

## How to Use These Tracts

First and foremost, when witnessing to others, you will want to keep your spiritual ears completely open to the Holy Spirit's guidance. When you read the gospels, you will notice that Jesus Himself did this; every approach is different and there is no "method" that is right for everyone. Having a heart filled with real love and concern for the individual should be the main motivation. Since the gospel is naturally offensive to unregenerated man, you do not want to add to this offense by having anything but a kind, thoughtful attitude towards others when sharing the potentially good news. Humbleness of character and sincere openness can lay the groundwork for a meaningful encounter.

With that in mind, we feel that one of the simplest and most profound ways to share the gospel is to reveal Jesus as the Great Physician, coming down from heaven to heal a world sick with sin and sin's effects on mankind. Jesus revealed Himself as our healer in many Scriptures. This will be your first hurdle as most people do not perceive themselves as "sick with sin." We never try to convince them by pointing out their sins; this is the Holy Spirit's job. But we do tell people what Jesus Himself said about their condition. It is important at this point to make sure any "conflict" they have is with Christ, what He accomplished on the cross, and what He taught. The conflict is not with you, but with the truth.

If the person has a genuine desire to learn more and go further, there are many other Scriptures that can be shared in a very simple, down-to-earth way (see our gospel tract for unbelievers in our website). The beauty of this little tract is that you can read it out loud with someone or you can give it to them afterwards. The person will then be able to take it home and ponder it privately. Unless there is a definite leading of the Holy Spirit (and sometimes there is), we try not to press anyone into making a decision to accept Christ. We understand that it is the Holy Spirit's work to convert souls and bring a person into Christ's Kingdom.

In the front of our gospel tract for unbelievers, we share a picture of Jesus dying on the cross. There is an old saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words" and, in this case, it is beautifully and poignantly so. There are many times when, handing the unbelievers tract to someone, we get a hostile response. But the seed (the truth of Christ's sacrifice) has, in a second of time, been already planted. Even if the tract is rejected, what Jesus did for mankind has had its initial, very powerful impact and no one escapes untouched by the light of the truth. That is our goal.

Even very little children can understand the existence of a sickness called sin, which makes all the very bad things happen in the world. Then, the solution is offered: Jesus died on the cross to heal us from this terrible malady. Always explain this further by sharing what Jesus said concerning these matters, having clear, simple Scriptures ready and memorized. Speak the Scriptures slowly and carefully. Remember, you are familiar with these concepts; the people you are attempting to help may not understand them immediately and may interpret your witnessing to them as uncomfortable, condescending and rude. If your mind goes “blank” continually, you are probably not being led to speak to that person. There is a certain spiritual ability that God can give you to enable you to witness that goes way beyond a natural “gift of gab” and is nothing like a pompous, religious spirit. When God is working through you, you will know it. You will be able to clearly and concisely speak about spiritual matters in a way that you have never done before (and could not naturally, by your own ability, ever do again). God will be literally speaking through you, trying to seek and save the lost. This experience is one of the most glorious joys of following Jesus and sharing His gospel.

Share the good news with reverence, humility and awe. Don't be put off by rejection or take it personally. Share the gospel with a heart filled with faith in the truth, and the God of truth will be with you.

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