

Lifestyle Evangelism
Part 1

From SPECTATOR
to PARTICIPATOR

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Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

1 Peter 3:15-16a (NLT)

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- TODAY AND TOMORROW:
- Heart preparation
 - Learning to tell my story
 - Engaging people

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Heart Preparation

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But if we confess our sins to him,
he is faithful and just to forgive us
our sins and to cleanse us from all
wickedness.

1 John 1:9 NLT

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For this is how God loved the world:
He gave his one and only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him will not
perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NLT

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When Christ is Lord,
I love what God loves

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8 NLT

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When Christ is Lord,
I overflow with effectiveness

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WHAT KEEPS US SILENT?
1. Fear

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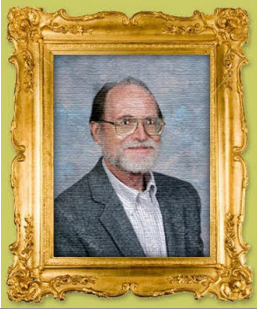
WHAT KEEPS US SILENT?
2. We don't know how to integrate our Faith story with our Life story.

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WHAT KEEPS US SILENT?
3. We're living in a relational deficit – not really knowing or loving people well enough to believe they really need Christ.

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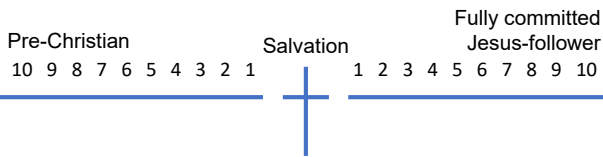
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THE ENGEL SCALE



Who are the people in your world?
Where are they on the Engel Scale?

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Non-Christian

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT

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Christ-centred, growing
Jesus-follower

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

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Looking around your world in
light of the Engel Scale.

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Prayer is vital.
Develop a prayer list.

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Together we learn to
"Tell My Story."
Yes, EVERYONE has a story
to tell, including YOU!

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Your life story in three STEPS,
in three MINUTES or less:

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1. Life before Christ?
Think about the
DRIVING FORCE in your life
before Christ

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2. How you came to Christ?

If you became a Christian as a child, think about the **TURNING POINT** in your walk with God.

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3. Since Christ?

How has the
“driving force” changed?

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In Panama, I rewrote my
personal Life story...

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I grew up in a religious home, often I would find myself lashing out at others. As a boy fighting with peers happened quite often – I was very jealous of others. I even remember the names of the two young men that I fought with and treated very badly. I remember a coach approaching me about my anger and bad language.

At a youth camp when I was 14 years old, I remember being so filled with regret about the way I had hurt people that I asked the Lord to change my sad, insecure, angry heart. God so filled me with love. It was nothing short of amazing. I am reminded of the little song “Jesus Loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so” I began to understand that and wanted so much to forgive me and fill the emptiness in my life. It was amazing how God had changed me on the inside.

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As a teenager, nearly 55 years ago, I began to feel concern for everyone. Instead of anger and insecurity I felt compassion and concern for everyone. Since then God has given me love for everyone. Even today, after many years, I still love to help people, especially those struggling in their marriages. I also have a special God given love and concern for people going through the grief of losing a loved one through death. God's love is for everyone. God loves me and God loves you too.

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance in writing your story

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Stick to time limit
– 3 minutes or less

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Be real, be vulnerable

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Choose appropriate
illustrations

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Avoid Christianese

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Don't make statements that reflect negatively on the church, other organizations or people.

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Things to remember in writing your story...

Avoid mentioning denominations

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