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  - 1. Acts 20:31
  - 2. Psalm 126-5-6
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  - 1. 2 Timothy 2:21
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- F. Personal Surrender to God. - Romans 12:1-2
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  - 2. Luke 8:11
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  - 1. Don't Distract From Duties
  - 2. Simply Leave a Tract if you Must.
- G. Prisons, Hospitals, Schools, Etc. - in other words, everywhere! (Acts 8:4 - Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.)
- H. Five Characteristics of a Good opportunity
  - 1. When one is alone.
  - 2. When one is unoccupied.
  - 3. When one is in a good mood.
  - 4. When one is communicative.
  - 5. When one is in a serious mood.

### IV. How To Begin

- A. Find The Person to Deal With.
  - 1. Pray that God will lead you.
  - 2. Illustration: The hunter looking for the perfect spot.
- B. Begin the Conversation
  - 1. Ask Question
    - a) "Are you saved?"
    - b) "Are you a Christian?"
    - c) "If you died tonight. . .?"
    - d) "Do you wonder if life is worth living?"
  - 2. Why is "Are you saved?" better than "Are you a Christian?"
  - 3. Use a Gospel tract to open the conversation.
  - 4. Use immediate "props" - Example - The woman at the well.
  - 5. Show a kindness to them - Mow grass, open doors, etc.
- C. In conversation, find out where they stand ASAP. How???
  - 1. The questions
  - 2. Watch their face.
  - 3. Observe tone of voice and behavior.
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### V. How To Deal With Those Who Desire to be Saved

- A. Show them that Christ has Borne Their Sin
  - 1. Illustration of a life threatening disease.
  - 2. Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
  - 3. Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
  - 4. II Corinthians 5:21 - For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- B. Show the Power of the Resurrection - this was a strange doctrine to those in Acts 17
  - 1. The resurrection delivers from sin's power. - Hebrews 7:25 (Jude 24)
  - 2. The resurrection power is transferred to the believer. - Matthew 28:18
  - 3. The resurrection is part of the Gospel. - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- C. Show the Lordship of Christ
  - 1. Acts 2:36; Romans 10:9; Acts 10:36
  - 2. As Christians, we must daily submit ourselves to the rulership of Christ.
- D. Show the Personal Nature of Salvation - (They must make Christ "their own.")
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### VI. We May Be Rejected When We Present The Gospel. (Matthew 21:42)

- A. People reject because they are influenced by false teaching (religion)
- B. People reject because of pride.
- C. People reject because of Satanic influence.
- D. If you are rejected, DON'T QUIT! - Christ's rejection resulted in the statement, "It is finished"

### VII. How to Deal With Certain Rejections.

- A. "I don't need this, I go to church."
  - 1. Tell them it is not about church, but about Christ - Acts 4:12
  - 2. Tell them of the religious scribes and pharisees -Matthew 23
- B. "There is no God" - Psalm 14:1
  - 1. It is probably not best to call them a fool at this point.
  - 2. If there is a God, would this God have to be omniscient? (By definition, He would.)  
Your statement presumes omniscience on your part showing that your claim is proof that your desire is that you get to be God.
- C. "The Church is full of Hypocrites" - well, so is your job, school, etc. - (This is a great time for the "You are still eating" tract.
- D. "That is fine if it works for you, but it is not for me."
  - 1. This argument is based upon relativism.
  - 2. Explain that there are absolutes which we must accept daily. Truth is absolute and also mutually exclusive. It does not matter what you believe about gravity, it works the same for everybody.
- E. "I believe if you are sincere, you will get to heaven"
  - 1. Sincerity has never been the measure of truth.
  - 2. You can sincerely believe you are a banana split, but that will not change you.
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- F. In the face of various arguments, DON'T QUIT! Don't waste your precious time. Present the truth clearly and go on - praying that God will work.

### VIII. How Do We Find the Strength to Continue?

- A. Remember this is not your work, but the Lord's - 1 Corinthians 15:58
- B. Remember the examples of the Book of Acts. (4:1-3; 7:54-50; 12:1)
- C. Remember the example of our Savior. (Philippians 2:6-10)
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#### A. "I want to wait."

1. Isaiah 55:6 - "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."
2. Proverbs 27:1 - "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."
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#### B. "I need to get things in order first."

1. Matthew 6:33 - "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
2. Romans 5:6-8 - "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
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#### C. "I am waiting for God's time."

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#### D. "I am too young to become a Christian / serious about religion."

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