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When Does Health Become Evangelism?

AMEN Theme for this Weekend

Are You Willing?

- 1. To be absolutely **committed** to Christ?
- 2. To **share your faith** journey with your patients?
- 3. To **spend the time to motivate** your patients in their faith journey?

Absolute Commitment to Christ



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•Time

- Early morning is best
- Uninterrupted time works better

•Study

- Scripture
- Spirit of Prophecy

•Prayer

- Start and end the day
- Frequently throughout the day

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Subtle Spiritual Witness



2. Willing to Share with Your Patients

• **Subtle Spiritual Witness**

- Kindness and Gentleness
- Punctuality (*reduces income*)
- Fair fee schedules (*reduces income*)
- Time (*reduces income*)
- Scientific accuracy
- Clarity – Simplicity (*Takes time*)
- Drawings

Overt Spiritual Messages



2. Willing to Share With Your Patients

• **Overt Spiritual Messages**

- Speaking of Jesus
- Praying with patients
- **Literature in the exam room**
- **Sharing what you are reading**
- Literature in the waiting room
- Worship and prayer with staff
- Waiting room TV with 3ABN or HOPE
- Bible studies in the clinic

Literature



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Motivate Patients



3. Willing to Motivate Patients

- **Personal** example
- Talk of **God's power** to accomplish
- Know the **steps** of Divine behavior change (DBT)
- **Monitor** progress
- **Acknowledge** progress
- Don't condemn failure

ADD ONE MORE
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- 4. **Beyond the scope of your practice, to lead your church** in health evangelism activities for your community?

Lead Your Church in Health?



Why Beyond Your Practice?

- Your office is not the Christians home
- The church is a more important community institution than your office is
- The membership of the church represent a larger staff of workers than your office has
- The church needs the competent health leadership that only you can provide.

Larger Staff than Your Office



Deacon, Elder, Teacher



Traditional Church Roles for You

- Deacon or Elder
- Sabbath School teacher
- Pathfinders/Adventurers
- Men's Ministry or Women's Ministry
- Prayer meeting
- Preaching or Evangelistic series
- Pay tithe and very liberal offerings

Ten Important Church Roles for Health Professionals

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2. **Modify** existing Health Programs to maximize their evangelistic potential
3. Educate and involve the **pastor** in health work
4. Educate and mobilize **church members** to be the interface with the public (small group leaders)
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Select Health Evangelism activities for the church

- Select quality health programs that fit your congregation
- Put the church to work
- Promote, organize, conduct programs for the public regularly at the church

Select the Right Health Program



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Modify existing Health Programs to maximize their evangelistic potential

- Modify to create an **interface** with church members.
 - Create small groups
 - Design small group activities
 - Train church members to lead small groups
- Incorporate **Bible** study in all programs
 - Daily scripture assignment
- Incorporate **Prayer** in all programs
- Incorporate **contact** with church members
- **Data** collection (NAPV)

Make Needed Improvements



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Educate and involve the **pastor** in health work

- Many pastors **don't practice** healthful living
- Some pastors **don't want** to do health evangelism (Go somewhere else or get a new pastor)
- Pastors should be **seen** in every health evangelism program you conduct
- Pastor's spiritual input should be **focused** on the problem addressed -- skip doctrines
- Pastor's input should be **brief**

Get the Pastor on Your Side



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Educate and mobilize **church members** to be the interface with the public (small group leaders)

- Church members should be the **primary interface** with the public NOT you.
- Create a **ratio of 1:3** (2:6 in small groups)
- Keep church members **focused**—give them a “Helpers Guide” to follow
- **Don't allow** church members to promote their favorite supplement or recipe
- Collect **feedback** from church members

Ideal Small Group



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Lead out in Health Evangelism activities

- Be the **health expert**
- Be **scientifically correct**
- Be **spiritual** – Use **Bible** texts, give personal testimonies, **pray** with the audience
- **Stay around** during small group time
- **Answer questions**
- **Invite** people to other programs & services

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10. Share and Publish

Rebuke ignorant or fanatic “Health Reformers” in the church

"It is time that something was done, that novices may not be allowed to take the field, and advocate health reform. Their works and words can be spared; for they do more injury than the most wise and intelligent men, with the best influence they can exert, can counteract." {PH101 21.1}

Rebuke in Christian Kindness



Confront Health Errors



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“It is impossible for the best qualified advocates of health reform to fully relieve the minds of the public from the prejudice received through the wrong course of these extremists, and to place the great subject of health reform upon the right basis in the community where these men have figured.”
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Once Skeptical Always Skeptical



Rebuke ignorant or fanatic

“Health Reformers” in the church

The door is also closed in a great measure, so that unbelievers cannot be reached by the present truth upon the Sabbath, and the soon coming of our Saviour. The most precious truths are cast aside by the people as unworthy of a hearing. These men are referred to as representatives of health reformers and Sabbath-keepers in general. A great responsibility rests upon those who have thus proved a stumbling block to unbelievers." {PH101 21.1}

A Determined Mind is a Lost Mind

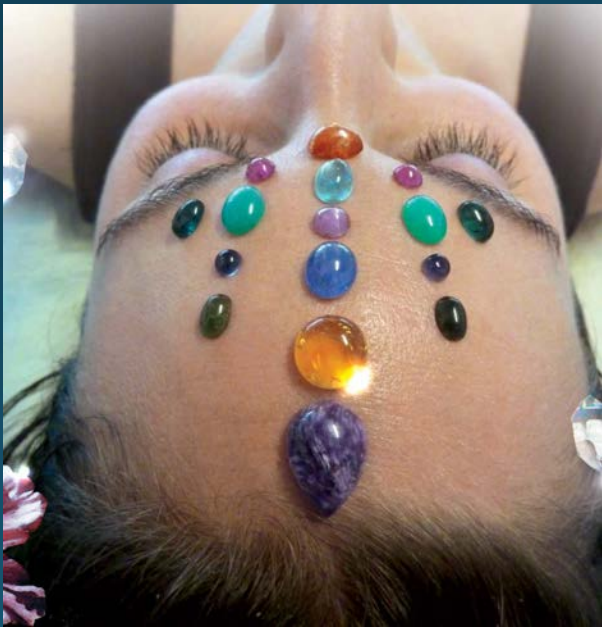


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- Essential oils
- Raw foods
- Vitamin, mineral, & Herbal supplements
- Reflexology
- Cranio-sacral therapy
- Crystal therapy

(Recommended Reading)

[Spiritualistic Deceptions in Health and Healing](#) by Edwin
A. Noyes



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Interface Health with Evangelism

- **Support** evangelistic meetings
- **Attend** evangelistic meetings
- **Insert** a **health segment** in evangelistic meetings
- **Promote** your health programs during evangelistic meetings.

Support Evangelistic Meetings



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Create and interface with the community from your church

- **Join** the Chamber of Commerce
- **Join** the American Cancer Society
- **Join** the American Heart Association
- **Join** the American Lung Association
- **Accept** speaking appointments in public
- **Support** Health Department activities

Join Voluntary Agencies



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Document and Evaluate

- Track **physical** variables
 - Blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, etc.
- Track **spiritual** variables
 - Prayer, Bible studies, contact with SDA helpers
- Track **church** variables
 - Attendance at evangelistic meetings
 - Taking Bible studies
 - Baptisms
 - Active in the life of the church

Document and Evaluate

- Keep a **database**
- **Analyze** your data
 - Changes in Physical variables
 - Changes in Spiritual variables
 - Changes in Church variables
 - NAPV

N.A.P.V.

NAPV prelude to Baptism

- **N**on-**A**dventist **P**erson **V**isit
- Count a non-Adventist **every time** they come through the door.
- **Add them all up.**
- Health programs generate **NAPVs** not Baptisms directly

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Share and Publish

- Report success to the **church**
- Report success to the **conference**
- Use success rates in your **advertising**
- Publish success in **church papers**
- Publish success in **scientific journals**

Report to Congregation



For More Details Read My Book

