More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
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Study Series

Sweat-Free Witnessing
Some Biblical Principles

1. 2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (TLB), “It is God Himself, in His mercy, who has given us this wonderful work of telling His good news to others. So we never give up. We do not try to trick people into believing. We are not interested in fooling anyone. We never try to get anyone to believe that the Bible teaches what it doesn’t. All such shameful methods we forego. We stand in the presence of God as we speak, and so we tell the truth as all who know us will agree.”

2. Your burden for seeing the lost come to Christ must exceed the pride in your life or you will not witness.

3. False Assumption: No one I meet is interested in the gospel. (John 8:44)

4. God can and does cause people to be willing to hear the gospel. (John 6:44, Colossians 4:3)

5. You cannot tell by looking at a person whether they are willing to hear the gospel. The only way to know is to ask. (Ephesians 6:19-20)

6. Rule of Thumb: You should not attempt to share the gospel with a person without first receiving permission from that person. (1 Peter 3:15)
   • This rule is almost always true. There are exceptions.
   • The sovereignty of God in evangelism must be well understood.
   • This rule should never reduce the sense of urgency to share the gospel. It is not an excuse for failing to share Christ.

7. Seeking permission:
   • Be direct! Really. If God has prepared their heart, they will give you permission to talk to them. If He has not, they probably will not. It’s not up to you.
   • That’s why, “we don’t want to talk to anyone who doesn’t want to talk to us.”
   • Be specific! You want to talk about a relationship with Jesus Christ. Not about your church; not about denominations; not about the weather; not even about ‘god.’
8. Your effectiveness in witnessing will be greatly influenced by:
   - How well you can share your personal story of salvation.
   - What kind of **prayer support** you have enlisted.
   - Your willingness to master a presentation of the gospel. (Ecclesiastes 10:10 TLB)
     o No one was ever led to Christ by lifestyle alone. Even Jesus spoke the gospel.
     o The better you know the gospel, the more likely you are to share it.
     **Memorize it!**
     o The extraordinary value of **scripture memory** is a key to being a life-long witness.

9. Authenticity, compassion for the lost, and passion for God combine into a powerful witness. **Never take these for granted.** (Matthew 9:36, Philippians 3:7-11, Psalm 63, Deuteronomy 4:24, 1 Thessalonians 2:8)

10. Every person in the world needs the opportunity to choose what he/she will do with Jesus. Don’t choose for him/her by failing to share with him/her. (Romans 10:13-15)
    - God doesn’t want anyone to perish. (2 Peter 3:9)
    - God wants all to be saved. (1 Timothy 2:3-6)
    - Jesus is the Savior for the whole world. (John 4:39-42)
    - God will be exalted to the ends of the earth. (Psalm 46:10)