

The Relationship Between Evangelism and Social Action

Defined: **Evangelism** – (meet spiritual needs) to preach and make converts, win souls by sharing the gospel.

Social Action – (meet physical needs) clothing, food, shelter, disaster relief, education, etc

Charity - an organization (secular or religious) set up to provide help and raise money for those in need. the voluntary giving of help, or welfare, typically in the form of money, to those in need.

You can do church work, without doing THE work of THE church.

St Frances of Assisi - **“Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.”**

He also said - *“It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.”*

You have to earn the right to speak into someone’s life.

You can’t feed their soul if their stomach is empty.

One charity was called a non “Prophet” / nonprofit! (with no one preaching, everyone serving)

Tony Payne’s [six propositions](#) on the biblical relationship between evangelism and social action:

1. Evangelism and social action are distinct activities
 2. Prayerful proclamation is central to the work of the Lord
 3. Evangelism and social action are inseparable
 4. Social action is unconditional love, not a tactic
 5. Social action is not a magic evangelistic bullet
 6. The Great Commission is to make and to teach
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Social Action -

1 John 3:17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail

James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction

James 2:15-16 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

Matt 25:34 - “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Acts 4:32-35 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Luke 3:11 And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

Evangelism –

Matt 28:19 – Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Luke 14:23 – “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

Matt 24:14 – And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2 Peter 3:9 – The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

2 Tim 4:2 - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

Rom 10:14 - How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

Isa 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
