associate of Dr. John Haggai in Belfast, Indonesia. Has preached in England. Has been greatly used of God in Church growth patterns and in-depth evangelism, and has done special studies in those areas.

Ú “Speaker at Conventions• á-á Keswick Conventions in Western Australia and North Queensland. "Kingswood", Warwick Conventions.

Ú “Miscellaneous Conventions• á-á Denominational and Inter á-ádenominational.

Ú “WAS CHOSEN TO ATTEND•

*World Congress on Evangelism, Berlin (1966)
*Asia/South Pacific Congress, Singapore (1968)
*Baptist World Alliance Congress, Tokyo (1970)
*International Congress on World Evangelisation Lausanne, (1974)
*First Asian Baptist Congress in Hyderabad/Secunderbad, India (gave Bible Studies)
*My wife and I were participants in Amsterdam International Conference of Itinerant Evangelists (1983)
*Was in a team of five in a workshop headed by Dr. Lewis Drummond on 'developing a curriculum for teaching Evangelism in Theological Schools'. Report on page 783-á-793 of the reports of Amsterdam '83 conference in publication 'The Work of an Evangelist'. My name is misspelt in there as R. Janet.

Was the Ú “sole• Queenslander chosen to go to Berlin and give a paper to the Congress.

Ú “LECTURER• Has lectured in the Queensland Bible Institute at Diploma Divinity Standard and lectured in five subjects in Evangelism (e.g. Evangelism and Revival) in the Baptist Theological College of Queensland, to its ministers and missionaries in training.

Ú “Also• Guest Lecturer in other Study Institutions.

Ú “HAS WRITTEN •A number of teaching booklets, pamphlets, papers etc. on Evangelism, followá-áup, the Holy Spirit and kindred subjects.

Ú “CHAPLAINCY •Has been both a military and a prison chaplain (with a great deal of experience in prison work and soul winning).
FAMILY: Married wife's name Alice Jean. (Holds Diploma 3 years study Baptist Theological Lay Preachers Course).

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Ephesians 2:10 is a good description of the theme of this book. It is basic to the whole plan of writing. It underlines the fact that this author believes with all of his heart, that whatever our field of service, "we are His (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Let it be clearly said that this book is meant to glorify God and certainly not to glorify the evangelist. It was only written because others asked for such a book, in the hope that Christians might learn from it, ways and means of reaching people for Christ.

It also aims to help those who feel called to be evangelists as their full time calling, and in line with Ephesians 4:11, where God "gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers", etc, or in line with II Timothy 4:5 & 6, to "do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" á-á so Paul told young Pastor Timothy.

One of the real fears that the author has, and still does have, in writing this book, has been the danger in seeming to take some glory for himself, when all glory rightly belongs to God, who will not share His glory with anyone else.

In setbacks and trials of faith, the apparent purposeless sections of my life are written to encourage others to see that no matter how rough the sea of life is, God still has His hand on the tiller of our vessels, and the course is still being pursued to the preá-ádetermined end.

It is hoped that as people read they will find inspiration and spiritual help, as what appears to be stumbling blocks will turn out to be stepping stones, after all.

Jesus said, "Come ye after me and I will make you (to become) fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19), and he does just that.

After all, evangelists are Godá-ámade, not man made.
PART II. "THE MAKING OF AN EVANGELIST"

SECTION A á-á THE PHILOSOPHY OF EVANGELISM

Labouring with the Lord of the Harvest

(A day in the life of an evangelist)

A day in the life of an evangelist should be God's day. A God directed day and a labouring with Christ in the plenteous overripe harvest fields of the world.

It is very interesting to note that Jesus said at the end of His life on earth, 'I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do'. In other words, He did what the Father wanted Him to do, no more, no less.

Paul, at the end of his life said something similar. 'I have finished my course, I have kept the faith'.

In these days of 'burn out', it is essential to note carefully what those two scriptures are saying. Proverbs 16:3 says, 'Commit your works to the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established'.

Jesus is the Lord of the harvest in the ripened harvest field of the world. We, His servants, are but day labourers and reapers with Him in the part of the field in which he requires us to serve.

I made a great mistake when I had been in full time evangelism for about only three years. I was tired out from trying to do too much. You see, I had accepted the smart cliche of godly men who said, 'It is better to burn out than rust out'. I brought my condition to the Lord in prayer. Not long after I came across a saying by D.L. Moody, the famous evangelist. He said that it is better to 'last out'. That statement, and the fact that there is a Lord of the harvest, brought me to a better perspective of my life's work. I had been greatly burdened by the lost state of mankind, that I felt I must keep working as hard as I could to reach as many as possible with the good news.

I still have the concern, and as Paul exhorts us, I try to buy up every opportunity á-á to redeem time á-á because the days are evil but now it is to buy up every opportunity as the Lord of the Harvest directs by His Word and Spirit.

You see, Jesus went out of His way, it seemed, to go to reach a woman of Samaria, a woman with a clouded past. On other occasions, He seemed to pass some people by who appeared to need help.

Also, Paul would have gone to some people to share the Gospel but the Spirit did not permit him to go there.

If we intend to do the work God gives us to do, and to finish our course, then a woman of Samaria may be a strategic person to seek out for the Lord, in the overall purpose of God.
Part of our planning in our service for God should include a prayer similar to the one below:

Lord, lay a soul upon my heart,
And win that soul through me,
That I may gladly do my part,
To bring that soul to Thee.

Or, another prayer in the words of a chorus:

Lord crucified, give me love like Thine,
Help me to win the dying souls of men,
O keep my heart in closest touch with Thee,
And give me love, pure Calvary love,
To bring the lost to Thee.

God hears that kind of prayer and answers it. As he does a prayer centred on Matthew 4:19, 'Come after me and I will make you (to become) fishers of men'. In the Living Bible paraphrase it says that Jesus called out, 'Come along with me and I will show you how to fish for the souls of men'. So you can pray that the Lord will show you how to fish for men.

All of the above spells out for us the necessity of keeping in close touch with God by regular Bible meditation and prayer, especially noting how the soul winners of the New Testament went about things. We should also read what experienced, and God-âblessed soul winners of the past, say about soul winning. However, always remember that God's word is the final authority on anything that men say.


To sum up the life in a day of an evangelist, I will list some steps which may help you.

1. Commit your day to God.

2. Check your appointment diary for the day, also scan for future appointments in the next week or so.

Ask God for His will to be shown clearly to you in the things you must do; you may do, if time permits.

3. Pray the prayers mentioned earlier in this study or similar prayers.

4. Draft out a plan of work for the day under number two above.
5. Bathe everything you have as appointments or anything you are shown, in prayer, for without Christ we can do nothing of spiritual value.

6. Allow for buffer time in your priority planning to allow for God's interruptions. They are phone calls, people coming for help, or to discuss programs or problems.

7. If buffer time is not filled, then use it in some other useful way.

8. Pray before, during, and after planning.

"Prayer time"

During crusades, I have a secret which I learned from famous God-blessed evangelists. Keep your afternoons free of appointments, if at all possible. Spend two to three hours having an appointment with God. You see, your day can become upset earlier because you have had to keep working after evening crusade meetings up until midnight or later. Sometimes the Lord did not have time to eat.

This way of working isn't the norm, but is only for those special occasions when there is a special 'must be done' which obviously seems to be the will of God for you.

When you are not in a crusade situation, and have a more normal routine to follow, scale your prayers and meditation on the Word of God to fit in, in the best possible way. Ask God about that too.

"Concerning the family time, recreation and sleep"

Remember, the Creator made us so that we need sleep. Rest is important in His creation. For example, the heart beats, then rests. The land grows crops and then needs resting at times. Metals can get 'tired', and fly apart. So get sleep, recreation and family time. Live a disciplined life. When possible, plan for each area of life.

"The value of ten minutes in the academic hour"

John Wesley said there can be great things done in a spare ten minutes. Plan for something or part of something. When studying, or writing for hours on end, use the 'academic hour'. Fifty minutes work, ten minute break. Use the ten minute break to exercise or to do some small chore.
A Study on the true Evangelist

There are evangelists and evangelists. Some are the God-called, sincere, Bible based, straight down the line evangelists, and some are the 'quack' evangelists. To find out the difference between the real and the false, we will examine what a real Evangelist is; and what he is not.

What he is not (or should not be)

- A professional (that is, professional in method but not a 'professional' evangelist with no heart in it.)
- Hypocritical.
- A lover of money.
- An uncouth person, or rude.
- A charlatan (resorting to 'quack' medicine tactics or deceitful methods, especially in making an appeal for conversion).
- A user of high-pressure emotionalism.
- A proud person.
- A jealously seeker (especially of other evangelists).
- A lime-light seeker (getting in the spotlight, which is Christ's rightful place).
- A hireling (doesn't really care for the sheep).
- A manipulator of people.
- An uncaring person.
- A prayerless warrior.
- An autocrat (or a prima donna type). We can't magnify ourselves and Jesus at the same time.
- A builder of his own kingdom.

What he is (or should be)

- He is called by God (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- He is gifted by God (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- Born from above (John 3:6-8).
- Has put on the 'new man' (Colossians 3:9-10).
- The temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:15-20).
- His heart is a sanctuary for God and an inner shrine where God dwells.
- Is equipped by God for service and soul-winning. He looks to Christ to make him a 'fisher of men' (Matthew 4:19).
- Knows the message is from God and not of words only but power too (1 Corinthians 4:20).
- Diligent. Approved unto God (2 Timothy 2:15).
- Is anointed for the task (Acts 10:38).
- Granted liberty by God (2 Corinthians 3:7).
- Equipped with God's power (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).
- Expects to do the outstanding by God's power (Ephesians 3:20-21).
- Daily warms his heart at God's fire.
- Cares for people (is burdened because of the lost or those in a backslidden state). Bears his cross daily (Matthew 16:24; Romans 12:1).
- Practices self discipline (a disciple should be a disciplined one).
- Preaches the Word, not man's ideas (2 Timothy 4:2).
Keeps 'filling with the Spirit á is present continuous tense (Ephesians 5:18).
Speaks the truth in love. On the High Priest's garment there is a golden bell (truth) and a pomegranate (love), that is, truth tempered by love. Seeks to warn and/or win (Ezekiel 33:1á11; Acts 20:26á27).

The evangelist will be equipped by God to do efficient service for God, and enable him to exalt the Lord so that men and women will love God. He is a voice for God. A vessel to be used. He is a promoter of God's kingdom and never of his own. He allows the Spirit of God to work through his natural personality, indeed he expects the Spirit to work through him provided the channels are clean.

He coáoperates with the Holy Spirit. He yields as he uses the sword of the Spirit (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). The Holy Spirit convicts (Acts 7:54) of sin (John 16:9); convinces of righteousness (John 16:10); convicts of judgment (John 16:11; 1 John 5:19; John 17:16); and so He saves (Acts 2:37á41).

No true evangelist will lack humility. One has said, 'Seven words about Jesus for every one about yourself'. Another, 'No one can magnify Christ and himself at the same time'. Also, though some humour is at times helpful, he is not meant to be a comedian.

His aim is the Evangelising, establishing and equipping people for Christ as Lord. Ephesians 4:11á12 says, 'And he gave some apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting (maturing and equipping) of the saints for their work of the ministry, for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ'.

His burden should be like Jesus weeping over Jerusalem or Paul who could wish himself accursed for Christ for the Brethren's sake.

A little poem I came across (with both the author and publisher unknown) says a great deal to evangelists:

When I am dying how glad I shall be,
That the lamp of my life has been blazed out for Thee,
I shall be glad in whatever I gave,
Life, or money, or sinner to save.
I shall not mind that the path has been rough,
That thy dear feet led the way is enough,
When I am dying, how glad I shall be,
That the lamp of my life has been blazed out for Thee.

Although the above two sections deal primarily with the attitudes and requirements of the fullá-time evangelist, those statements can be equally applicable to the three categories set out below:

1. The fullá-time evangelist (Ephesians 4:11á12; Acts 21:8).
2. The pastor who does the work of an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5).


In Proverbs 11:30 it reminds us that it is wise to win souls. In Psalms 126:5-6 it says we will reap in joy. And Daniel 12:3 reminds us that they who Evangelise will shine as the stars for ever and ever.

This section will be dealt with more fully in the next chapter under the heading 'The full proof of ministry'.
Dear Sir

In memory of our Director Rev. Dr. Reg Jarrott who passed away on 20th January this year, we, the board members of the above association, would like to present to your college free and without any obligation, a copy of our Director's book "The Making of an Evangelist."

Enclosed please find:

1. A biography of Rev. Dr. Reg Jarrott.

2. A list of the chapter headings of the book.

The book will be in the form of a 3.5" computer disc in Word Perfect or Microsoft Word format. We trust that it will be useful to your students as a reference text.

If you do not wish to receive a copy of the book, or if you would like it in a different computer language, please let us know by return mail.

Yours in Christ

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