

Common Scents of Evangelists

The Character of Evangelists

- Credible - Their life and words are shown to be true
 - 2 Cor. 4:2 - renounce shameful ways and present truth
- Authentic - They live what they share
 - 2 Corinthians 1 - Sharing in comfort and sufferings
- Humble - They understand that they are participants, not producers
 - 2 Corinthians 1:12; 1 Cor. 3:6; 2 Cor. 10:12-18 - boasting in the Lord; Acts 3/4 - filled with the Holy Spirit as unlearned fishermen
- Obedient - They follow the Lord's leading
 - Acts 10 - Peter and Cornelius

The Posture of Evangelists

- Present - Actively part of the life of the person with whom they are sharing Good News, and responsive to what they see or experience in others.
 - Acts 8:26-40: Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Present to the person in front of him.
- Inquisitive - They ask questions and are curious about the people they share with
 - Acts 10:29: "Why did you send for me?" Peter to Cornelius; Acts 17 on Mars Hill
- Patient - They trust God with the process, and don't feel the need to force it on others or be pushy
 - 1 Cor 3:6 - Paul Planted; Apollos Watered; God gave the growth

The Practices of Evangelists

- Intentional/Bold - They actively choose to place themselves in situations to show love or share Good News
 - Acts 13 in Pisidian Antioch with the Jews; Acts 17 in Athens with the Gentiles
- Invitational - They take the action of inviting
- Integrated - They are part of their everyday lives and being, not for show or in special circumstances
 - Acts 3 - Peter and John while walking to the Temple. "Silver and gold I don't have, but what I have, I give to you."
 - Acts 8 - Dorcas

Other words from studies:

Committed, steadfast, courageous, bold, compassionate, perseverant, humility, meeting people where they are, listening to God, obedient to God, being present, trusting God, having faith in God, making the most of opportunities, saying yes to open doors, observant, curious, open to how to use cultural symbols / their own details, motivated by what disturbs/troubles us, intentional about space present, notices where God is already at work, present, sharing our sufferings and stories of hope and resilience, relating with others.