Personal Preparation

What are four basic things that are necessary for a Christian to be involved in to be growing spiritually?

1	2 Timothy 2:15
2	1 Timothy 2:1-3
3	Ephesians 4:11-13
4	1 Thessalonians 1:8
Some requirements to be an effective soul winner are	
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Dr. Kermit Long says, "with all our education, our fine buildings, our image of the church, we are doing less to WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST than our unschooled forefathers did. We're no longer fishers of men, but keepers of the aquarium, and we spend most of our time swiping fish from each others bowl."

What can we derive from this statement that should cause us to sit up and look at our own approaches?

Evangelism is the response to...

- A commission from above..." *Given to us the ministry and Word*" (II Cor. 5:18-21).
- A call from without... "Come over and help" (Acts 16:9-10).
- A constraint from within... "The love of Christ" (II Cor. 5:14), "Woe is me" (I Cor. 9:6).
- A cry from beneath... "Testify unto them" (Luke 16:28).

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