# SOFT EVANGELISM

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## CONDUCT



**Matthew 5: 14-16** "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

**Colossians 4:2-6** "**Devote yourselves to prayer**, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. **Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity**. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."

Summary; As ambassadors of Christ Jesus, always be polite and courteous. NEVER ARGUE OR BE DISRESPECTFUL.

#### UNDERSTANDING



Both Evangelism Explosion and Billy Graham Evangelism are excellent programs. However, they are **contentious** due to their presentation of humankind's truly sinful state at the beginning of the conversation, thus leading to **disagreements**. These **conflicts** have caused many to stop being a messenger of the Good News of salvation through Christ Jesus. On the other hand, **Soft Evangelism is non-confrontational** due to the understanding that God's Drawing brings conviction, revealing one's sinful status to themselves, realizing the Holy Spirit's work to be self-evident. Soft Evangelism is not a program but a method that conveys Christ and His message. **LET US BEGIN** 

## **EVERYWHERE, EVERYONE**



2Timothy4:1-3 "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and because he is coming to rule as King, I solemnly urge you to preach the message, to insist upon proclaiming it (whether the time is right or not), to convince, reproach, and encourage, as you teach with all patience. The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear."

**Summary**; Paul is clear, all Servants of Christ are called and commissioned to preach the message of salvation everywhere and to everyone. Again this fulfills, "**The Great Commission**" in **Matthew 28:19**.

## CONVERSATION



As with Evangelism Explosion, and Billy Graham Evangelism, Soft Evangelism starts by initiating a conversation.

- 1. If shopping, open a conversation on what they are looking for or are already holding.
- 2. If dining, open a conversation about the food or general experience.
- 3. If at a laundry mate, conversations are regular and expected.
- 4. With neighbors, conversations are polite and expected.

#### DECISION



After a couple of minutes of conversation, ask the individual what church they attend?

If they respond as church members, congratulations, you met and made a new brother or sister in the Lord.

If they respond that they stopped attending for multiple reasons, invite them to your church.

If they respond in **general terms** that they do not believe in God. Your opening statement is, "You Know,"

God created the heavens and the earth so that each one of us would have the opportunity to accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, thus spending eternity in heaven with Him or denying HIm and living out eternity void/absent of God and His love. "**Are you ready to choose?**"

**This** is the moment of decision. **This** is the moment where the drawing of the Holy Spirit becomes evident of being successful. Remember, **Ezekiel 33:6** God's servants are responsible for sounding the alarm of pending judgment, not the response.

If they say "**no**," then understand that you completed your duty as a watchman, you sounded the alarm. However, you're never relieved, never not on watch. The drawing of God is still working, so never stop sounding the alarm. It's not uncommon for weeks, months, years to occur before the Drawing of God humbles a spirit. Always be polite, for future interactions may occur.

If they say "yes," then ask them to repeat this prayer after you.

**Dear Christ Jesus**, I accept you as my **Lord** and **Savior**; I ask you to come into my heart, **change** and **mold** me to be in **harmony** with you. I ask you to replace my will and wants with yours, use me for whatever purpose you have for me. Thank you, Christ Jesus, for loving me and being my savior, Amen.

## **MEMBERSHIP**



Hebrews 10:22-25 "So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

**After praying**, professing Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, you need to invite the individual to attend your church. The church, which is the embodiment of Christ Jesus, needs to assist in the training, equipping, adding in the sanctification of the new believer. If the new believer does not have a Holy Bible, your church should gift.

## SANCTIFICATION



**Psalms 51:10-12** "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit."

**2Corinthians 5:17-18 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,"

**Summary**; **The Drawing of God brings conviction to one's sinful life**, "thus revealing one's sinful state to themselves," without the Drawing of God, No one would come to Christ Jesus as stated in **John 6:44**. The conviction of God continues a lifelong process of sanctification in every believer.

**NOTE**, sometimes during a conversation, the topic of sin may emerge. It is essential to understand that a Watchman's calling is to warn and encourage, which is part of loving thy neighbor. **The Holy Bible contains all the standards God sets for humankind**. So, if anyone has questions about sin, NEVER interject a personal comment, but refer them to God's Holy Word. You may assist in looking up passages, but again, never inject a comment. **Let God's Word answer the Question**.

"**PERSONAL COMMENTS REGARDING SIN WILL BRING CONFLICT**." By referring the individual to God's Word, the Holy Bible, and not introducing personal comments, all conflicts are with God and not with you.

## SERVANTHOOD



#### **REMEMBER;**

**2Timothy 2:24-26** "As the Lord's servant, **you must not quarrel**. You must be **kind toward all**, a good and **patient teacher**, who is gentle as you correct your opponents, for it may be that God will give them the opportunity to repent and come to know the truth. And then they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the Devil, who had caught them and made them obey his will." (Never Quarrel)

John 12:25-26 "Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honor anyone who serves me."

I pray you to have a heart like Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "I will go! Send me!"