

ACTION outline

PREFACE

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the ACTION talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

The ACTION talk comes at the middle point of the series of talks for the weekend. It centers on personal contact; the heart of the work is drawing people towards Christ. This talk should be clear and explanatory; should explain the place of ACTION

in the Christian life. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all the supporting

Scripture passages, then choose those passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo~ please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. Let God speak through His Word and tell how it relates to you and your experiences in life. This is a witness talk, so make it personal. Make it YOU~it's your talk. The amount of time allotted is a maximum of 30 minutes.

There are a few additional materials included that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression. God's Blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of the ACTION rollo.

SYNOPSIS

The ACTION talk shows the necessity of a natural, lively response to the knowledge and nourishment gained through true piety and faithful study, for the purpose of being obedient to God's call to live a Life in Grace by serving Him through those around us.

OUTLINE#7 ACTION

Review...

I. Introduction

A. Christianity is the whole of life.

B. Piety gives direction of life to God.

C. Study gives proper perspective.

D. Action is consequence of being Christian; is an outpouring of the Grace which we have received. We cannot always absorb like a sponge; we need to squeeze out when we are filled, but in so doing, more will come in. We ACT in response to what we have received.

II. Definitions

A. Action = Response

Webster says: 'the doing of something; motion; an effect; an act.'

B. Discipleship~Apostolic Action~Good News People in Action

1. Action by God's people, which is based upon the disciples/apostles as role models, and, which is used to bring God's Good News~Jesus Christ~to the world.

[John 1:40-49](#), [Matt. 28:19](#)

2. Action that comes from motivations that are elevated and empowered by God's grace, that is filled with His love, and, that is used for the spreading of His Kingdom.

3. Action directed by Study, founded on and moved by Piety; Piety and study nourish us to feed our lives in

Grace in order that the end result may be Action. To be unfailing and fruitful, action must always be guided by piety and study; all are needed for Life in Grace.

4. Action that is most effective as a lifestyle—a way of life—a natural sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Jesus Christ is Love in Action. I [John 3:16-18](#), I [John 4: 1 9](#)

Love characterizes His Word and His Lifestyle. He is the complete revelation of God's Love. When through His grace we reflect that love in our actions to others so that they want to know who Jesus is, we are sharing the Gospel. As God's people, we become Good News people in action. [Luke 11:28](#), [Gen. 12:1,2](#), [Matt. 9:35-38](#)

Don't only act like a Christian; be a Christian.

All that I say and do, reflects whether or not Jesus is living in me.

False Concepts of Telling the Good News

Limited only to:

A. Church or civic organizations [Eph 4:7,16](#)

B. Normal civilized good behavior [1Sam. 16:7](#)

C. Only at times—moved by spirit or to be in the spotlight

Mark 12:38-40

D. An option—rather than an essential of the Christian life

[Matt. 5: 1.14-16](#)

IV. The Need For Telling The Good News

A. To fulfill that desire to let God work through us to help others. We are so overwhelmed by grace and love:

1. We were baptized [Rom. 6:4](#), [Gal. 3:27](#)

2. As part of the Body of Christ [1 Cor. 12:12,13,27ff](#)

3. Through our union with Christ [Acts 17:28a](#), John 15,

I [John 1:5](#) - 2:8

4. Christ commands, 'Go'... [Matthew 28:19](#)

B. To Grow

We need to experience the receiving aspect from God and also acting in response to Him, which is the giving aspect, in order to be healthy spiritually. Telling others about Christ, develops and exercises the Christian life.

[1Cor. 3:2,3](#), [Eph. 4:11-14](#)

C. To fulfill mission [Mark 16:15](#)

Church needs action of Laity to fulfill mission God has entrusted to Her.

D. The world has desperate needs

1. It is looking for guidance [Matt. 5: 14-16](#)

2. There is need to work towards a society of what God intended when He created this world. [Micah 6:8](#)

V. Characteristics of Action By Good News People

A. Must be Authentic

1. Motivation must spring from Love

[Rom. 12:9](#), I [John 4:7-12](#), 19

Enthusiastic because the joy of the Lord fills our hearts. God's people engage in ACTION because God's love is in them.

2. Goal—extending God's Kingdom [I Cor. 3:5-9](#)

B. Well thought out—have a plan but be subject to God's prompting and changes [Phil. 2:12-16](#)

C. Persevere [Phil. 3:14](#)

D. Balanced—faith and works James 2

E. God's levers of Action

1. Prayer and the Word [John 15:5](#), [Phil. 4:13](#)

2. Sacrifice [Phil. 2:14-17](#)

3. Faith [Phil 4:13](#)

God is all powerful

(Give examples here of how God works in our lives in times of joy and adversity.)

VI. Method of Action

Action by God's people aims to infuse the Ideals of Christ into the fabric of society.

A. Make a Friend

Develop friendships as God brings people into our lives.

[II Cor. 5:18-20](#)

Friendship is a key to bringing Christian vision of the world to fulfillment.

B. Be a friend

1. Give of self to others for purpose of allowing others to mature

2. Love is non-manipulative

[I Cor. 13](#)

3. Develop qualities of friendship

a. Sincerity [Phil. 1:9-11](#)

b. Cheerfulness [Prov 17:22](#), [Phil. 4:4](#)

c. Compassionate [I Peter 3:8](#), [Eph. 4:32](#)

d. Listening — desire to know and understand the person—Love them where they are.

[I Cor. 9: 22](#), [I Cor. 10: 24](#)

4. Prepare with prayer and Scripture

[I Peter 5:7](#), [John 15: 15](#), [Prov 17: 17](#), [Gal. 6:2](#), [Luke 12:12](#), [II Tim. 1:7-9](#)

'We need to speak about our friend to God before we can speak about God to our friend.'

C. Introduce a friend to our Best Friend

John 4, [Luke 19:1-10](#), [Luke 23:39-43](#)

'A Christian glows, not glares.'

[Matthew 28:19,20](#)

Bring a friend to Christ

ADDITIONAL NOTES/MATERIALS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL — ACTION

This talk deals with action that renews the world in Christ. It centers on personal contact; the heart of the world is drawing people towards Christ.

Christian Life

1. Piety
2. Study
3. Action

Human maturity is marked by harmony/balance in psychological, intellectual, spiritual, and social areas of life. Christian maturity is marked by harmony/balance in the 3 aspects (elements) of Christian Life.

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring Friend to Christ

Be Aware

Be Alert

Be Available

Be Accepting

We can be with Christ [John 15:7](#)

In Christ

Like Christ as nearly as humanly possible [John 15:12-17](#)

e.g. how we can share love in action:

John 4 — Samaritan woman at the well

[Luke 19:1-10](#) — Zacchaeus

[Luke 23:39-43](#) — Thief on the Cross

-We are God's hands, feet, lips.

-Christ didn't choose 12 men who were educated, trained, elite, sophisticated to be his disciples— He chose rebels, cantankerous, everyday people like you and me.

-Christ gave us that great commission 2000 yrs. ago. It was a call to Action then and it is just as urgent a call today. -God's Grace is sufficient for every need. -With God's help we can be part of that Great Commission.

Head for Study

Ears to listen

Arms to reach out

Knees to pray

Compassionate heart

(or will) to care

Feet go to do

[Gen. 4:9](#)— where is brother Abel?

Nuggets of Scripture:

[John 15:15](#) — friend of God

[Gal. 6:2](#) — burdens

[II Cor. 4:16](#) — for elderly

[Proverbs 16:31](#) —white head

[Proverbs 15:17](#) —when funds run out