



## **Part 1: *The Privilege of Partnership***

The chief agents in the expansion of Christianity appear not to have been those who made it a profession or made it a major part of their occupation, but men and women who carried on their livelihood in some purely secular manner and spoke of their faith to those they met in this natural fashion.

~ Kenneth Scott Latourette  
*The First Five Centuries*

The enthusiasm to evangelize which marked the early Christians is one of the most remarkable things in the history of religions. Here were men and women of every rank and station in life, of every country in the known world, so convinced that they had discovered the riddle of the universe, so sure of the one true God whom they had come to know, that nothing must stand in the way of their passing on this good news to others.

~ Michael Green  
*Evangelism in the Early Church*

Evangelism involves witnessing to what God has done, is doing, and will do. It therefore does not announce anything that we are bringing about but draws people's attention to what God has brought about and is still bringing about.

~ David J. Bosch, *Evangelism: Theological Currents and Cross-Currents Today*  
(in *The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church*)

One of the most significant ways in which the church fails to be the church is when it becomes a club for the benefit of its own members.

~ Scott J. Jones  
*The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbour*

We are entrusted with good news, the news that God reigns. That must be the starting point of all our thinking, and our evangelism will be an overflow of that joyful faith.

~ Leslie Newbigin  
*Evangelism in the Context of Secularization*

When a person, or a congregation, understands and has experienced the joyous news of the kingdom of God, evangelization is natural and spontaneous. People cannot keep such news to themselves.

~ Robert T. Henderson, *Joy to the World: Spreading the Good News of the Kingdom*

**We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard.**  
~ **The Apostles Peter & John (Acts 4:20, CEV)**