



How To Share Your Faith Without Being Obnoxious

A Guide To The Good Life - Part 6 of 9

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Big Idea: A maturing, healthy Christian is able to share his or her faith in a natural, unself-righteous way that attracts others to Jesus Christ.

Text: Acts 8:26-40

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." – John 3:16-18

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

I. HIS FAITH IN CHRIST WAS A _____ FAITH.

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

– Acts 6:1-4

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. So there was great joy in that city. – Acts 8:4-8

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." – Acts 8:26

II. PHILIP ASSOCIATED WITH _____.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." – 1 Corinthians 15:33

Three principles for impacting people:

A. Maintain a _____ Christian life.

B. Demonstrate a _____.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10:10

C. Communicate _____ to people.

III. PHILIP WAS _____ IN HIS APPROACH TO THE ETHIOPIAN.

IV. PHILIP _____ THE CONVERSATION TO CHRIST.

A. We can talk to them about _____.

B. We can share our _____.

V. PHILIP TRUSTED GOD FOR _____.

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. – 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. – Psalm 126:6

MEMORY VERSE

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