

KEYS TO SHARING YOUR FAITH

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There is a way that looks right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (Proverbs 16:25, NLT)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20, NLT)

- The _____ to change a persons heart comes from God. We are commissioned by God to carry this life changing message.

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. (Ezekiel 36:26, NLT)

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:37-38, NLT)

- The power of prayer and my own _____ (i.e. my own knowledge and personal experience of repentance and the power of the gospel)
- What am I passionate about?
- We can only give out what we have already received (testimony = 'evidence-based report')

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (1 John 1:1, NIV)

And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. (Revelations 12:11, NLT)

- God desires all to be _____ - He can reach anyone!

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, NIV)

- The centrality of the _____ and its structure - to build relationships and make disciples.

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16.18, NIV)

James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognised the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. (Galatians 2:9, NIV)

- It's all about _____ - with patience, respect, humility and love, not numbers or necessarily winning arguments at all costs!

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage, with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2, NIV)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. (John 13:34-35, NLT)

- Know the _____ and study the word.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3.15, NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
(2 Timothy 3.16, NIV)

- Jesus the evangelist – Meeting 2 men on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32, NLT)

- Divine appointment
- Struck up a conversation
- Walked with them and took time
- Interested in their thoughts, ideas and feelings
- Didn't exert any pressure
- He told the truth - direct and honest
- Their eyes were opened