



## Lesson One

# “Sharing the Good News”

**Objective:** *To give the believer an excellent and thorough understanding of how to share the Good News with a non-believer which provides the confidence needed to shake off the fear associated with witnessing.*

In the Great Commission, Jesus gives us **all**, the mandate to “**go**” and preach, declare or share the Gospel (Good News) with every person.

**Mark 16:15** AMP *“And He said to them, Go into all the world and **preach** and **publish openly** the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].”*

The thought of talking to someone about the Lord can strike fear in our hearts if we are not properly equipped. If we can get a good grasp of the Gospel, the good news of what Jesus has done, share how He has changed our lives and use the power of the Holy Spirit that is for every believer to witness, we can eliminate fear and go on to be mighty soul winners for Jesus Christ.

**Proverbs 11:30** NKJV *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he who wins souls is wise.*

Let’s take a look at the equipment we use for soul winning.

### EQUIPMENT FOR SOUL WINNING:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - *The Good News – (God News!) that Jesus has come to save us all from our sins.*

a. The Gospel IS the \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation.

**Rom 1:16** NIV *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:***

**MSG** *It’s news I’m most proud to proclaim, **this extraordinary Message of God’s powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him...***

**Acts 2:21** NKJV *And it shall come to pass that **whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.***

**Rom 10:14-15** NKJV *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And **how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?** And **how shall they hear without a preacher?** 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are*

*the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

**Heb 4:12-13** NKJV *For the word of God (Good News-Gospel) is **living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing even to the division of soul and spirit**, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

**b. The message of the Gospel is very \_\_\_\_\_.**

When we are sharing the Good News, we want to be careful not to overcomplicate it. Remember we are SALT and LIGHT. Our very lives should make people thirsty for more and we should **communicate the Truth in a clear and compelling way**. It **takes practice** to turn regular conversations into soul winning opportunities but it can be easily mastered. Here is the basic truth of the Gospel, sometimes known as the Roman Road because most of the Scriptures come from the Book of Romans.

**1. God wants everyone to know the \_\_\_\_\_ and be saved.**

**\*\*Memory Verse One - 1 Tim 2:3-4** NIV *This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**What is the TRUTH?**

**2. We are all born \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\*\*Memory Verse Two - Rom 3:23** NLT *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

**Ps 51:5** NIV *Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

The **Way of the Master** (visit [wayofthemaster.com](http://wayofthemaster.com)) is a brilliant way to bring people to the realization that they are sinners.

**3. If people are not \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins, they will not feel the need to be saved.**

It would be like throwing a life preserver to a person enjoying a nice swim. They would say, "I'm not in any danger" and refuse the help. (And think you're nuts)

You could ask a question like, **"Do you feel like you are a good person?"**

Most people would say yes because most people feel like they are good **compared** to those who are especially bad people. **BUT God does not judge us by comparing us to each other. He judges us by His own standard of holiness and perfection.** "We have all sinned and we all fall short of God's glorious standard" Romans 3:23.

Your next question could be, “**Well if God were to judge you by His standards, the Ten Commandments do you think you would pass the test?**”

**Have you ever told a lie?** – *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*

**Have you ever stolen anything, even something small?** *You shall not steal.*

**Have you ever taken the name of the Lord in vain - cursed?** *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

**Have you ever looked at a man/woman with lust in your heart?** *You shall not commit adultery – Jesus said if you just look at a woman or man with lust in your heart you have already committed adultery with them in your heart.*

Most of us have committed all of these sins. When we realize we have sinned, it opens our eyes to see that we do need God’s forgiveness.

So by your own admission you are a liar, thief, cursing, adulterer... lol

**1 John 1:8-10** NKJV *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ for sin is eternal death.**

**\*\*Memory Verse Three - Rom 6:23** GWT *The payment (penalty) for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Jesus, the Son of God came to forgive us of our sins by dying in our place. He was innocent but He took our guilty verdict and gave us His innocent verdict and He died in our place.

**5. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in our place.**

**Heb 4:15** NIV *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.*

**2 Cor 5:21** MSG *...God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.*

**\*\*Memory Verse Four - John 3:16-17** NKJV *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

**6. \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.** (change your life – turn from sin)

**\*\*Memory Verse Five - Rom 10:9-10** NIV *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

2,000 years ago, when Jesus died on the cross for our sins, they took Him down and laid Him in a tomb. Three days later, some of the ladies who were His friends, went to the tomb to anoint His body for burial. When they got there, the stone was already rolled away from the tomb and an Angel was there who said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, He has risen."

God made it very simple for us to receive the free gift of eternal life according to Romans 10:9-10, by simply believing in our hearts and confessing the truth with our mouths. We turn away from our old lives of sin and trust Him fully with our hearts to save us.

**You can have the person repeat this prayer after you: \*\*Commit to Memory**

Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus.

I admit that I am a sinner.

I believe that Jesus has paid the price for my sins,  
and I accept the free gift of salvation right now.

Jesus I believe with all my heart that you are the Son of God  
and that God has raised you from the dead.

I ask you to come into my heart.

I surrender my life to you now.

I have decided to turn away from my old life of sin and follow you.

Father, I am trusting You with all my heart.

In Jesus name. Amen

## **2. The Holy Spirit**

**a. Jesus never authorized a \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel!**

**Luke 24:49** NIV *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**Acts 1:8** AMPC *But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, **and you shall be My witnesses in***

Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (**the very bounds**) of the earth.

**Power:** Dunamis – *miraculous, wonder working power; strength, power and ability*

**b. We should operate out of an \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Psalm 23:5** AMPC *You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.*

**Acts 3:19** NKJV *...so that times of refreshing may come from **the presence of the Lord***

**John 7:38** AMPC *He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, from his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.*

**It's an overflow of my relationship with Him! It pours over onto other people! It's almost like we can't help it!**

**2 Tim 4:2** AMPC *Herald and preach the Word! **Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready]**, whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, **whether it is welcome or unwelcome**, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*

**Ask God for opportunities to share His love and divine appointments to minister to the lost and hurting! It may be a co-worker or neighbor or someone you don't know.**

**c. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ for the lost and hurting move you into action.**

**Matthew 9:36** NIV *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

**Matthew 14:14** NIV *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

**Luke 7:13** NKJV *When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."*

**Compassion:** *moved with compassion; have pity; concern for the; sympathy; empathy; suffering or misfortunes of others; moved*

**Empathy:** *the ability to understand and share the feelings of others*

**Move:** *change position; action; motion; movement; stir; go*

**d. Learn to hear and obey God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**This is what makes the difference! The Spirit of the Living God who knows this person intimately is speaking in our ears!**

Listen for the still small voice of God to speak something about a person. Then be bold.

**Jesus demonstrated this at the well in Samaria.**

**John 4:15-19** AMPC *The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may never get thirsty nor have to come [continually all the way] here to draw. <sup>16</sup> At this, Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband and come back here. <sup>17</sup> The woman answered, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have spoken truly in saying, I have no husband. <sup>18</sup> For you have had five husbands, and the man you are now living with is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly. <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, Sir, I see and understand that You are a prophet.*

This is called Lifestyle Christianity!

Go to **LifestyleChristianity.com** - Todd White facebook and youtube

I watched a video of him witnessing in traffic jams on the freeway from his car. He would just say, "Hey! I just wanted to tell you that Jesus loves you very much!" Look on his Facebook for a video dated Dec. 13, 2021.

**e. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ your own testimony.**

**Let the Spirit lead you into how much and how long.**

**2 Cor. 3:2-3** MSG *Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it.*