

*Congregations who are not evangelistic  
often become cannibalistic*

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The only marching orders God ever gave the church was to go into all the world preaching the Good News and making disciples. Jesus stated that He came only to seek and to save the lost and that He would gladly leave the 99 sheep that are saved and safely on their way to a heavenly eternity to go out in search of one who was lost. It is clear that we are called to be evangelistic soul-winners, witnesses of the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus. Those who abandon this basic responsibility may actually have forfeited their right to be called a church.

Many churches become divided and split over petty problems and simple carnal concerns such as the color of the carpet, the choice of songs, or who gets the lead role in a Christmas play. In the meantime, souls are lost and dying and on their way to hell, while the church argues, biting and devouring one another. Gossip and strife have no place in the house of God. Don't be a busy-body.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Lord, I pray that You would give me and others I am in fellowship with the good sense to not argue among ourselves over things which do not matter and will not affect souls being born again into Your Kingdom. I will choose to walk a higher path of responsibility.

*Scriptures for Today*

1 Timothy 5:13 And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. (NKJV)

2 Thessalonians 3:11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. (NKJV)

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. (KJV)