

(1): "God's Urgent Mail must not get into the Dead Letter Office."

Refused? -> Bored? or else in double mention

Intro:- (1). Nearly ev'body looks forward to rattle in mail-box that signals call of postman. Some letters per. not apprec..window envelopes! But many are..eagerly read for they bring communication from loved ones..imp. people such as Income Tax Refund Dep't! Yet sometimes we fail to rejoice with exceeding joy bec. we hold in our hands God's letter..divinely written..providentially preserved and personally delivered thru, blood, sweat, tears..Literall

(2). Do we really appreciate this ~~letter~~? When sit at Communion table..mind and heart often goes back thru. ~~centuries~~..think of all X'ns gone before me..from hand of our Lord Himself..took bread, wine..passed them on to next generation..next..next..until at last came to my hand. Wonder who they all were? STALWARTS OF FAITH! Now I take my place in long line..to pass it on..COMMUNICATE. Here is a book..given to my grandmother by her grand-

father..my Great ~~Great~~ Grand-Father.."Pilgrims Progress"..writing dim..Here is Bible..given my G. mother by her father and from which she used to read to him..THEY PASSED IT ON One Sun. aft. a young man passed it on to me..Gr. Theatre.

(3). Now what do I do? MY LIFE CAN BECOME A DEAD END..and thereby it is poss. God's urgent mail can go to my personal Dead Letter Office..never be delivered. God forb. Though it costs US blood, sweat, tears..PASS IT ON.

How best can it be done? What commun. tools can I use? Prayer for comm. with heaven..but what to men on earth?

I. I want try suggest 9 such instruments God given us.....

(a). Do this by presenting kaleidoscope of people and situations in which they communicated to those around... Not all preachers in pulpit..missionaries under palm tree. Going to try alliteration so remember better.."L"..
see how they did it

①. Start with young man..Joseph 9 of each one ask two question)..First: Where? IN BUSINESS WORLD. Rhiphar "left all that he had in Joseph's hand (Gen.39:6) vs.8 Joseph said "He hath committed all that he hath to my hand". How? Communicated by PURITY OF LIFE..resisted evil tempt of Pot's wife. Cost him all he had..BUT COMMUNICATED, NOT ONLY to people of his day..but all down centuries..Us. A pure life is unanswerable in communic. truth.

②. Next, that little captive maid in home of Naaman the leper..Where? In domestic service..kitchen..wash-house..How? By lip. II Kings 5:3 "She SAID unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Sam-aria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." GOOD NEWS

So many like that little woman..we can communicate by LIP.
Jeremiah did..Where? In the halls of Government..as king
asked "Is there any word from the Lord? And Jer. said, There
is..Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon. Fearless denunciation of evil. WOULD TO GOD WE HAD
SUCH MEN IN HALLS OF OUR GOVT'S TODAY! When did ever men stand
up and denounce evil in our Parliaments? When call to
repentance..urge to turn to God? We need new Jeremiah's!

Prophets! And here is an evangelist, Philip..running out
onto desert highway to meet Ethiopian.."Understandest thou
what thou readest?" Where? In ways of travel. And cannot we
do it..on bus, train, plane..as travel with people? use LIPS
And another one..great MISSIONARY PAUL..tossing on doomed ship
heading for rocks. Where? In midst of raging sea..Acts 27:
21 "Paul stood forth..and said..I believe God." By LIP. "Paul"

③ Here is third "L"..Again I see Paul, with Silas..sitting
bound in Phil. jail..backs bleeding..but at midnight they pray
and sang praise..and the prisoners heard them. They communicate
by LIVELY PRAISE OF THE LIVING GOD. God uses music to communicate
And so we read of jailer Acts 16:31..awoke..called for light
sprang in..trembling..fell down.."Sirs, what must I do to be
saved?" Sing for God..even if it brings on an earthquake'.

④ And I see Paul again..in prison at Rome. Where? In a
prison for faith. What doing? How? Writing letters,
day after day..to churches..people..~~LITERATURE~~ LETTERS.
Even if postal service not so hot sometimes..letters can
communicate Gospel..to those far away. Let's write a few!

⑤ The 5th "L" is LOVE. And I think no better example than
what Paul wrote in Phil. 4:15 "Now ye Philippians know also,
that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from
Macedonia, no church COMMUNICATED with me as concerning
giving and receiving, but ye only." Where? In personal relationship.
How? LOVE. Many soldiers of Jesus X..missionaries
of the Gospel..are like Paul.."in the beginning of the Gospel"
somewhere..pioneering a new field. And, as Philippian church
sent support to Paul..so we can show our LOVE to these today.
And let's do it in personal relationship..not COLD cash..but
in loving concern from WARM heart. Phil. loved Paul..He them

⑥ 6th "L" akin to this..I call it LIFT. Peter and John
went up to Heb. Temple..to prayer meeting..saw lame man at
gate..Never walked. Pic. of unsaved man who cannot walk
a step ~~for~~ God..from birth. Peter called upon him in name of
Jesus X..to rise, walk..and Acts 3:7 "He took him by the hand
and LIFTED him up." Gave him LIFT..helped to feet. Where?
In social contact..ordinary meeting..public place. Would you
stop to help someone even if made late for prayer meeting?
So many people need HELP today..crying for it..A hand on
shoulder can communicate..Washing done for sick woman..will

communicate Saviour's love. Bread, cookies to troubled neighbour...will give LIFT...and could well LIFT them to new life...new walk...make leap for joy as that man did.

⑦. And here is Dr. Luke as our 7th communicator. Where? Right in his study...or Dr's office...Professional man...communicating. How? by LITERATURE. Acts 1:1 "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach until the day in which he was taken up..." He had written Gosp. of Luke...then sat down to write, under moving of Holy Ghost...Book of Acts. LITERATURE How we need X'n writers today...send out river of X'n lit...to stem tide of Comm. God-hate...pollution of pornog. and communicate Gospel to multitudes. God stir some....!

⑧. and ⑨ together...for meet in one Person...none other than our Lord Jesus. First in High Priest's house in Jerusalem...direct from betrayal in Gethsemane. You know story. Peter followed...somehow got inside...mingled with crowd incognito...warmed hands at fire...Challenged and denied ever knew Jesus...SUDDENLY THE COCK CROW! And Peter knew what that meant...just what Lord had prophesied. Lk. 22:61-62 "And the Lord turned, and LOOKED upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice And Peter went out and wept bitterly." Artists have tried to picture that LOOK of our Lord. Peter must have turned head towards Jesus moment heard cock crow. At same time Jesus turned and LOOKED at Peter. What sort of look? What broke Peter's hard heart? Look of condemnation? NO. Jesus said this...vs. 32 to Peter "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Jesus LOOKED...in love...pity...compassion...and Peter broke. Years ago preacher spoke in Calgary on topic "The Gospel of the Human Face". WHAT SORT OF LOOK DO I GIVE TO PEOPLE? WHAT DOES IT COMMUNICATE? CONDEMNATION...HATE...ANGER...OR PITY, LOVE, LONGING TO DO GOOD? Does Jesus communicate thru. my eyes?

The last one...9th "L"...is about our Lord...as we read in John 12:32. Jesus said "And I, if I be LIFTED UP from the earth, will draw all men unto me..." He spoke of his death on the cross...LIFTED UP...to suffer for our sins. But I can still LIFT Him up before men...as demonstrate my love, praise, worship, and my faith in Him...show men He is Lord of my life...In control...King above all.

Conclus:- 1. Paul said "I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you." He passed it on. I have received of the Lord His Word...His message...His letter. Shall I let it lie in dead letter office of my life?

I can COMMUNICATE it...

By life..purity of life

By lip..the words of my mouth..acceptable in sight of God

By lively praise sent up to God in music..singing and making
..melody in my heart to the Lord..

By letters I can write carrying the sweet message of p

By love shown and demonstrated in all my personal relations

By the lift given to those in trouble, in all social contact

By literature that I can per. write..and certainly distribute

By the look on my face..looking on people as Jesus looked
on poor Peter.

By lifting up the Lord Jesus in all of my life..until
people see Jesus in me. "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen

2. Let's communicate. Pass it on...as someone passed it
on to us. God has given us the tools. Let's finish
the job!

Where? Everywhere..in business..in home..in Gov't offices
..on highways..skyways..ships..on stormy seas..in jails..
in churches as missionaries go out to some battlefront..
in social contacts..in the study room..in places of trouble
..and places of suffering...LIFT UP THE LORD JESUS!

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