

**VICTORY FAMILY CENTRE  
LIFE IN THE WORD - LEVEL I  
FOUNDATIONS OF NEW LIFE III  
(PRINCIPLES OF WITNESSING)  
STUDENT'S NOTES**

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**LESSON 1 THE MEANING AND MESSAGE OF EVANGELISM**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. THE MEANING OF EVANGELISM**

A. Definitions of evangelism

1. The proclamation of the gospel.
2. Making disciples.
3. Bear witness to Christ.

B. We are Christ's testimony

1. We are the salt of the earth (**Matthew 5:13**).
2. We are the light of the world (**Matthew 5:14; John 9:5**).
3. We are the aroma of Christ (**2 Corinthians 2:15**).
4. We have the ministry of reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**).

**II. DEFINITION OF GOSPEL - GOOD NEWS**

The Gospel is good news

- A. It is for every person, rich, poor illiterate, educated, slaves, masters, etc.
- B. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (**Romans 1:16; John 8:36**).
- C. The gospel is the good news that meets the needs of every man.

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**LESSON 2    MODELS OF EVANGELISM**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I.    JESUS**

A.    Scriptural reference to see what Jesus said

1.

2.

B.    Jesus' character and attitude

1.

2.

3.

C.    Jesus' example and approach

1.    Individuals.

2.    Groups.

3.    Jesus spent time with them.

4.    What Jesus gave His disciples.

5.    What Jesus showed His disciples.

6.    Jesus watched and directed.



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**LESSON 3: RELATING THE GOSPEL TO HUMAN NEEDS**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. MAN HAS PHYSICAL NEEDS**

- A. Matthew 6:32
- B. Matthew 6:33
- C. Jesus showed He cared about the physical needs of man when He healed those who were \_\_\_\_\_ and fed those who were \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Jesus met their physical needs.
- E. Application:

**II. MAN HAS EMOTIONAL NEEDS**

- A. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. God accepts us.
  - 2. We accept ourselves.
- B. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Man's basic emotional need is the need to love and be loved.
  - 2. Love is a relationship where 2 person's feelings are reciprocated.
- C. The Need to answer the basic questions of life
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.



**III. MAN HAS A SPIRITUAL NEED (A SPIRITUAL VACUUM THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED)**

- A. The need to receive \_\_\_\_\_ from God (John 3:1-7).
- B. The need for spiritual life, spiritual fulfilment (Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 John 5:12).
- C. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 1:7).
- D. The need for \_\_\_\_\_ to live our life as a Christian (Titus 2:11).
- E. The need for grace so we can stand strong during sufferings and problems in life (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

**CONCLUSION**

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**LESSON 4    BEING A WITNESS    ACTS 1:8**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I.    GIVING EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF CHRIST**

- A.    Scenario is like a court scene.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B.    We are witnesses for Christ.
  - 1.    We have experienced the truth.
  - 2.
  - 3.    **1 Corinthians 10:31**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C.    Christ, The Risen One has returned to heaven.
  - 1.    He can't show Himself bodily.
  - 2.
  - 3.    We must \_\_\_\_\_ about Christ.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D.    Christ desires to reveal Himself through us.
  - 1.    We are His body.
  - 2.
  - 3.

**II.    SHOWING LOVE THAT IS NOT OF THIS WORLD (JOHN 13:35)**

- A.    Love is not the natural thing.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.    Everyone looks out for themselves.
  - 4.    The greatest instinct.



- B. Christ was love personified.
1. The people in the Old Testament had the Law.
  2. They had religion and the priests.
  3. The religious leaders were jealous of \_\_\_\_\_ and rejected Him.
  4. They had rituals.
  5. They did not have \_\_\_\_\_ .
- C. Everyone reaches out for love.
1. A human love.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- D. Christ's love was agape love.
- 1.
  - 2.
  3. It wasn't human love.
- E. This is the type of love Christ wants us to show to others.

## CONCLUSION

Being a witness is not just 'speaking' but 'being'. We must be willing to be obedient to what God wants us to do.



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**LESSON 5     LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM (PART 1)**

**INTRODUCTION**

Witnessing through the way we talk and live is just as important as verbal witnessing. Therefore, whether we are citizens of a country, members of a family, employers or employees, or students, the testimony seen through our lives is very important and can have a great impact. In other words, lifestyle evangelism takes into consideration character, attitude, behaviour, speech, etc.

**I.    JESUS GAVE US THE POWER TO FULFILL HIS DESIRES AND HIS WILL (JOHN 1:12)**

- A.
- B.
- C. When we demonstrate the power to live a righteous life, we prove that Jesus is real.

**II.   DEMONSTRATING WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE.**

- A. Being the best citizen (1 Timothy 3:7).
  - 1. 1 Peter 2:13-17
  - 2.
  - 3. But note that if there is discrepancy, God must always be obeyed (Acts 4:19-20).
- B. Being the best family member (Ephesians 5 & 6).
  - The best child (Ephesians 6:1-3).
    - 1. Minority age
    - 2. Adult age: single
    - 3. Adult age: married



- C. Being the best employee/employer (**1 Peter 2:17**).
  - 1. Employees
    - Should not take for granted the relationship with the employer.
  - 2. Employers
    - a. Not to look down on the employees.
    - b. Not to carry their worldly position into the church
    - c.
    - d.
  
- D. Being the best student

## CONCLUSION

Whatever our role or place, we are to bring glory to the name of God. We are to be exceptionally different, drawing attention to the fact that we are Christians.

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**LESSON 6     LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM (Part 2)**

**Text: Ephesians 5 & 6 (esp. 5:22 to 6:4)**

**INTRODUCTION**

Lifestyle evangelism II continues from our last lesson. In the last lesson, we shared on how to be a witness for the Lord by being the best citizens, best student, best employer/employee and being the best family member. Today we want to elaborate more on being a witness for Jesus through being the best family member. Today's aspect is on the best husband, wife and parent.

**I.    BEING THE BEST HUSBAND**

- A. He has to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the home (1 Corinthians 11:3).
- B. He is to \_\_\_\_\_ his wife the same way he loves himself.
- C. He is to honour his wife.
- D. He must be the manager and spiritual leader at home.
- E. He must minister to his \_\_\_\_\_ foremost.
- F. He must demonstrate a godly example to the unsaved wife.
- G. He must pray for his wife whether she is saved or not.

**II.   BEING THE BEST WIFE**

- A. She is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the husband (Genesis 2:18).
- B. She is to live for her husband, submit to him as the head of the home (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- C. She is to be a keeper of the home.
- D. She is to be the spiritual teacher of the children.
- E. She is to help her husband \_\_\_\_\_ his ministry.
- F. To the unsaved husband, she is to be:



### III. BEING THE BEST PARENT

Statistics show that the amount of time you spend with your children during 0-16 years is:

0-5 yrs = \_\_\_\_\_ %  
6-10 yrs = \_\_\_\_\_ %  
11-16yrs = \_\_\_\_\_ %

#### A. To your infants

1. Show \_\_\_\_\_ and comfort.
2. Ensure they have a positive outlook and self-acceptance.
3. Instil within them the foundation of Christianity.

#### B. To your children

1. Spend quality time with them.
2. Discipline.
3. Be responsible for every aspect of their life.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ them the Word of God and what the Lord commands us to do.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ them to the right values in life.

#### C. To your teenagers

1. The teenager is a product of what was created during their childhood.
2. You still have to discipline them and be a leader to them.
3. They need your love and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Give them \_\_\_\_\_ to spread their wings.
5. Help and show concern in their BGR relationships.

### CONCLUSION

We will conclude with a saying:

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to have confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to find love in the world.

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**LESSON 7 TO BE A SOUL WINNER THROUGH BEING A FRIEND**

**INTRODUCTION**

There are many ways to win people to Christ. One of the most natural and effective ways is through friendship.

To spread the gospel through friendship is to win the respect and liking of the person you witness to, before you try to lead him to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. So, the key to win people to Christ is through friendship.

**I. JESUS IS OUR BEST EXAMPLE OF BEING A SOUL WINNER THROUGH FRIENDSHIP.**

**A. Luke 7:36-50**

1. Jesus was invited to dinner with the Pharisees and He went.
2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with joy in His heart.

**B. Luke 15:1-7**

1. Sinners come together to Jesus to hear Him.
2. Jesus not only welcomed sinners, but He \_\_\_\_\_ them.
3. The religious people spoke evil against Jesus because He mixed with sinners.
4. What was Jesus' purpose for being with sinners?

**C. Luke 19:1-10**

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and people spoke evil against Him because of that.
2. Zaccheus was saved because Jesus went to visit him.
3. Jesus clearly told the reason why he came into the world.

NOTE To be separated from the world does not mean to keep away from the world completely. Read **2 Corinthians 6:17-18** and **John 17:15**.

**II. SEVEN WAYS WE CAN USE TO WIN SOULS THROUGH FRIENDSHIP**

- A. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

To be friendly is not something we put on once in a while. It is the life of Christ shown through us to others. It means to truly care for the spiritual, physical conditions of people.



B. We must be willing to mix with the unsaved.

C. We should not try to impress our friends with an "I'm better than you" attitude.

D. We should \_\_\_\_\_ our friends who are unsaved as they are.

This does not mean we agree with or accept the things they do or the way they live.

E. We must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ our friends unconditionally.

God loved us not because we deserved it but because He wanted to love us. We should love our friends who are not saved so they will come to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, not because they deserve it, but because we want God to love them through us (**Romans 5:8**).

F. We must look out for needs in their lives that are not met, and try to help them to meet their needs.

The best way to cause people to think of you as a true friend is when you show them Christian love and care in their times of need.

G. We must \_\_\_\_\_ with our friends about what Christ has done in our lives and what He means to us at the right time. This is an indirect way to win them to Christ.

## CONCLUSION

Your friend who is not a Christian may just be waiting for you to share Christ with him, if he knows you are a Christian.

Continue to share about the Lord to your friends even if you have done so before. Try your best to continue your friendship and your witness. You will have the joy of seeing your friend accept Christ when the right time comes.

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**LESSON 8 PRACTICAL EVANGELISM**

**INTRODUCTION**

It has been said that "a church that does not evangelise will eventually fossilise." This is true not only of a church body but also of individual Christians.

**I. EVANGELISM: ITS MEANING**

A. What Evangelism is not

- 1.
2. Merely leading people to unite with the church.
3. Merely enlisting people in a new kind of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What Evangelism is

1. The definition -
2. The definition explained
  - a. To bear witness with soul aflame.
  - b. The proclamation.

**II. EVANGELISM: ITS MESSAGE**

A. Sin and salvation

1. Sin
  - a. The nature of sin (1 John 3:4; James 4:17).
  - b. The universality of sin (Romans 3:10, 23).
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Romans 6:23; Revelations 21:8).
2. Salvation
  - a. It is salvation from sin (Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15).
  - b. Salvation is God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
  - c. Salvation is by believing in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31).



- B. Repentance and faith
  - 1. Repentance
    - a. Repentance is commanded by God (**Acts 17:30**).
    - b. Repentance is basically turning to God from idols or other sins (**1 Thessalonians 1:9**).
    - c. Repentance is a prerequisite to receiving \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (**Acts 2:38**).
  - 2. Faith
    - a. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ in God (**Hebrews 11:1**).
    - b. The object of saving faith is Jesus Christ (**Acts 16:31**).
    - c. To have faith in Christ means to accept Him (**John 1:12, 13**).

### III. EVANGELISM: ITS METHOD

**John 1:43-51** contains some principles that show us how to share Christ with others in evangelism.

- A. Have a genuine knowledge of Christ yourself.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ your contact as much as possible.
- C. Give your contact an honest compliment, if you can.
- D. Use the direct approach or personal contact, if you can.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ from personal experience.
- F. Appeal to existing and accepted authority.
- G. Don't argue with your contact.
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ your contact to "Come and See" Christ for himself. This is the invitation to accept Christ and experience Christ personally today.

### CONCLUSION



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**LESSON 9 PRAYER AND LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN WITNESSING**

**INTRODUCTION**

Prayer and how the Holy Spirit leads us when we witness, are two different things. But prayer plays a very important part in the leading of the Holy Spirit, so we will share on both these subjects in this lesson.

**I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER IN WITNESSING**

- A. We must pray so as to receive the spiritual power to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:4, 8, 12-14).
1. The followers were praying when the Holy Spirit came.
  2. We must spend time with God in prayer like the early followers.
- B. We must ask the Holy Spirit to lead us when we pray for others and their needs
1. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the burden and the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for others and their needs.
  2. It is this type of prayer that causes God to influence sinners to accept Christ.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ is the weapon to fight the spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18).
1. Witnessing is a spiritual warfare.
  2. The "full armour of God" is the weapon we use to defend ourselves.

**II. EXAMPLES FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

- A. Peter and John were on their way to the temple to pray when the Holy Spirit strongly asked Peter and gave him the ability to heal the man who could not walk (Acts 3).

This miracle of healing gave Peter and John the \_\_\_\_\_ to witness to a lot of people about the Lord Jesus Christ.

- B. The leaders of the Antioch Church were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit told them to send Barnabas and Saul as missionaries (Acts 13:1-4).

This was the start of Paul's witness to the Gentiles and the result was that churches were started in the important cities of the Roman kingdom.

- C. Paul and Silas were praying inside a prison in Philippi when there was a great shaking of the earth, and the prison doors opened (Acts 16:16-40).

1. Paul and Silas were able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the person in charge of the prison and lead him to Christ.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Philippi started because of this situation.



### III. THREE AREAS WHERE WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US WHEN WE WITNESS

- A. It is the Holy Spirit who causes us to have a spiritual attitude that gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to witness.
- B. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us to the right person or group of people
- C. The Holy Spirit gives \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to say the right thing, at the right time and to the right person.

### CONCLUSION

A great theologian, Charles Finney said, "Truth will never produce the result that we want, if it is without the Spirit of God." We know it is always the will of God for us to witness, but we must pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us so that we can be sensitive to share the right word at the right time, to the right person, and to get the right results.

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**LESSON 10 7 REASONS WHY I AM A SOUL WINNER**

**INTRODUCTION**

In this lesson, we are going to discuss 7 real good reasons, from the Word of God, why we should win people to Christ. This will help us to be intelligent soul winners.

**I. BECAUSE JESUS WAS A SOUL WINNER**

- A. Jesus came to seek and save those who are \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:10).
- B. Christ's purpose for coming into the world (1 Timothy 1:15).
- C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the big crowds and the individuals (Mark 6:30-42).
- D. We should follow our Lord's example and make soul-winning our main work.

**II. BECAUSE THE HARVEST IS VERY GREAT**

- A. Matthew 13:38
- B. Jesus used the ripe harvest field to describe men (John 4:34-38).
- C. The prophet Joel saw great crowds of \_\_\_\_\_ who had to make decisions (Joel 3:14).
- D. As it is now, not even 1/3 of the world population have heard the name of the Lord Jesus Christ yet.

**III. BECAUSE THERE ARE VERY FEW WORKERS**

- A. Matthew 9:37-38
- B. Why did Jesus tell His followers to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His field"?

**IV. BECAUSE OF THE GREAT COMMAND**

- A. The order of our Lord Jesus for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Christ ordered the church as a body and every Christian to win and disciple nations.
- C. As committed Christians, we do not have a choice.
- D. The world for us starts where we live, and it spreads out.
- E. We may not be able to go into other countries, but we can go across the road from our flat or house to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel and win somebody for Christ.



**V. BECAUSE THE PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST'S RETURN HAVE NOT COME TRUE YET**

- A. **Matthew 24:4-14** point to the Second Coming of Christ.
- B. The prophecy in verse 14 is dependent on whether we will obey the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to all the world.
- C. We can "bring back the King" sooner when we preach the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ nations.

**VI. BECAUSE WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOOD OF SINNERS IF WE DON'T WARN THEM**

- A. **Ezekiel 3:18-19**
- B. The apostle Paul knew and did something about it (**Acts 20:26**).
- C. We must be like Paul and do everything we can to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

**VII. BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN JESUS CHRIST**

- A. **John 9:25** It has been said that "the person with an experience will never lose to a person with an argument."
- B. Christ did not save us without purpose.
- C. What Christ did for us must be \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
- D. **Mark 5:19**

**CONCLUSION**

Jesus spoke about the reality of heaven and hell in **Matthew 25:41, 46**. Every Christian must be a soul-winner because there is a heaven to gain and a hell to turn away from.

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**LESSON 11    WITNESSING TO PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS (PART 1)**  
HINDUS, BUDDHISTS AND TAOISTS

**INTRODUCTION**

In order to witness effectively to Buddhists, Taoists and Hindus, we need to engage them in logical discussions that will lead eventually to sound conclusions. This will require us to know what we believe in, be able to master the subject matter under consideration with regards to the contact's religion, as well as ask directive questions to clarify the truth.

**I.    BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF APPROACH FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF PEOPLE**

There are several examples in the Bible that show us how Jesus or the apostle Paul witness to philosophers, people of intellect, etc. Some of these include:

- A.    **Acts 17:16-32**    Paul and the \_\_\_\_\_ at Athens.
- B.    **Acts 19:1-5**        Paul at Ephesus.
- C.    **Romans 3:1-5**    Paul defended God's judgement.
- D.    **Romans 9:19-24**
- E.    **John 4**                Jesus and the woman at the well.
- F.    **Luke 10:25-37**    Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- G.    **John 10:31-39**    Jesus and His self-righteous critics.

**II.    BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF APPROACH TO WITNESS TO THESE RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF PEOPLE**

In studying the above examples, the following principles or concept can be derived:

- A.    Raise an issue of importance **John 4:16, 21**.
- B.    Ask about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the contact's belief.
- C.    Provide \_\_\_\_\_ that will lead the prospect to the truth.
- D.    At the heart of every issue (public or private) what we struggle with is our world view.

**III.    SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- A.    Witnessing to Hindus.
  - 1.    Founder            :    None
  - Definition        :    The source of everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.



Background : Hinduism is a very complex religion. It is very vast and includes the highest abstract philosophy to the crudest superstition. Hinduism is everything: polytheistic, monotheistic, agnostic.

Religion : One universal god, Brahman, and countless other gods after him.

2. Salvation: This is not salvation from sin, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of overcoming life and bringing it to an end.

Methods of salvation: by works/ knowledge/ devotion.

3. Caste System - Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaisyas and Sudra.

4. Contrasts between Hinduism and Christianity.

- a. Hinduism - god is undefinable and totally impersonal. He is faraway and remote.

Christianity - God is a God of love. He is a personal God.

- b. Hinduism - Sin is not something done against a holy God, but deeds done one to another on earth.

Christianity - Sin is an act done against a holy God.

- c. Hinduism - Salvation is free from endless \_\_\_\_\_ of rebirths etc.

Christianity - Salvation is free from eternal separation from God through Jesus Christ.

- d. Hinduism - Hindus believe and pray to many gods. They may just accept Jesus as another God to be added to their collection of idols.

Christianity - **John 14:6** says Jesus is the only way, the truth and the life.

B. Witnessing to Buddhists.

1. Founder : Siddharta Gautama Buddha.

Purpose : That man may reach \_\_\_\_\_ (nirvana), and be free from suffering.

2. Basic Teachings: There are 4 noble truths that Buddha advocated:

- a. The suffering : Life is just suffering

- b. The cause : People seek and desire after own pleasures, greed and longing take over, thus need for reborn.

- c. The end : Release from the cycle of birth and rebirth, and ultimately at peace with oneself.

- d. The end of all pain by following the 8-fold path: right knowledge, right attitude, right speech, right action, right occupation, right effort, right contemplation (thinking) and right \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Salvation: To achieve nirvana (enlightenment), which means a complete stop from births and rebirths.

Method of salvation: by depending on \_\_\_\_\_ effort and following the 8-fold path.

4. Ancestor Worship: Most Buddhists today incorporate ancestor worship as part of their beliefs and superstition as part of their life.



5. Contrasts between Buddhism and Christianity.
- a. Buddhism - No promise of salvation for the soul, neither teaches existence of God.  
  
Christianity - Promise of eternal life to those who accept Jesus as Lord and God is revealed to us.
  - b. Buddhism - Body is a hindrance to nirvana.  
  
Christianity - body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
  - c. Buddhism - Desire is evil.  
  
Christianity - Desire to live a righteous life is vital.
  - d. Buddhism - Teaches one on how to lead a righteous life.  
  
Christianity - God is the one who enables us to live a righteous life, the hope of man is God.

C. Witnessing to Taoists.

1. Founder : Lao Tzu

Teaching : Advocates "the Way". It is not a god, but a power. It is part of nature, illusive. Advocates that everything in life is created by these 2 forces known as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (opposites).

2. 2 types of Taoism

- a. Philosophical - More of using the mind.
- b. Religious - Belief in praying to deities, communication with the dead, geomancy, Qigong and martial arts.

3. Contrasts between Christianity and Taoism.

- a. Taoism - No god, more an abstract \_\_\_\_\_.

Christianity - There is a supreme being.

- b. Taoism - No assurance of eternal life.

Christianity - Promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

- c. Taoism - Merge into nature and be a part of \_\_\_\_\_ power.

Christianity - Not illusive and abstract, but concrete and assured with a personal relationship with a true and living God.

## CONCLUSION

The whole aim or objective of this process is not to win an argument but to listen and pose directive questions that will lead the prospect to a sound conclusion. It is a process that requires multiple conversations on multiple issues. In fact, it is geared toward building a fairly intense and intimate personal relationship (**Proverbs 19:2**).

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**LESSON 12 WITNESSING TO PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS (PART 2)**  
MUSLIMS AND ATHEISTS

**I. REVIEW ON THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF APPROACH**

- A. Raise an issue of importance.
- B. Ask about the basis of the contact's belief.
- C. Provide questions that will lead the contact to the truth.
- D. At the heart of every issue (public or private) what we struggle with is our world view.

**II. SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- A. Witnessing to Muslims.
  - 1. Founder : \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Date of birth : 570-632 AD.
    - b. Place of birth : Mecca, Arabia.
    - c. Occupation : Shepherd; did some trading.
    - d. Social contacts : Travelled to Syria and Palestine where he mixed with Jews and Christians.
    - e. Marriage : married a rich widow, Khatijah.
    - f. He died at the age of 62.
  - 2. Basic beliefs.
    - a. There is one God, Allah.
      - i. Allah, the Eternal, is the source of all creation.
      - ii. Allah had established three ways to reveal his will to men.
    - b. Mohammed is Allah's \_\_\_\_\_.
      - i. The Muslims statement of faith : "I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
      - ii. Muslims respect other prophets.
      - iii. However, Mohammed is the last and the greatest prophet.
    - c. The Koran (Quran)
      - i. The divine word of God.
      - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the final authority.





- d. The angels.
    - i. Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - ii. Gabriel is the "angel of revelation" who brought Allah's message to Mohammed.
    - iii. Angels intercede with Allah for the forgiveness of sins.
    - iv. Satan is called "Shaitin."
  - e. Belief in Judgement, Paradise, and Hell.
    - i. resurrection and judgement.
    - ii. paradise is a place of good food, ease, and women.
    - iii. hell is a place of torment for the non Muslims.
  - f. Belief in Predestination.
    - i. Everything is predestined by Allah's appointment.
    - ii. Every person dies according to Allah's permission and appointment.
3. The essential Islamic duties ("The Five Pillars Of Islam")
- a. Repetition of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Pray five times a day.
  - c. Almsgiving. Also the paying of "zakat".
  - d. Fasting during the month of Ramadan.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ to Mecca.
4. The following points are ten major differences between Christianity and Islam:
- a. Christianity - Jesus Christ is not just a prophet. He is God incarnate (**John 1:1, 14**)  
Islam - Jesus Christ is just a prophet lesser than Mohammed.
  - b. Christianity - Spread faith by preaching and teaching the gospel in love (**Matthew 28:19-20**).  
Islam - Forced people to embrace faith by the power of the sword.
  - c. Christianity - Separate religions from politics (**Matthew 22:21**).  
Islam - Mix religion and politics as the very principle of the totality of life.
  - d. Christianity - The Bible is the only authoritative Word of God to men.  
Islam - The Koran superseded the Bible.
  - e. Christianity - Religion of divine grace (**Ephesians 2:8-9**).  
Islam - Religion of human effort.
  - f. Christianity - It is possible to know God (**John 17:3; Philippians 3:10**).  
Islam - No man can know God and have fellowship with God.



g. Christianity - Addresses God as "Father" (**Matthew 6:9**).

Islam - Never uses the word "Father" on God.

h. Christianity - The Bible is a revelation or self-disclosure of God

Islam - The Koran is simply a revelation from God, but not of God.

i. Christianity - Christ died on the cross, was buried, rose on the third day. He ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand side of God

Islam - Denies all the above.

j. Christianity - All men need Jesus Christ as their Saviour (**Matthew 1:21; Romans 3:23; 1 Timothy 1:15**).

Islam - Grave offence to look to Jesus for salvation

B. Witnessing to Atheists.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are people who absolutely do not believe in the existence of God. Atheism is very humanistic in its belief.

2. Witnessing to Atheists is like witnessing to anybody else, using the ways and approach we have discussed in earlier lessons. However, some may like to argue. Below are some proofs that God does exist:

a. Man's moral nature

The religious nature in man looks for something to worship.

b. Man's \_\_\_\_\_ nature

The sense of right and wrong in men needs a Being to whom he is responsible and answerable to.

c. The law of cause and effect

Reason teaches that every effect must have a cause. The universe is the effect, the cause is God.

d. The law of \_\_\_\_\_

The existence of design shows the existence of a designer. There is a design in the universe and the designer is God.

e. Those who do not believe in a god still have problems and the cares of life to contend with. Ask him if he is able to solve all of life's problems by himself. Challenge him to know that only God is the answer to his every need.

### III. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WITNESSING:

A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to the contact.

B. Reinforce reasonable conclusions by \_\_\_\_\_ common ground.

C. Move at a comfortable pace.



D. Use biblical \_\_\_\_\_ without citing chapter and verse.

E. Be real.

## CONCLUSION