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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).

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A GOSPEL MEETING

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If the Lord wills, our gospel meeting begins tomorrow night at 7:00!

A-SSEMBLE. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

G-OSPEL PREACHING. Souls need saving (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom.

1:16). Come hear it, believe it, and obey it (Rom. 10:13-17).

O-RDER YOUR STEPS. In the word of the Lord obeying the gospel (Ps. 119:133; 2 Th. 1:7-9). Think on your ways and turn your feet unto the Lord's word (Ps. 119:59). Live as the Bible teaches! If you learn your walk is not in harmony with the truth, change your life!

S-ING ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Teaching and admonishing one another (Col. 3:16). Sing to praise the Lord (Heb. 2:12).

P-RAY FERVENTLY. Pray for the meeting! "...the effectual servant prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

E-VERY MEMBER AT EVERY SERVICE. Exhort and be exhorted! (Heb. 10:25).

L-ISTEN TO EVERY SERMON DILIGENTLY. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Learn, Keep, and Do! (Dt. 5:1).

M-ORE NOBLE. Searching the Scriptures daily makes one more noble (Acts 17:11). Search the Scriptures daily whether those things are so!

E-DIFICATION. The word builds us up (Acts 20:32).

E- ENCOURAGE BROTHER HALBROOK AS HE PREACHES THE TRUTH. Say "Amen, Amen" (Neh. 8:6). Thank him for his work. Hold up his hands! (Ex. 17:12).

T-EACH AND TALK. Take every opportunity to teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2). Talk of the meeting and the Lord's word everywhere and always (Dt. 6:7)

I-NVITE. Go out and

compel everyone you can to come (Lk. 14:23)

N- EAR. "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him" (Lk. 15:1). It is interesting that these individuals did not get further away in effort to hear the Lord. They got closer! Sitting near the preacher means one is interested and wants to hear! Often, a person whose interest is not in hearing, but making themselves more comfortable, sits further away in the back. Sit near the preacher in the front! Show interest and come ready to hear (Eccl. 5:1).

G-ET YOUR PRIORITIES

RIGHT. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33)

ESTEEM THE WORD OF THE LORD, MORE THAN...

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- 1. Necessary food (Job 23:12).
- 2. Gold and silver (Ps. 119:72).

How ever much you value necessary food, gold and silver, you ought to esteem the Lord's word more than that!

How To Have A SUCCESSFUL GOSPEL MEETING

John Edwards

A gospel meeting furnishes occasion for the gospel to be preached, heard, believed and obeyed. What are some things we can do to ensure gospel meeting success?

MAKE CERTAIN THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED. One of the last concerns of Jesus before ascending to Heaven was that the gospel be preached in all the world. He commissioned His apostles, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:15-16). Paul declared, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:15-16). If you want to have a successful gospel meeting, insist that the gospel of Christ be preached faithfully.

ATTEND EVERY SERVICE.

The least I can do as a member of the local church is to attend every service of the gospel meeting. I am responsible to be present at every service of the Lord's church. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33). "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ve see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). A gospel meeting affords me opportunity to exhort and be exhorted (Heb. 10:25), increase in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10), add knowledge to my faith (2 Pet. 1:5), grow in grace and knowledge (2 Pet 3:18) and be reminded of things I need to have always in remembrance (2 Pet. 1:13-15).

INVITE OTHERS TO

COME. There is great power in the simple word, "Come". With this word, a woman of Samaria brought many to Jesus. The woman "...went her way into the city, and saith to the men. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him" (Jn. 4:28-30). When Peter

was called to Caesarea by Cornelius, Peter "...found many that were come together" (Acts 10:27) as Cornelius "...had called together his kinsmen and near friends" (Acts 10:24). Is there any greater invitation you can extend to anyone than to come hear words "...whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14)?

SING ENTHUSIASTICALLY. Ephesians 5:19 teaches,

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Join heartily in the song service as we sing praise unto God (Heb. 2:12) and teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16).

PRAY EVERY DAY. There is power in prayer! "....The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16). We encourage every member to pray every day for the success of the gospel meeting. Pray for the preacher. Pray for those who have been invited. Pray that the lost will be saved. Pray that the erring will be restored. Pray that the church will be edified.

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We Do Bible Things in Bible Wavs.

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