

How to Share the Gospel

To keep the Faith, you must give it away

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HINTS IN SHARING THE GOSPEL (*number 3*)

1. **Be prayerful** - before during and after you share the gospel with someone. John 15:7; Romans 10:1; I Timothy 2:1-4; James 5:16b; I John 5:14,15.
2. **Use the Bible.** Heb. 4:12; Matt. 24:35; Acts 6:4; II Tim. 3:16.
3. **Depend upon the Holy Spirit** to work through you to reach and influence others for Christ. John 15:26, 27; 16:7-11, 13, 14.
4. **Memorize Scripture** – especially verses on salvation, assurance and beginning the Christian life. Psalm 119:11, 80, 89, 105. Hebrews 4:12.
5. **Be natural.** Share your own testimony. People will listen to that far more readily than your “preaching” at them. Psalm 107:2; John 4:28-30; 9:18-25; Acts 4:20; 26; 1-29.
6. **Ask carefully worded questions** to see if the one you’re speaking with really understands. For example, “What do you think a person must do to qualify for heaven?”
7. Don’t hesitate to go over material you’ve already covered if there seems to be a lack of understanding on the part of the one to whom you are speaking. Isaiah 28:9, 10.
8. **Watch your appearance** – be clean and look as nice as you can.
9. Carry attractive, Biblically sound literature with you at all times. Offer it tactfully whenever it is appropriate.
10. Carefully **mark your Bible** – especially verses on salvation and assurance. This will help catch and hold the attention of the one with whom you’re speaking.
11. **Use illustrations** that will help communicate the truth more easily.
12. Once you feel the person you’re sharing the gospel with understands the gospel, be sure to invite him to trust Christ right then and there. II Corinthians 6:2b; Proverbs 27:1.

A FEW “DON’TS”

1. **Don’t talk down to people.** You can’t expect a person to see eye to eye with you when you’re looking down on him.
2. **Don’t argue.** It’s never profitable. It’s not Christ-like, and it will only drive others away from the truth.
3. **Don’t ridicule** someone else’s religion or philosophy. It may seem foolish to you, but it’s probably very meaningful to them. Making fun of the beliefs of others almost always backfires.
4. Don’t allow yourself to get **side tracked** from the gospel. Satan loves it when this happens.
5. Don’t talk “**church membership**” to unbelievers. ...joining your church won’t make them any more saved, so just stay with the gospel.
6. Don’t ask for **money** from unbelievers. Too many already feel all they ever hear in church is money, money, money.
7. Don’t be **self-righteous** or **judgmental** of the lifestyle of an unbeliever. How the unbeliever dresses or lives is not really the issue, but trusting Christ is the key that will give them the power and the “want to” to change whatever areas of their life-styles should be changed, if any.
8. Don’t invite someone to trust Christ until you are really convinced he really understands the gospel. Don’t “**Push**” for decisions before the unbeliever really “sees it;” Otherwise you may end up with a person just “yessing” you instead of making an intelligent decision to trust in Christ.
9. **Never** tell someone he is saved, because you don’t really know. If he says that he has trusted in Christ, show him what the Bible does guarantee him if he really does sincerely trust Christ as his Savior. John 6:47 I John 5:13. In this way his assurance of salvation will come from God’s Word, not from an emotional experience, or walking down an aisle, or because he has prayed a little prayer, or because you say he is saved. God’s Word is the only authority in such matters.