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BOLD

A GUIDE TO WITNESSING CONFIDENTLY TO
STRANGERS OR NEIGHBORS



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I've searched for the best possible training to help us be confident and bold when speaking to strangers or neighbors.

I have found that **Ray Comfort** and **Kirk Cameron** have got the best training for this particular situation.

Strangers or neighbors may be the hardest people to approach - to witness to.

The last thing anybody wants is to turn a neighbor into an enemy. However, let's bring our fears into perspective.

A worse situation is the person spending eternity in the fires of hell.

The believers responsibility is greater than that of a fireman.

Imagine a mother holding her baby on the third floor of a burning building screaming for help.

Imagine you and the fireman are standing at the bottom of the ladder, and he says to you - "I'm afraid of ladders- I'm not very strong - I would rather be at home watching TV."

You would tell him to put aside his fears - otherwise he shouldn't deceive himself to think that he's a firefighter.

And Christians shouldn't think they are followers of Christ if they never witness.

HOW TO START UP A CONVERSATION WITH A STRANGER

SOULWINNER - "Hi, how are you doing?"

or - "Nice day..."

Then - "My name is..."

(Start by talking about everyday things. People will gladly join in the conversation.)

Example - Sport, weather, something on the news.

(Then - INTRODUCE SPIRITUAL THINGS.)

SOULWINNER – “Do you know of a good church in the area?”

Then - “Do you have a Christian background?”

Then - “What do you think happens when people die?”

(You are simply asking them what they think. Most people will be comfortable answering you.)

SOULWINNER – “WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE A GOOD PERSON?”

99% of the people will say.

SEEKER:“Yes, I’m a good person.”

SOULWINNER – “DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE KEPT THE 10 COMMANDMENTS?”

No matter what their answer is to that question – ask them -

SOULWINNER – “May I ask you a few questions to see if that is correct?”

Because 99% of people think they are good - they’ll answer

SEEKER – “Sure.”

Because most people will admit to telling a lie at least one time in their life – begin with the ninth commandment.

NINTH COMMANDMENT

**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
(Exodus 20:16)**

SOULWINNER: “Have you ever told a lie?”

If they say -

SEEKER – “No.”

Ask them

SOULWINNER – “You mean you have never told even one lie in your whole life?”

They might say -

SEEKER – “When I was a child.”

Then you ask -

SOULWINNER – “What does that make you?”

Even if they hesitate - get them to admit -

SEEKER – “It makes me a liar.”

They won't get angry with you.

If they say -

SEEKER – “I don't believe in the Bible.”

SOULWINNER – “I understand, I am simply sharing with you what the Bible says.”

THEN ASK THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

“You shall not steal.” (Exodus 20:15)

SOULWINNER: “Have you ever stolen anything big or small?”

Some will say -

SEEKER – “When I was a child.”

Then ask -

SOULWINNER – “What does that make you?”

Make sure they say-

SEEKER – “A thief.”

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14)

SOULWINNER: “Have you committed adultery?”

Most will say -

SEEKER – “No.”

SOULWINNER – “Jesus said, whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

“Have you done that?”

“What does that make you?”

Make sure they say -

SEEKER – “An adulterer.”

THIRD COMMANDMENT

**“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”
(Exodus 20:7)**

Most people will admit to doing that. Then gently explain –

SOULWINNER – “So instead of using bad language – you chose to use the name of the one who gave His life on the cross to save you.

That is blasphemy.

And God promises that He will not hold anyone blameless who takes His name in vain.”

At this point, the person may begin to recognise his or her guilt.

This is a good time to say –

SOULWINNER – “By your own admission – you are a lying thief – a blasphemer – and an adulterer at heart – and we have only looked at 4 of the 10 Commandments.”

COMPUTER CHIP

SOULWINNER – “Let’s imagine that a computer chip had been placed behind your ear - and it records everything that runs through your mind for a whole week – every secret thought – every deed – and every word that comes out of your mouth.

Then all of your friends and family are brought together - and all of your thoughts are displayed on a big screen for them to see.

How would that make you feel?

Embarrassed?

Ashamed?

That is just what will happen on the day - when God requires you to give an account - for everything you have said and done for your whole life.

Unfortunately, YOU ARE IN BIG TROUBLE.”

WILL YOU GO TO HEAVEN OR TO HELL?

SOULWINNER – “Do you think you will go to heaven or to hell?”

People won't be offended because you're simply asking a question rather than telling them where they are going.

Some will say,

SEEKER – “Hell.”

Most will say -

SEEKER – “I think I am going to heaven.”

If they say - “I believe I will go to heaven.” – Ask –

SOULWINNER – “If you were standing in a courtroom – guilty of serious crimes – and the judgment was – you must pay \$100,000 in fines.”

“Would a good judge let you go free just because you apologize?”

Of course not.

However – if someone paid the \$100,000 on your behalf– you will be free at once.”

“2000 years ago – Jesus did exactly that.”

SOULWINNER – “Would you like to receive the forgiveness of sins – that Jesus offers you?”

Would you like to make Him the Lord of your life in order to receive salvation?”

If they say -

SEEKER – “I don’t need it”

Explain that the Bible says hell is an eternal fire - and there will be weeping and nashing of teeth and eternal punishment.

Explain the only way out is to accept Jesus and make Him Lord of our lives.

“For God, so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son – that whoever believes in him should not perish - but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16 (NKJ)

Invite them to pray with you and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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