

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE UNSAVED

I Corinthians 9:19-23 – “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; ²¹to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; ²²to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. ²³Now this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.”

John 16:7-11 [NLT] – But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Counselor won’t come. If I do go away, he will come because I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convince the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world’s sin is unbelief in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the prince of this world has already been judged.

Psalm 51:12, 13 – Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. [MSG] – Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.

Romans 12:9, 10 [NLT] – Don’t just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. [Brotherly love – Philadelphia – genuine friendliness!]

- **Genuine** [Dictionary] – “possessing the claimed character, quality, or origin; not counterfeit; free from pretense or hypocrisy; sincere.”

HOW TO BE A WITNESS

Acts 1:8 – But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- **Prayer.**
 - Pray for yourself – have a devotional life.
 - Pray for others – intercession.
- **Words.**
 - May need to start by shutting up!

- No criticism – no gossip.

- **Actions.**

- Be nice! Act like a Christian!
- Be generous. (leave generous tips)
- Live it at home!

HOW TO CONDUCT YOURSELF AROUND UNBELIEVERS

1. **Don't be condemning.**

- **Ephesians 4:29 [AMP]** – “Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word, nor unwholesome or worthless talk [EVER] come out of your mouth; but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.”
- **I.e.**, no cutting, condemning remarks! No sarcastic looks. No “condemning silence.”

2. **Don't be argumentative.**

- **1 Peter 3:15b–16a [NLB]** – “And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way.”
- **Note:** You could win the argument and lose your opportunity to be a witness!

3. **Don't be weird.**

- **Titus 2:7, 8 [The Message]** – “But mostly, show them all this [I.e., how to live a godly life] by doing it yourself, incorruptible in your teaching, your words solid and sane. Then anyone who is dead set against us, when he finds nothing WEIRD or misguided, might eventually come around.”
- **Note:** Christians should draw people, not drive them away! [Don't “spiritualize” everything]

4. **Be enthusiastic.**

- **Romans 12:9–11 [NLT]** – Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.
- **Note:** how will you convince anyone about Jesus if you're not excited yourself?