

Not Bad News

Uncomfortable Duty or as a Delightful Duty?

Sense of Gladness or a sense of Oughtness?

Recipients of Good News
become
Heralds of Good News

**There is no question that Gospel Sharing is a Duty...
But what will be your attitude as you do???**

Prov 25:25 – like cold water to a parched soul ??

1) Who wants a gift begrudgingly given?

Col 4:6 – Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt...

God Himself delights in giving His grand gift...

Luke 15... v. 6-7, 9-10, 22-24, 32.

2) Your attitude in Gift-Giving shows what you yourself think about the Gift...

How you think about the gift yourself is going to determine your motivation to give the gift.

Isaiah 55:1-2

2 Main objections here...

- a. But – not everyone will respond favorably to the message of the Gospel.
- b. But – there really are “bad news” parts of the Gospel message too, that are like a hard pill to swallow, and we can’t omit those (you know, like sin, judgment, wrath, death, curse, hell, etc.).

And the “Good” parts of the Gospel message can’t be properly understood until a person understands the “bad” news first. So the good news is not all “good news.”

Gospel as presented in Romans 1-6

God’s Righteousness in Judgment in 1:1-3:20

God’s Righteousness in Salvation in 3:21-6:11

1. The Righteousness of God – 1:17

2. The Wrath of God – 1:18

3. All are Guilty (1:18-21, 2:12, 3:9-20)

Praxis

1. What makes recipients of Good News the best heralds of Good News?
2. In what ways is our delight in the Good News so crucial to the sharing of the Good News?
3. Prov 25:25 – “Like cold water to a parched soul...” Does that really apply to the good news of the Gospel? Why / Why not?
4. Consider Luke 14:25-33 – Could it be that “consider the cost” might not mean “take your medicine,” but rather “for joy over it, sell all you have and buy the field” (Matt 13:44)?
5. Take up some of these passages, and think of how they are actually joy-producing statements, and not “bad news.” Rom 1:16, 1:18, 2:1-3, 2:9-11, 2:16, 2:28-29, 3:9-18, 3:19-20, 3:21-22.