

“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...” (2 Peter 1:12)



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# Suggestions for Evangelism in Our Relationships

by Alex Hale



*Show them Christ in your own personal example.* Jesus tells us that we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The ultimate purpose of that is for people to glorify God (Matt 5:13-16). As people in our world look at us, they should see something different (Ti 2:14). People who may not be willing to hear a gospel sermon will see one in the lives of a true believer (2 Cor 3:2-3).

There is a song which says, “We are the only Bible the careless world will read.” Looking at our lives will hopefully lead the unbeliever to wonder what is different.

- ♦ They should see us respond to the cares of this world differently (Matt 6:31-33).
- ♦ They should see us speak about people differently (Eph 4:29-32).
- ♦ They should see us respond to sorrow and pain differently (1 Ths 4:13-18).

This will hopefully spark within them a willingness to hear the gospel. Ultimately, this will hopefully lead to their salvation (1 Pet 3:1-2).

However, that song also says, “What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?” While we should not expect perfection, we must understand that inconsistency and hypocrisy lead people away from God, not closer to Him. Because of this, we must strive to reflect an authentic, growing relationship with Christ in our daily lives.

*Expose them to other godly influences.* Provide opportunities for your lost friends to be around your Christian friends. The collective example of God’s people can be a powerful influence. The lost may see true love expressed in a way they have not seen it expressed before (Jn 13:34-35; 17:20-21). The lost will see that disciples are not miserable, but in fact most blessed (Jn 10:10). They will see that Christians can enjoy life ... *without ungodliness.*

*Do not be afraid to invite them.* Some of the greatest evangelists in the New Testament were those who simply said to others, “Come and see.” When the Institute for American Church Growth asked over 10,000 people the following question: “What was responsible for your coming to Christ and this church?” 79% responded, “A friend or relative invited me.” Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, once said, “70-90% of persons who join any church in America come through the influence of a friend, relative, or acquaintance. No amount of theological expression from the pulpit can overcome a lack of invitational expression from the pew.”

*When someone does obey the gospel, don’t forget about them!* As the apostles worked with people, they baptized them, but continued to teach them (Matt 28:19-20). A “baptized believer” is not a finished project, but a brother or sister in Christ who will continue to need encouragement and strengthening. Provide opportunities for them to get involved in God’s work. Continue to study with them and grow a healthy partnership in the kingdom.