

SHARING
JESUS
{without *freaking out*}

Proverbs 11:30

New American Standard Bible



The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.

PRICIPLES
FOR
BIBLICAL
EVENGELISM
FOUND IN
JOHN 4, “THE
WOMAN AT
THE WELL.”

1. TAKE THE *INITIATIVE!* JN. 4:6-9
2. OFFER GOD’S *MERCY!* JN. 4:10-14
3. *IDENTIFY* SPIRITUAL NEEDS! JN. 4:9-10
4. *CONFRONT* SIN JN! 4:16-18
5. *REJECT* FALSE WORSHIP! JN. 4:19-24
6. *REVEAL* CHRIST! JN. 4:25-26

OUR *WITNESS* TO A WATCHING WORLD

- As we seek to live out the ***Great Commission*** (Matt. 28:18-20), Christians should always consider how their ***actions*** will affect their witness to a watching world.
- Speaking of his own ***evangelistic ministry***, **PAUL** wrote: ***“Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; 33, just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.”*** (1 Cor. 10:32-33)
- **PAUL** was far more concerned with seeing sinners embrace Christ than he was with the exercise of his liberty. Thus, he was willing to set aside his ***freedom*** (his own personal preferences) for the sake of the gospel. **Notice (1 Cor. 9:19-23).**

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- *“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. **20**, To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; **21**, to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. **22**, To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. **23**, I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.”*

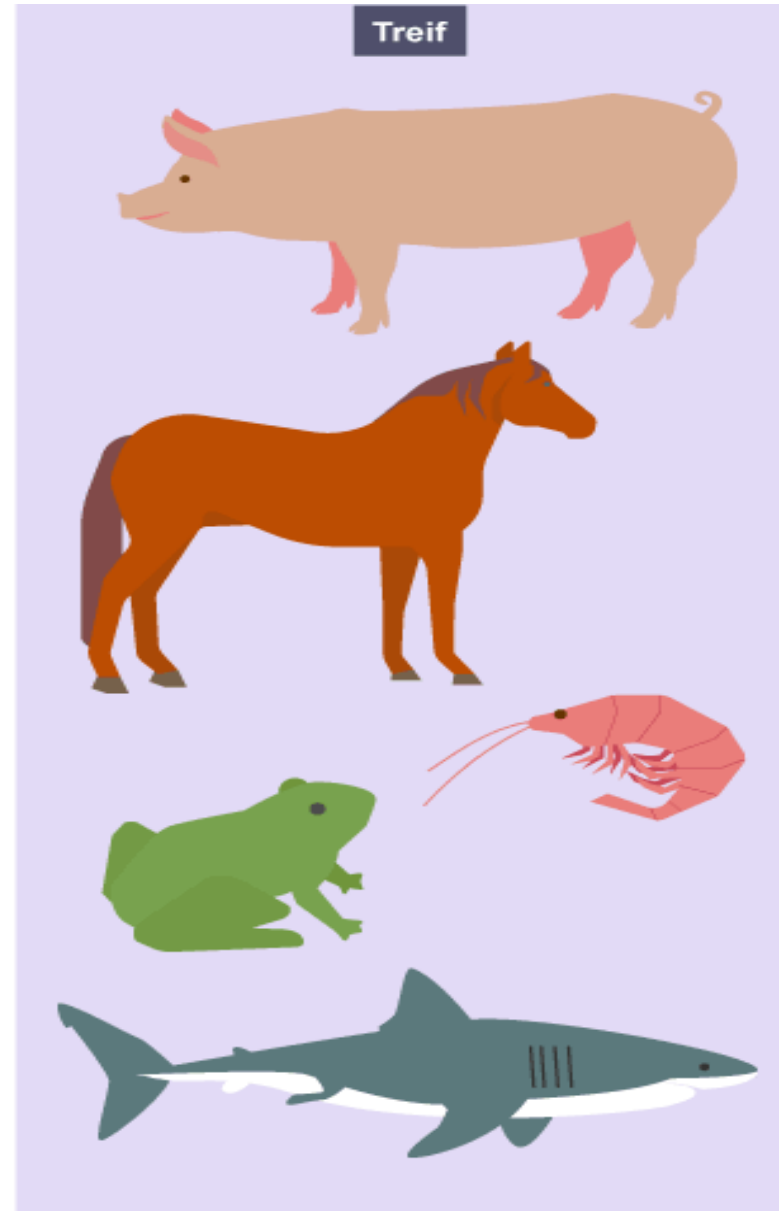
- Whether or not you are aware of it, **YOUR BEHAVIOR**—both what you **DO** as well as what you **DON'T** do—**AFFECTS YOUR WITNESS FOR CHRIST**. It is an issue of “**TESTIMONY.**” What does your life say about God to the friends, relatives, coworkers, neighbors, or even strangers who might be *watching you*?
- That’s the point **PAUL** makes in (Rom. 14:16-18) *“Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17, for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18, For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.”*
- The operative statement there is *“approved by men.”* Paul’s not talking about being a man-pleaser—he’s talking about the **positive commendation** of your **lifestyle** by the **people who are WATCHING**. Keep in mind **PAUL** was a Jew by **blood**, a citizen of Rome by **birth**, and a Christian by the **new birth**.

JUDAISM'S *FOOD* LAWS

Judaism's food laws are known as "**KASHRUT.**" These rules are contained within the **MITZVOT** (any commandment, ordinance, law, or statute contained in the **Torah**) mainly in the Books of *Deuteronomy* and *Leviticus*. Following them shows *obedience* and *self-control*. (works base)

Food that is allowed is called "**KOSHER.**" Food that is not allowed is called **TREIF** or **TREFAH.**

FOOD LAWS



1. Land animals must have cloven (split) hooves and must chew the cud, meaning that they must eat grass.
2. Seafood must have fins and scales. Eating shellfish is not allowed.
3. It is forbidden to eat birds of prey. Only clean birds, meaning birds that do not eat other animals, can be eaten. Poultry is allowed.
4. Meat and dairy cannot be eaten together, as it says in the Torah: “**...do not boil a kid in its mother’s milk**” (Exodus 23:19). So, Jews who follow these dietary rules cannot eat **CHEESEBURGERS** for example. Often this rule is extended further, so that people wait up to **six hours** after eating meat before they eat dairy.

- **TREIF**: Food that is not allowed is called **treif**. Examples include shellfish, pork products and food that has not been slaughtered in the correct way, known as **shechitah**. Animals must have their throats cut with a sharp knife by a **shochet**, a person trained to slaughter animals in a **kosher** way. The blood must then be drained from the animal because in the Book of **(Deut. 12:23)** it forbids Jews to eat or drink blood. **NO** animals that have died naturally can be eaten.
- **PAREV**: Neutral foods, that can be eaten with either meat or dairy, are called **parev** and these include vegetables, pasta and rice. As long as these are washed thoroughly before eating, no kosher rules will be broken.
- **ORTHODOX JEWS AND FOOD LAWS**: Orthodox Jews keep all the rules of **kashrut**. Some even have separate utensils and perhaps fridges for the preparation and storage of meat and dairy products.

- **REFORM JEWS AND FOOD LAWS**: Although Reform Jews may choose to observe all of the *kashrut*, they believe this is down to personal choice. Some Reform Jews observe a selection of the laws. Others observe *kashrut* at home but not elsewhere.
- **KEEPING KOSHER IN THE UK**: In big cities with large Jewish populations in the UK, there may be kosher supermarkets, shops and restaurants catering for the Jewish communities. Often these are located nearby synagogues. Even in smaller communities where there are fewer Jewish people, most major supermarkets will have a kosher food section. Many food manufacturers produce ordinary foods to kosher standards. Also, some foods and drinks are labelled '*parev*' to show that they contain **no meat** or **dairy**.
- Some Jews will avoid eating out at dinner parties, non-kosher restaurants and cafes. Some, particularly Reform and Liberal Jews will be less strict about the rules when eating out or at friends' homes. Lots of Jews may stick to vegetarian or vegan options when eating out, as all of these foods are *parev*.

- You've probably known people who call themselves ***Christians*** and proclaim their love for the Lord but have lifestyles that are very similar to the world. Believers who routinely live on the edges of their liberty make it difficult to differentiate themselves from the world. They have a hard time communicating the value and power of the gospel to people who see no clear difference in how they live their lives.
- Believers who ***NEVER ABUSE*** their freedom live out the most distinct, powerful testimonies of **God's life-transforming power**. The self-imposed restrictions in your life—informed by biblical principles—visually depict the ongoing work of Christ in your heart to a world that is constantly watching, even when you least suspect it.

- Your loudest, clearest testimony is rarely the words you say—people are far more likely to **SEE** how you live and draw conclusions about the value and reality of your faith based on your **LIFESTYLE**. The unsaved world is paying attention, and we need to strive to be manifestly different from our sinful culture. For the sake of the gospel, we need to stand apart from the world while we're living in it.
- So, when we're faced with a decision in an area of life that Scripture doesn't specifically speak to, we need to ask, **WILL THIS ACTIVITY *ADORN THE GOSPEL OR TARNISH IT?***
- **YOUR TESTIMONY** either tells the **TRUTH** about God, or it tells a **LIE**. The choices you make in the gray areas should reflect your concern not to bring offense to God's reputation but to **BRING HIM PRAISE INSTEAD.**