

Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: nevermo2 ()
Date: October 14, 2015 12:39PM

I spotted on this missionary's blog close to my area of Dublin that they are being told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

How are they supposed to do that when the average is about one person per year if they are lucky!Yikes.
No pressure at all then...

<http://eldermasonwynder.blogspot.ie/>

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: shodanrob ()
Date: October 14, 2015 12:44PM

That isn't anything new. I was told the same thing in '90s on my mission. It was very successful as nobody let us in the door or skipped out on a discussion

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: desertman ()
Date: October 14, 2015 02:11PM

It is interesting to me that in 1958 I encountered no such pressures.

We were told to do the best that we could.

Two years later, in all the European missions,

Posted by: schweizerkind ()
Date: October 14, 2015 02:19PM

that changed drastically. Alvin R. Dyer arrived with his high-pressure sales program, and it was "baptize, baptize, baptize." The pressure on, and the manipulation of, the missionaries was horrendous.

He-was-one-evil-douchebag-ly yrs,

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Re: Two years later, in all the European missions,

Posted by: Exmoron ()
Date: October 15, 2015 10:20AM

yeah his book, Refiners Fire, was full of guilt inducing craziness, which my parents lived by.

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: Brother Of Jerry ()
Date: October 14, 2015 02:19PM

Translation: get 364 people per year to lie to you to get you to shut up and leave them alone.

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: left4good ()
Date: October 14, 2015 02:26PM

Why not ten per day?

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: seekyr ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:07PM

Yeah really. What slackers!

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: southern idaho inactive ()
Date: October 14, 2015 03:59PM

How are they supposed to do that with all the shrinking the morg is having in Europe and othe countries like the USA!?? Scotland not a third world country is it???

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: alyssum ()
Date: October 14, 2015 04:04PM

In Dublin? Uh... dream on. Ponies and world peace are nice too.

I find this funny especially since I have a friend who told me that "a testimony is hard to get, but if you really work at it it will come..." Yep. Like I haven't been through that one. Delusions and hallucinations might be hard to induce too, but with enough practice, it comes. I was super good at it. Now I'm doing my best to stay in a religion-drug-free zone.

So... people have free agency, but if you have enough faith, you can force them to be delusional too! Rainbows! Ponies! Lollipops!

Re: [Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: danboyle ()
Date: October 14, 2015 04:06PM

I know a missionary who was under such pressure to "teach" that while tracting he and his comp would spit out as much of the Joe Smith story as they could WHILE STILL ON THE DOORSTEP...if they got much of it out before the door slammed.....well, that

counted as one discussion taught !

Challenging one person a day to get baptized has to be the stupidest thing ever, what kind of converts are you going to get this way?

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: Pooped ()
Date: October 14, 2015 04:12PM

I feel so sorry for the poor naive missionaries who will actually believe this is direction from God's anointed. Those poor teens will knock themselves out and go home defeated in body and spirit. The not so naive will flip the bird to the MP and party hardy or just take it in their stride as they vacation or sleep their way through their mission.

My mission president talked to the zone leaders about me because I told him I went on a mission to simply talk to those who were interested in my religion and I was not going to play stupid baseball games with the names of my investigators. To me they were people I wanted to love and accept whether or not they committed to baptism or joined my faith. They were so much more to me than playing pieces on a game board. He just never got that.

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: hello ()
Date: October 15, 2015 07:58AM

That is so spot on, pooped. That is what I taught my kids growing up and preparing for missions--love and service came first.

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: moremany ()
Date: October 14, 2015 04:47PM

That wouldn't be possible even if it were raining and the whole world was flooding.

Slave Driving.

Bring more strangers into this strange fold!

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[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: donbagley ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:16PM

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as well let them do the rest of you.

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: left4good ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:38PM

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LOL

Reminds me of the sad tale of the child Reverend Jimmy Joe Jeeter from "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman":

<http://maryhartmanmaryhartman.webstarts.com/uploads/jimmyjoejeeter.pdf>

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: nevermo2 ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:29PM

It just doesn't make any sense to me!

What are they going to say? 'Hi can we tell you about our church?'...a few minutes later 'So would you like to be baptised?Let's set a date!'

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: Pooped ()
Date: October 15, 2015 10:16AM

I take more time than that choosing which flavor of dental floss to use. Can't imagine making a hugely life altering decision that fast!

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: imaworkinonit ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:43PM

Seems like the Holy Ghost is the guy they should be telling to do his job better.

Because the missionaries don't do the converting, right?

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!

Posted by: elderolddog ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:49PM

Back in the day of six discussions and the flannel board, the "commitment to be baptized" was a silly, squirrely thing.

The discussions were done from memory and in that first one, about the restoration, at the end, as a wrap up, you asked, "if you come to know that what we are telling you is true, and decide to be baptized, would Tuesday, the 8th be okay or is Saturday the 12th better?" (we were taught never to ask yes or no questions.)

Invariably, the 'mark' would say, "whoa, whoa! It's too soon to talk about baptism!"

And we'd calm the mark down and point we'd asked "if..." and eventually the mark would say "well, if..." and we'd count that as a 'commitment.

So in effect, the MP knows he's not asking for a baptism per day, he's just asking the troops for some rah-rah bullshit to help make everyone feel good.

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: Elder What's-his-face ()
Date: October 14, 2015 05:54PM

So, if a person is expected to abandon their own church without knowing anything about the new one, does the soul of the new convert even matter?

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Posted by: elderolddog ()
Date: October 14, 2015 07:32PM

If by souls you meant \$ouls, then yes.

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: europa ()
Date: October 15, 2015 03:28AM

I heard that a recently sent out missionary called home completely distressed that he wanted to come home. Just didn't want to be out on a mission anymore.

While it broke his parents hearts that he was that upset, he needs to stay out and serve the Lord.

Poor kid. He is in for a miserable two years.

[Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a Day to baptism!](#)

Posted by: smirkorama ()
Date: October 15, 2015 03:33AM

more and more, the MORmON desperation dangles in the wind

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Posted by: angela ()
Date: October 15, 2015 10:06AM

stupid organization.

Re: Missionaries told to commit one person a
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Posted by: Exmoron ()
Date: October 15, 2015 10:23AM

Typical manipulation tactic by many mission presidents..set completely unattainable goals, and the chew the Elders out for not achieving the goal. My ancestors are from Dublin, and knowing of the Irish culture – the goal is particularly unattainable since the Irish know bull shiz when they hear it.

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