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Metadidomi - to share, or give someone something of which one retains a part.

Five uses of metadidomi in the New Testament...

- [Luke 3:11](#) - Share possessions
- [Romans 1:11](#) - Impart a spiritual gift
- [Romans 12:8](#) - Give - A spirit of generosity
- [Ephesians 4:28](#) - Get a job, so you can share with those in need
- [1 Thessalonians 2:8](#) - Impart Gospel & life

If you want to be intentional in living and sharing your faith, you have to have something in your backpack to share.

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Your job isn't to save anybody, it's to love everybody

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Eudokeo - 2106 (from eu = well + dokeo = think) - well pleased.

Delighted.

The word denotes a predetermination of the will and could be rendered something like "we esteemed it good."

To share God, you've got to know God. To know God, you've got to get in his word & prayer!

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- John 3:14-15 The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
- John 12:32 When I (Jesus) am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all

people to myself.

- Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. (Jesus)
- John 14:6 Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life and no man comes to the father except through me.

The Gospel is a person. That person is Jesus.

It's not just about a message preached but also a life lived.

We have no right to try to change anybody else. But we have every responsibility to share the life change we have experienced through God. That's called love.

"Worship is bragging about God to God, evangelism is bragging about God to people."

—Mark Batterson

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Sharing your faith is giving an answer. Sharing your life is living an answer.

When you share your life, you earn the opportunity to share the Gospel.

God is a hand crafter, not a mass producer.

"What can I do for you?"

What do you have in your backpack that is holding you back from living your faith intentionally?

“Before we pray that God would fill us, I believe we ought to pray Him to empty us.”

—D.L. Moody, Secret Power

“Nobody is too good for the lowest service. Those who worry about the loss of time entailed by such small, external acts of helpfulness are usually taking their own work too seriously. We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God, who will thwart our plans and frustrate our ways time and again, even daily, by sending people across our path with their demands and requests.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer