

## **WORLD**

Christians need to know how to live in the world without being a part of it (Jn 17:14-19). Satan is temporary "god" and "ruler" of the world system (II Cor 4:4, Jn 12:31, 16:11) and the world lies in his power (I Jn 5:19). However, Satan is a defeated foe (Col 2:15, Rev 20:10) and Christians are to continue Jesus work of destroying the works of Satan (I Jn 3:8).

Christians have a responsibility to share the love of Christ by reaching out to unbelievers (evangelism); and by helping the poor and needy (Mt 28:19, Mt 25:31-46, I Pet 3:15, II Cor 5:18-21, Col 4:5-6, Luke 10:25-37, Gal 6:10). We are Christ's ambassadors and should be conducting ourselves with wisdom towards outsiders and be a good witness in word and deed (Col 4:5-6, II Cor 5:18-21).

Christians need to love each other, live a holy lifestyle, be above reproach and do good works so that unbelievers can see goodness in action (Jn 13:35, Mt 5:16, Phil 2:15, I Pet 2:12, Jn 16: 8-11, I Pet 3:13). We need to get close to people and build relationships, so that they ask questions which we can then answer (Col 4:5-6, I Pet 3:15). But, we need to avoid being "unequally yoked" with unbelievers and avoid participating in their deeds of darkness (II Cor 6:16-18, Eph 5:7-11).

## **SHARING OUR FAITH**

Summary:

1) Take the Message In

2) Get the Message Straight

3) Give the Message Out

## **TAKE THE MESSAGE IN**

We need to have something worth sharing. Personal spiritual growth is essential.

Prayer (spiritual breathing - Phil 4:6-7)

Word (spiritual food - II Tim 3:16-17)

Accountability (spiritual stimulation to love & good deeds - Heb 10:24)

Good Works (spiritual exercise - Phil 2:10; Mt 5:16)

### GET THE MESSAGE STRAIGHT

Be ready to share your own testimony. Learn a simple gospel presentation (eg 4 Spiritual Laws, Steps to Peace With God, etc.)

### GET THE MESSAGE OUT

Keep in mind:

- 1) Our own life is very important. Holy Spirit works best through a clean life.
- 2) Imitate Jesus -- serve people and meet needs.
- 3) Remember that you are presenting a PERSON, not a system or a "religion".
- 4) Keep it simple.

Possible questions to help evaluate a person's spiritual position:

- \* (After a person has heard a gospel presentation) WHAT DID YOU THINK OF \_\_\_\_\_?
- \* WHEN DID YOU RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR AND LORD?
- \* IF YOU WERE TO DIE TONIGHT, WOULD YOU GO TO HEAVEN?
- \* IF YOU WERE TO STAND BEFORE GOD AND HE WERE TO SAY "WHY SHOULD I ACCEPT

YOU INTO MY HEAVEN", WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

"LETS SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS"

### **OPERATION ANDREW (Billy Graham)**

Jn 1:40-42 "Andrew then went to find his brother (Simon Peter)... and he brought him to meet Jesus".

- 1) LOOK AROUND - identify unbelievers God has placed in your life. Make a mental or written list.
- 2) LOOK UP - pray regularly for yourself and the people on your list.
- 3) LOOK OUT - for ways to build relationships with each person.
- 4) LOOK FORWARD - to opportunities to share the gospel and/or invite to an evangelistic event.
- 5) LOOK AFTER - encourage people who receive Christ or show interest in the gospel. Continue to love and pray for those who have not yet responded.

### **PRAYER GUIDELINES**

#### **1) Pray for Believers**

- a) Power of Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- b) Eyes opened to the power of God (Eph 3:14-21)
- c) Good witness with our actions; good works (Mt 5:14-16; Col 4:4-6)
- d) Opportunity; open doors (Col 4:3-5)

e) Boldness (Eph 6:19-20; Acts 4:31)

f) Clear, graceful and edifying speech (Col 4:4-6; Eph 4:29)

g) Readiness and ability to explain (I Pet 3:15; Col 4:6)

h) Sending of workers into the harvest (Mt 9:36-38)

## **2) Pray for Unbelievers**

a) Work of the Holy Spirit -- conviction, faith (Jn 16:7-11)

b) Against blinding of unbelievers; open eyes (II Cor 4:3-4; Acts 26:18)

c) Open hearts (Acts 16:14)

d) For binding of Satan, evil spirits, and evil influences in the name of Jesus (Mt 16:19; Mt 18:18; Mt 12:29)

e) Gospel message to be received; gospel to spread rapidly and be glorified (II Thes 3:1)