



SHARE YOUR FAITH

Pt. 3 - Notes

How to witness at work or school

- 1 – Be an example, you may be the only sermon a person ever hears/sees.
- 2 – Look for an opportunity to share scripture. Give a tract or Bible study on a particular subject.
 - Death, finances, problems with co-worker, holidays
- 3 – Invite to church events (special sermon, health event, youth event, prophecy seminar, etc... anything that is “safe”)
- 4 – Do not argue! We may have theological differences but we will lose friends and respect if a Bible discussion turns into a shouting match.
- 5 – Let Christ shine through you. Help others, go the extra mile, and smile.
- 6 – Get to know people on a personal level. Invite them to dinner. Do activities together. Gain their trust.
- 7 – Pray for timing, tact, and the right words.
- 8 – Share your testimony

Leading a person to Christ – Giving your Testimony

Leading a person to Christ:

I'd like to ask you a question, if Jesus were to come back today or if something tragic were to happen would you be ready for Jesus?

How do you give your life to Christ?

-You can make somebody a Sabbath keeping, tithe paying, church attender, but if you haven't led them to Christ you haven't made them a Christian.

-Many join the church without first becoming united to Christ. In this Satan triumphs. Such converts are his most efficient agents. They serve as decoys to other souls. [Evangelism, p. 319, 320]

-Pretend you get to the gates of Heaven and God says I have your mansion all ready for you, before I let you in I need to ask you a question, why should I let you in?

Bad answer – I've been a good person etc... = Salvation by works

Good answer – I don't deserve to be in that city but because Jesus died for me and has come into my life and changed me, I still don't deserve to be in there but I want to follow Jesus wherever He goes.

4 universal truths in a Gospel presentation

1 – God loves you and He created you to know peace and happiness John 10 – God wants you to have an abundant life.

2 – We are sinful and our sins have separated us from an abundant life. God designed us for peace and happiness but because humanity has sinned and strayed from God we've become selfish by nature and that's why we've become unhappy and are not experiencing an abundant life.

3 – God's Son, Jesus Christ, has come down to this planet and live on earth as a man to break the power of sin and selfishness in our natures and bring us back to God so we can experience His plan in our lives. - John 3:16

4 – We need to personally ask Jesus to forgive our sins and live in our life. And when we make that personal decision and come to Christ, then He steps in and He starts ordering our life. Then when we follow Him and find His purpose being fulfilled in our life.

-Ask this question – Let me describe to you two types of people, you tell me where you are in your life.

1 – Your living your own life by your own experience and thoughts and you are experience conflict and a lack of peace.

2 – Jesus is directing your life and He’s given you wisdom and power and victory to live for Him.

-Which one best directs you? Which one would you like to be your life?

Pray – James 5:15, prayer of faith will SAVE the sick it does not say heal the sick.

Prayer of FAITH – Forgive me, Acept my confession, I give my life to you, Thank you for salvation, Help me to walk in your ways.

-Believe that God is working and changing your life, don’t wait for a feeling. You can have the assurance that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:14. You may not feel different but you can be confident that He is now living in you if that is what you desire. Live by faith and you will start feeling the assurance. Don’t let the devil tell you, you aren’t different because you don’t feel different.

How to share your testimony:

-Guy on the airplane God told to share the gospel.

-Learn how to share your testimony, write it down

Testimony is:

A – Your life before Christ

B – How you met Christ

C – Your life since you met Christ

-Do not glorify sin.

-Get it to the length of an elevator ride.

-Keep it flexible, it will alter depending on who you are talking to.

-Keep it relative to who you are talking to.

Assignment – Prepare your testimony

Sit Down or Drop Off

-Drop-Off Study - take lessons to a person’s house and drop them off. Go to a person’s house, explain how to do the study and say “I will be back next week with another one.” Then you will return the next week and pick up the completed lesson. You are not “correcting their lessons, you are checking to see if they had any questions. Ask if they had any questions and create a relationship.

-Benefits – It’s easy to get studies, easy to give studies, you get a higher number of students, and doesn’t require as much skill.

-Sit-Down Study – Sit down in someone’s home and present a study

Instructor sits down with the student and presents a Bible study going over the lesson together and discuss questions and answers together.

Method 1 – Go over a study guide only together

Method 2 – Present from the Bible only.

-Benefits – Qualifies students as true interest/true seeker. This requires commitment from the student and reveals acceptability. A higher number of students complete the lessons.

Instructor learns the Bible better (expressions deepens impression). Develops teaching and witnessing skills.

-How to do a Sit-Down study

– Present the Bible study, then give the study guide for a review tell them to fill in the blanks and then briefly review next week. NEVER GIVE THE STUDY BEFORE YOU STUDY IT.

-If you give the lesson ahead of time, the student may study it with prejudices and be ready for battle rather than study.

-People taking correspondence courses are very open to sit-down studies.

-Explain what the studies are

-Daniel and Revelation study – about 45 minutes per lesson (try not to go over this).

– Exciting topics i.e. Mark of the Beast, U.S. in Bible prophecy etc. - Use Bible study cards, letter to families etc.

You must come close to those for whom you labor, that they may not only hear your voice, but shake you hand, learn your principles, feel your sympathy. [Gospel workers pg. 192]

-If we only do drop offs and never engage them we are no different than the Pizza delivery guy. We must build relationships. We must win confidence.

Are you nervous about doing a sit-down? Remember you are in a partnership with God.

Which studies should I use?

-Use studies that are challenging

-Keep a high interest, you may have to skip the first few basic lessons or those that are already “churched”

-Establish confidence in lesson guides and you as an instructor. Do this before introducing testing truth.

-Keep to the order of the lessons you are progressing in truths and laying foundations. Start with simple lessons and move to complex. Do not skip around on lessons.

-You may need to skip non-interesting or controversial topics.

-For the most part stay with the lessons. Studies on Daniel and Revelation keep peoples interests.

Assignment – Make a point to get one study this week.

Resources Available

Topical Study – Topics that jump from week to week.

Thematic Study – Studies that follow a theme.

DVD or Videos –

Prophecy series – Stories of Daniel are interesting, practical, and illustrate conversion and how to live in the last days. ***Prophecies tell you how the last days come, stories tell you how to live in the last days.*** Prophecy is a high interest topic to virtually everyone: Christians and non-Christians (i.e. tabloids). Great controversy theme provides a framework for testing truth. This method avoids the typical arguments against keeping the law. It also provides constant motivation for decision: Jesus is coming soon. He is your Savior and Redeemer. Disadvantage is some topics need to be avoided so that you don't lose a study over dispensationalism. Many Bible instructors are intimidated by prophecy.

Answering Difficult Questions

Fake it 'till you make it

-I'm not sure of the answer to that but my goal is to teach you how to find your own answers; I'm not here to tell you what to believe. Use concordance, find everything on that subject.

-“That's a good question”

-Removes fear from you

-Affirms the student

-Gives you time to think

-Let them know you have a future lesson on that subject, DO NOT SUBJECT JUMP

-You do not want to jump around, most questions will be answered

-You need time to win confidence

-Bounce it back – That's a good question what do you think about it

-Would you like an assignment that would help you find the Bible answer?

-Sometime you simply need to say I DON'T KNOW

-Sometimes the Bible does not clearly address our questions.

-If you are correcting everything your student says, it will not be pleasant

-How often did Jesus correct His disciples on what kind of Messiah He was. **John 16:12**

-Hot topics to avoid – Secret Rapture & Tribulation and Tongues

-What do you think about tongues?

-Win their confidence first

-That's a good question

-Defer to a future study, first do foundational studies, it will make more sense.

-Tongues is a litmus test for some. See 1 Corinthians 12:7, 10, 1 Corinthians 1:7. Cover tongues as late as possible in the studies.

Assignment -Prepare for studies