

# 35 Evangelical Myths

1. Famous speakers and evangelists will change our city with good preaching. **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Heb 11:7 (KJV) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 2 Peter 2:5 (KJV) 12 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying, 13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: 14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD. Ezek 14:12-14 (KJV)**
2. Biblical principles brought into schools, businesses and homes will make the world a better place. **Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish Luke 13:3**
3. If I can speak in tongues I am more spiritual than other Christians. **Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Cor 13:1 (KJV)**
4. Jesus is all about church growth. **Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32 (KJV)**
5. Well known pastors and preachers are telling the truth. **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 1 Tim 6:5 (KJV)**
6. The Bible exists to help you be successful and happy **a man of sorrows, Isaiah 53:3 (KJV) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim 3:16-17 (KJV)**
7. God will bless Canada (again) if we'll only get a godly prime minister, put prayer back in schools, repent of homosexuality/abortion, etc. **If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:14 (KJV)**
8. Worship = music **And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Matt 28:9 (KJV) 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Rev 11:16 (KJV)**

9. We have lots of people, so God must be blessing what we're doing. **8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev 13:8 (KJV)** (the biggest church in the world)

10. The reason we don't have what we want is because we're not praying hard enough. **Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:23 (KJV)**

11. Making "Christian" versions of popular music, games, movies, clothes, and bumper stickers are effective evangelism tools. **But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; Titus 1:3 (KJV)** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **1 Cor 1:21 (KJV)**

12. Jesus taught in parables so that everyone would understand what he was saying **10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Matt 13:10-15 (KJV)**

13. If you aren't happy, you aren't a good Christian. **I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. Romans 9:12 (KJV)**

14. Lost people sense a void in their life. **Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Eph 4:19 (KJV)**

15. Teenagers should be segregated in churches and divided from the adults into Teen Depts. under youth pastors. **8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Dan 1:8 (KJV)** **17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Dan 1:17 (KJV)** **It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Lam 3:27 (KJV)**

16. We will help the lost in our community by spending \$25 million on a new building. **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15 (KJV)**

17. Getting angry is a sin. **And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. 5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, Mark 3:45a (KJV)**

18. I can't worship if there isn't a rock n roll band **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. John 4:24 (KJV)**

19. Asking Jesus into your heart after walking an aisle gets you the insurance so you can go on living any way you please. **21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: Matt 7:21-24 (KJV)** *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Gal 5:16-17 (KJV)*

20. Hurting someone's feelings is a sin. **10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? 13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Matt 15:10-14 (KJV)** *Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Titus 1:13*

21. Ten alliterative points in a fillintheblank outline is effective for sermon retention. **9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.* 10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: Isaiah 28:9-10 (KJV)**

22. Abstinence pledges are an effective means of preventing premarital sex. **1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is good for a man not to touch a woman.* 2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. 1 Cor 7:15 (KJV)**

23. We don't need to pay attention to anything that happened in Christian history before Azusa street revival. Everything before that was Catholic or dead Protestantism. **But call to remembrance the former days, Heb 10:32 (KJV)**

24. If you make a decision that blows up in your face, you stepped out of God's will for your life. **Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22 (KJV)**

25. TypeA leaders with dynamic speaking abilities make the best pastors. **For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible. 2 Cor 10:10 (KJV)**

26. We should get our information on what Christianity is from the internet. **1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom**

the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 2 Peter 2:12 (KJV) **1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1 (KJV) Keep thee far from a false matter; Ex 23:7 (KJV)**

27. "If God is in it, it will grow" **13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt 7:13-14 (KJV)**

28. "Putting as much technology into a service as we can will make people more spiritual." **12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 2 Cor 3:12 (KJV) Preach the word; 2 Tim 4:2 (KJV)**

29. Listening to messages on the internet or in church will make you a better Christian and is a good way to learn the Bible. **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim 2:15 (KJV)**

30. Any spiritual man can preach and teach the Bible. **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Eph 4:11-12 (KJV)**

31. Having women pastors in your church is normal/just to be expected. **34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. 1 Cor 14:34-38 (KJV)**

32. Changing the worship chorus to a higher key and cranking up the volume for the 10th repetition ensures you'll be feeling the Holy Spirit. **11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; *but* the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the Lord was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. 1 Kings 19:11-13 (KJV)**

33. All versions of the Bible are the Word of God and should not be criticized, except for the possible exception of the King James Bible. **17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. 2 Cor 2:17 (KJV) And their word will eat as doth a canker: 2 Tim 2:17 (KJV) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. Rev 22:18-19 (KJV) So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. 22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before**

him. 23 And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth. 24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Jer 36:21-24 (KJV)(the same attitude we find today)

34. If you are laughing you are happy and if you are part of the Laughing Revival you are in God's will. **Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness. Prov 14:13 (KJV)**  
**Woe unto you that laugh now! Luke 6:25 (KJV)**

35. If you are not a Calvinist you must be an Arminian. **God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; Romans 3:4 (KJV)**

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