Day 57

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Philem 1:6

The average Christian would almost certainly say that this verse has it backwards – if it wasn't in the Bible, anyway. Doesn't it seem much more logical to understand the Bible FIRST, then go out "witnessing" (i.e., actively sharing your faith)? Isn't it rather likely that people will ask you to explain what you are talking about? And, since you would be talking about the claims made in the Bible, you would NEED to understand the Bible first so you could answer their questions! To understand the above verse we must distinguish between knowing the words and what they mean linguistically, and knowing what the words mean experientially. The simplest designation for 'every good thing we have in Christ' is the presence of God. It is impossible to explain what this means unless you have personally experienced it. When does that happen? Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." There are many facets to a life of obedience that brings His presence, and a 'biggie' is to "go and make disciples of all nations." The more we obey, the more we really know. And the more we know, the better we can obey! The way to make a positive feedback loop work for you is to START. List people with whom you should actively share your faith.