Jesus and the Art of Persuasive Infiltration The Dove Side of Jesus

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Review from Last Week: The Serpent Side of Jesus

- 1. Serve with compassion to earn the trust of those outside of the church.
- 2. Socialize without compromise to enjoy the trust of those outside of the church.
- 3. Speak the truth with competence to expand the trust of those outside of the church.

What is persuasive infiltration?

Accommodation	Infiltration	Isolation
All serpent, no dove	Serpent doves	All dove, no serpent
The professing believer who successfully pursues friendships with unbelievers but is not living by Biblical ethics.	The believer who lives by Biblical ethics (innocent) <i>and</i> intentionally pursues friendships with unbelievers (wise), earning their trust.	The professing believer who is living by Biblical ethics, but safely retreats from friendships with unbelievers.
Won't invite unchurched friends to church because he/she fears rejection and revealing hypocrisy.	Strategically invite unchurched friends to church and guide them through the "strangeness" of church life.	Won't invite unchurched friends to church because he/she doesn't have any.

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 Diligently study Scripture to determine 5:17-48). 	(Mt.
2. Honestly examine yourself to evaluate	(Mt. 7:1–5)
3. Humbly depend on the only	(7:13–23).