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Evangelism Update 08-10-08

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Note from Jim:

Our team will be at the Josephine County Fair this Saturday from 3pm to 5:30pm to pass out gospel tracts and witness to people one-2-one. If you would like to join us, please [email me](mailto:fool4given@gmail.com). Tracts will be provided. Even if you're not comfortable with giving out tracts or talking to people, we can always us folks to come along and pray while we do the work.



Mark Sumpter sharing the gospel with some teens at the fair.

For some encouragement, check out the following MP3 audios of past witnessing encounters we've had at the fair.

[Mike & Charles](#)

This was a divine appointment. Mark and I were amazed that in the heart of all the activity and noise of the fair, two 16-year-old boys stood and talked with us for more than a half-hour on the things of God. They asked sincere and honest questions as we covered the full count of the gospel: sin, righteousness, judgment and grace. It was such an incredible blessing to see God at work.

[Rose](#)

Rose was a carny and called herself a "Penta-Christic". She believed she was saved because her broken toe had been healed. However, she also said we can never be sure about it. Mark and I talked with her about the necessity of repentance and faith, and I pointed her to 1 John 5:13, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

[Jonnie, Christine, Jeremy & Shannon](#)

Jonnie won the "Name Ten Get \$20" challenge. Afterwards, she told us she and her daughter regularly pick things to study out of the Bible, and they'd just gone over the Ten Commandments. Praise God for a mother like that. As we looked into the Mirror of the Law and began to reveal sin, Christine said that as long we ask for forgiveness and really mean it in our hearts we'll be OK. When I told her that's not exactly true, tears came to her eyes. I then got to share the sacrifice and amazing grace of the cross with them.

Scripture of the Week:

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)

Quote of the Week:

"Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only three. Yet the influence of Christ's 3-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity." (Unknown)



Questions & Objections:

This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

O. Man is the master of his own destiny!

A. If man is in total control of his future, then he should at least be in control of his own body. Instead, he is subject to involuntary yawning, sneezing, breathing, swallowing, sleeping, salivating, dreaming, blinking, and thinking. He can't even control hair and nail growth. He automatically does these things, irrespective of his will. God has set his body in motion and there is little he can do about it. He also has minimal control over his daily bodily functions. His kidneys, bladder, intestines, heart, liver, lungs, etc., work independently of his will. It is ludicrous to say that man controls his future when he has trouble predicting the stock market, political outcomes, earthquakes, and even the weather, let alone having control over these things.

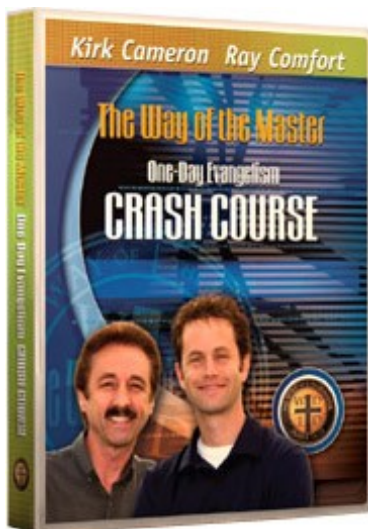
Recommended Resource:



This short video packs a clever gospel message.

[The Good-O-Meter](#)

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.

- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:



Cargo shorts (for sheer pocket size) seem to have become the standard team wear.

We had a team of four for street fishing on Saturday. Dave's daughter Heather came out with us. It was a blessing. She showed the [Curved Illusion](#) cards to a half-dozen or more people and passed out some [What If?](#) tracts. Now it has to be said, she's just 10-years-old ... so, what's your excuse? The fields are white for harvest, come and join us.



Heather shows someone the Curved Illusion tracts.

We made a couple of loops around our downtown fishing hole and through Riverside Park. At the park, we passed some homeless people gathered under the 6th Street bridge to get out of the sun. I spent a few minutes talking with them after they each took a tract. They weren't sober enough to get into a real one-2-one, but by taking the time to engage them and answer some of their questions it's my hope that they'd be encouraged to hang on to the tracts and read over them when they're sober.

It was a good "fishing" afternoon. By the time we headed back to our cars, we'd given out more than 200 gospel tracts. Some times we're out there and we pick-up several one-2-ones, other times we're presented with a chance to preach open air, and some days are more of a big tract sweep. Either way, we trust God is doing what he wants to do and we just make ourselves available.

Pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the honor he is due!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the salvation of Buddhists this week.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV)
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Calendar:

- **Fishing at the Fair (new)**
Saturday, August 16, 3pm to 5:30pm
Street fishing at the Josephine County Fair. See "Note From Jim" above.
- **Downtown Fishing Hole (Recurring)**
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).

If you would like to join us, [email us](#) your contact info.

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