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Its lessons for us.

We are tempted to believe that there is a temptation today to neglect the gift of the evangelist described in Ephesians 4:11-16, in even "Bible" churches of our evangelical fellowships. Pastors ~~may~~ neglect the time honoured and scriptural methods of openly proclaiming the Gospel message, to all who will hear in an intensive, daily or nightly way. This method was used by the apostolic evangelists in the ~~book of Acts~~. *New Testament period.*

Many reasons can be found for this neglect. Often unrepented sins of church members may bring a spirit of opposition to evangelism. The flesh dies hard (19) Often evangelistic efforts of the campaign or mass evangelism, bring comparatively smaller results, small crowds. Despising the day of small things, a congregation or a pastor may be discouraged that results are not larger; and refuse to attempt another "meeting" series. But ours is not the responsibility for increase. God gives increase. Ours is the responsibility to witness. Moody in 1893 did not shirk this duty. ~~not~~ noting some success thru personal or visitation evangelism, a pastor may center labors entirely upon this. ~~But~~ But Moody sought every means conceivable to bring the message of Christ's redeeming love before the multitudes. We err if we pit truth against truth, and forsake one means for the narrow limitation of just, another.

In so writing, we do not insist, just how frequently, or with what intensity evangelistic methods are to be used. This we dare not insist with one another. But if we return to the pattern of the apostle-evangelist, we shall seek to attain, even if it prove to be in small measure, the character of Moody's zeal. We shall seek to proclaim the blood bought message of the Gospel, to as wide an audience as we can raise. This will be everywhere, always, and for all who can hear. We honestly believe that this will mean we will not forsake utterly either personal or mass evangelism. Let wisdom raise her cry in our streets. Let us be evangelistic!