

3. **Teach Assurance** – *This is fun.* This is your opportunity to share what God has done to take away our sins. These verses may be helpful:

- a. **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”
- b. **John 5:24** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”
- c. **John 6:47** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”
- d. **1 John 5:11-13** “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.”

4. **Share Gospel** – *This is joyful.* This person basically knows he has no relationship with God and will not enter into heaven; therefore, you have the opportunity to share the good news of what God has done for him in Jesus Christ! Use these resources:

- i. The Bible
- ii. The Roman Road (tract rack)
- iii. The Divine Plan (tract rack)

The Bible verses in this brochure are from the **New American Standard Bible (NAS)**.

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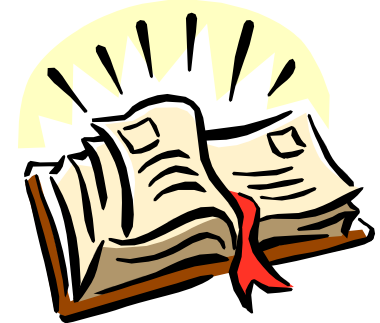
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Sharing The Good News

➔ What to Ask

➔ How to Proceed



Two Questions

Which Will Help You Discover a Person's Spiritual Condition

1. If you died today, **WOULD** you go to heaven?

Possible answers: Yes or No

2. If you died today, **WHY WOULD** God welcome you into heaven?

Possible answers: Grace or Works

Grace – God has enabled me to trust in JESUS, who lived without sin, died for my sins, and rose victorious!

Works – I trust in MY keeping of the Ten Commandments, MY good deeds, and MY church attendance!

Two Alternate Questions

Which Result in Similar Answers

Use these questions *when it may be difficult to bring up the topic of death*:

1. **Do you consider yourself to be a Christian?**
2. **How does a person become a Christian?**

How to Use the Two Questions

1. Memorize the questions.
2. Request permission to ask the questions.
3. Repeat the person's answer to the second question.
 - a. To make sure you understand his answer.
 - b. You could respond like this:
 - i. So you believe God will let you into heaven solely on the basis of your faith in Christ?
 - ii. So you believe God will let you into heaven on the basis of all the good things you have done?

Discovering a Person's Spiritual Condition

(Y = Yes / N = No / G = Grace / W = Works)

? 1	? 2	Evaluation	How to proceed
Y	G	Apparently Christian	Fellowship / Recruit / Practice
Y	W	Presumption	Pop Bubble / Share Gospel
N	G	Lack of Assurance	Teach Assurance
N	W	Apparently Non-Christian	Share Gospel

How to Proceed

1. **Fellowship / Recruit / Practice** – *This is the easiest one.* Once you determine the person is apparently a Christian, follow these steps:
 - a. **Fellowship** – discuss what it means to be a Christian.
 - b. **Recruit** – to be a church member, Bible class participant, or good-news teller.
 - c. **Practice** – ask for permission to practice *WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE SAID if you did not think he was a Christian* (maybe he really needs to hear the good news). Use these resources:

- i. The Bible
- ii. The Roman Road (tract rack).
- iii. The Divine Plan (tract rack).

2. **Pop Bubble / Share Gospel** – *This is difficult – because many firmly trust in their own goodness!* But the Holy Spirit can work through the Word to enable a person to ✦ see his sin, ✦ be sorry, and ✦ be open to the good news. These are some helpful verses:

- a. **Romans 3:23** “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- b. **Ecclesiastes 7:20** “Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins.”
- c. **James 2:10** “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.”
- d. **1 John 1:8** “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”
- e. **Matthew 5:48** “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
- f. **Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death...”

Once his/her bubble has been popped, *share the good news of Jesus' saving work!*