

# "MAKING FRIENDS FOR GOD"

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## Christian Service, p. 59

"Every church should be a training school for Christian workers.... Many would be willing to work if they were taught **how to begin**."



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## Acts of the Apostles, p. 109

"All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."



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## General Conference Bulletin March 30, 1903 Article A

"The barrenness of this field, the ignorance and destitution of the people, rise as a reproach against us. And yet we profess to be serving the God of heaven. The Lord calls upon every man to do his appointed work. He calls upon us to stand in the place where He can use us as His instruments. He wants us to go to Him for help. We are not to lean upon human beings, but upon the living God."



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## General Conference Bulletin March 30, 1903 Article A

"Our question is to be, What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message? Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation and kindred and tongue and people."



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## Desire of Ages, p. 417

"Love for souls for whom Christ died means crucifixion of self. He who is a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost."



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## Desire of Ages, p. 417

"The Christian is ever to realize that he has consecrated himself to God, and that in character he is to reveal Christ to the world. The self-sacrifice, the sympathy, the love, manifested in the life of Christ are to reappear in the life of the worker for God."



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## John Wesley

"Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that. The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed Master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others. He will be like the brave fireman, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart."



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## John Wesley

"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."



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## Desire of Ages, p. 417

"Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life."



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## Where Should I Start?



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## Christ's Object Lessons, pg 354

"He who begins with a little knowledge, in a humble way, and tells what he knows, while seeking diligently for further knowledge, will find the whole heavenly treasure awaiting his demand. The more he seeks to impart light, the more he will receive. The more one tries to explain the Word of God to others, with a love for souls, the plainer it becomes to himself."



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## Ministry of Healing, pg 143

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior 1) mingled with men as one who desired their good. He 2) showed sympathy for them, 3) ministered to their needs, and 4) won their confidence."



**5) "Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"**

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Christ's Object Lessons, p. 57

"The sowers of the seed have a work to do in preparing hearts to receive the gospel. In the ministry of the word there is too much sermonizing, and too little of real heart-to-heart work."



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Christ's Object Lessons, p. 57

"There is need of personal labor for the souls of the lost. In Christlike sympathy we should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life."

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Christ's Object Lessons, p. 57

"Their hearts may be as hard as the beaten highway, and apparently it may be a useless effort to present the Saviour to them; but while logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root."



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The purpose of soil preparation is to sow seed.



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In Christ's parable, the seed is the Word of God. At some point, you have to sow some seed!



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Meeting people's temporal needs is the **preparation**, not the **destination**.



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Too often "friendship evangelism" is misconstrued to mean "friendship is evangelism."



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2 Corinthians 9:6

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.



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### Where Should I Plant?

- **Door-to-door**

- DVD Surveys
- STR Surveys
- Prayer Requests, Literature
- Weekly Mission Challenges



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### Where Should I Plant?

- **Door-to-door**

- Monthly Mission Sabbaths



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## SDA Church Manual, pg 122

**Church Outreach (Missionary) Service** –The first Sabbath of each month is the Church Outreach Missionary Sabbath. This worship service focuses on lay evangelism and may feature plans and activities of various departments. "God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work."—6T 32.



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## Where Should I Plant?

- **Door-to-door**
  - Work Surveys/Ministry
  - Meet your neighbors



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## Welfare Ministry, p 71

**Visit Every Family and Know Their Spiritual Condition**—Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in a missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood and know their spiritual condition. If professed Christians had engaged in this work from the time when their names were first placed on the church books, there would not now be such widespread unbelief, such depths of iniquity, such unparalleled wickedness, as is seen in the world at the present time.



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## Christian Service, pg 116

"Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray with them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds."



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## Welfare Ministry, p 71

"If every church member had sought to enlighten others, thousands upon thousands would today stand with God's commandment-keeping people."

**Suppose every church member...**



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## Where Should I Plant?

- Door-to-door
- Missing members



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## Where Should I Plant?

- Door-to-door
- Missing members
- Church visitors



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## SDA Church Manual, p 117

**Hospitality** – “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels” (Heb. 13:2). Every church should cultivate a spirit of hospitality, an essential element of Christian life and experience.



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## SDA Church Manual, p 117

**Hospitality** – “Nothing is so deadening to the spiritual life of a church as a cold, formal atmosphere that drives out hospitality and Christian fellowship. Especially selected greeters should cordially welcome visitors, who also may be welcomed at the time of the worship service.”



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## Where Should I Plant?

- Door-to-door
- Missing members
- Church visitors
- Church interests



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## SDA Church Manual, p 86

An interest coordinator should be elected to make sure that interests developed through the church’s missionary outreach are cared for promptly...

*Duties of this office include:*

1. Keeping an organized list of all interests received by the church.
2. Assisting the pastor and chairperson of the personal ministries council in enlisting and recruiting qualified members for follow-up service.



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## SDA Church Manual, p 86

3. Presenting to the board a monthly report on the number of interests received and followed up. When an interest is sufficiently developed, it should be shared with the pastor.



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## SDA Church Manual, p 132

### Work of the Board...

7. Encourage the interest coordinator to ensure that every interest is personally and promptly followed up by assigned laypersons.



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## Stir what'cha got...

Challenge your leaders to incorporate five simple elements of personal evangelism into every local department's ministry & event to gain/transition interests:

1. Literature sharing
2. Bible study offers
3. Interest and attendance tracking
4. Visitation
5. Invitations to other church events



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## Where Should I Plant?

- Door-to-door
- Missing members
- Church visitors
- Church interests
- Mailings



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## Where Should I Plant?

- Media ministries



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## Where Should I Plant?

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- Social Contacts



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- Family, friends, co-workers & neighbors



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**“Test Seeds”**



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“You know, it’s interesting, I was just reading in my Bible about that...”

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“The things I see in the news are the same things the Bible said would be happening in the last days...”

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"Our pastor was just talking about that last week in church/prayer meeting..."

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"When I find myself in those situations, I find it really helps me to pray/or claim this Bible promise..."

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**Where Should I Plant?**

- Non-Adventist spouses of established members
- Youth in church



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**Ask, Ask, Ask!**



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**FORT**  
(Family, Occupation, Religion, Testimony)



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**TOPICS**  
Today, Occupation, Interests, Current Events, Share Your Testimony)



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# Sharing Your Testimony: 1 John 1:1-4



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# 1. Your life before you met Christ.



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# 2. How You Accepted Christ.



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# 3. Your Life Since You Have Accepted Christ.



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# 3. Your Life Since You Have Accepted Christ.



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*What do you believe?*

4C's – Christ, Cross,  
Commandments,  
Coming again



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## 10 S's Revelation 1:

1. Scripture – v 1
2. Spirit of God – v 4
3. Son of God – v 5
4. Salvation – v 5-6
5. Second Coming – v 7



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## 10 S's Revelation 1:

6. Sabbath – v 10
7. Sanctuary – v 12-17
8. State of the Dead – v 18
9. Spirit of Prophecy – v 10
10. Saints – v 20



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## 8 Ways to Ask for Bible Studies

**"How should I ask?"**



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## #1 – Biblically Illiterate

*"I have this great set of Bible studies, and they look very exciting. I don't want to do them alone. Would you be willing to do them with me to help me learn more?"*



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## #2 – Close Friend or Family

*"I have just taken a course on how to study the Bible. One of the requirements is that I need to do a few studies with someone else. Would you be willing to help me by being my partner?"*



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## #3 – If someone asks a question

*"That's a great question! It is much bigger than a 5 minute answer can satisfy. Why don't we get together this week and look at it from the Bible and get the best answer?"*



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## #4 – No interest or particular interest

*“What do you think happens when someone dies? (can use any subject) Have you even been interested to know? Why don’t we explore the Bible together and find out? It has a lot to say about it.”*



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## #5 – Respond to a spiritual comment

*“Wow that’s very fascinating. I would be interested in learning more about this. Could we get together so that you could share more with me?”*



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## #6 – Person facing crisis or difficulty

*“I am so sorry that you are having such a hard time. I know when I am facing challenges, I often find strength and courage from in the promises of the Bible. I would love to share some of the things that have really helped me.”*



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## #7 – Wafflers

*“Why don’t we try just 3 studies together? If you don’t like them, we can quit after that.”*

**If they say no,**

*“Why don’t we just try 1?”*



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## #8 – Skeptics

*“What if I could give you concrete evidence that the Bible is trustworthy and inspired in 3 studies? Why not give it a shot? What do you have to lose?”*



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## Education, pp. 231-2

[Jesus] spoke directly to every mind and appealed to every heart. He **watched** the faces of His hearers, marked the **lighting up of the countenance**, the **quick, responsive glance**, which told that truth had reached the soul;



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## Education, pp. 231-2

and there vibrated in His heart the answering chord of sympathetic joy.... The **same personal interest**, the **same attention** to individual development, are needed in educational work **today**.



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## Desire of Ages, p. 255

"Jesus **watched** with deep earnestness the changing countenances of His hearers."



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## Desire of Ages, p. 349

"[The apostles] **watched for interested hearers**, explained the Scriptures to them, and in various ways worked for their spiritual benefit."



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## Other Ideas...

- DVD Viewing



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- DVD Viewing
- Newspaper Ads/Articles



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- Chamber of Commerce



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- Music Lesson Class



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## Other Ideas...

- Bakers of Men



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## Other Ideas...

- Bakers of Men
- Visitor Sabbath
  - Special SS
  - Special Gift
  - Special Lunch
  - Afternoon Activity



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## Other Ideas...

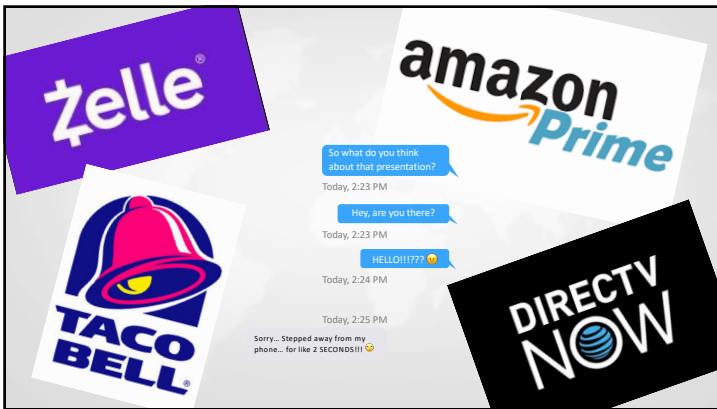
- Bakers of Men
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  - Afternoon Activity
- CARS (Christian Auto Repair Service)



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# "IN DUE SEASON"

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## Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 35, 6

"In the parable of the sower, Christ gave an illustration of His own work and that of His servants. The seed fell upon all kinds of soil. Some seed fell upon poor soil, yet the sower did not therefore cease his work.



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## Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 35, 6

"You are to sow the seeds of truth in every place. Wherever you can gain access, hold forth the word of God. Sow beside all waters.



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*Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 35, 6*

"You may not at once see the result of your labors, but **be not discouraged**.... Our message to the world will be **a savor of life unto life** to all who accept it..."



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*Gospel Workers, p. 193*

**"Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart."**



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**"DIRECT, PERSONAL APPEALS"**

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*R&H, August 30, 1892*

"...the secret of our **success** and **power** as a people advocating advanced truth will be found in **making direct, personal appeals** to those who are interested, having unwavering reliance upon the Most High.



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*R&H, June 17, 1884*

"A faithful performance of the duties assigned to his servants would drive every worker in the vineyard of the Lord to his closet in earnest intercession for divine aid. **The love of God in the heart will lead them to make earnest appeals...**"



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## Prophets & Kings, p. 141

"It is **not from love for their neighbor** that [ministers] smooth down the message entrusted to them, but because they are **self-indulgent** and **ease-loving**.



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## Prophets & Kings, p. 141

"**True love** seeks first the **honor of God** and the **salvation of souls**. Those who have this love will not evade the truth to **save themselves** from the unpleasant results of plain speaking."



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"It is far better to **risk** failure by saying something than to **guarantee** failure by saying nothing."

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