

Who Are You?

It is important for young people to understand who we are, the likeness & differences in the opposite sex. During the teen years a person has many rapid changes in all parts of life, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. These can be very difficult years as the changes take place. We are affected by the customs, ideas, and people that are around us.

1. Created in God's image (Gen. 1:27, 5:1, 1 Cor. 11:9). An individual, YOU. Psa. 8:4-6
Job 7:17, Psa. 144:3

Created with the ability to:

To choose! Josh. 24:15

To discern! Heb. 5:11-14

To reason! Acts 26:25

2. Created male & female for a purpose. The first job was to cultivate & keep God's garden and to eat of the things growing there. God *always* provides for every need of mankind.

3. Woman was created "suitable" counterpart, companion, & complement to the man's life, without which God said "it's not good for man to be alone". The perfect completion to man's life, God's final creation to fill a specific need. The woman is referred to as a "weaker vessel" (1 Pet. 3:7) not inferior, consider smaller stature, finer features, more delicate, more sensitive, and all of these features (*created by God*) perfectly complement man. Prov. 18:22

The fundamental needs of mankind and the drive to fulfill those needs affect our behavior. We want and need recognition by friends, family & peers. We use sports, music & other performances to receive that recognition. Another excellent method is showing our commitment & service to God. We desire to be secure in our home with the love & protection of our families. God provided the institution of the home as major part of what holds society together, a training place for the next generation of Christians. The security helps fulfill our need for protection, and solves many unwanted behavior problems. Judges 18:10

Where is our Security? Heb. 13:5

4. Both men and women are to be **Christ like** (1 Cor. 11:1, 1 Thess. 1:6-7). The greatest sermon ever preached is found in John 13 where Jesus washed the apostles' feet. In this lesson delivered by Christ the example is so strong that when instilled in our lives it will *solve most all of our problems* in life. The Spiritual need is the greatest need that mankind has! Mankind has worshiped something forever to fulfill that need since the beginning. The bible is full of example

of worship beginning with Cain & Able, continuing until today. If you want to become a great husband, wonderful wife and a faithful Christian you must start by being “following in His steps” (1 Pet.2:21)

5. What makes you? We are who we are because of a number of things, the child of our parents & a product of our culture. Our inheritance (DNA) is settled, hair color, skin, eyes and other features. Our behavior patterns are developed by our parents, family, and the church as we grow and develop, sometimes called our environment. We are shaped & developed by those we have contact with in addition to family & the church we are shaped by teachers & school mates, neighbors & community, all have an influence on us as we grow & develop. Without a strong faith in God & the determination to serve God we will leave HIS “footsteps” and become someone NOT CHRIST LIKE, not a good prospect for heaven!

1. Discuss the meaning of Job 7:17-18 & Psa. 144:3-4 as it relates to this discussion?

2. What is greatest difference between God’s creations -man & animal?

3. What are the major differences between man & woman?

4. How do these differences make them compatible?

5. Make your own list of needs that are important to you?

6. How important is 1 Pet. 2:21 in becoming Christ-like?

7. Make a list of habits that are worth cultivating.

8. Make a list of habits that should be hindered, and eliminated?

Gen. 1: 27, 2:18-23, Job 7:17, Psa.8:4-6, 144:3, 1 Pet. 2:21,
1 Cor. 11:1, 7-9, 1 Thess. 1:6-7

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:20 NAS95 Therefore, we are *ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

We are **ambassadors** who Christ has sent forth to negotiate with mankind regarding their souls and reconciling them back to God. The word ambassador is sometimes a messenger who delivers a message, but most of the time it is a high level minister employed to represent the dignity & power of the one he represents. Webster defines the ambassador as sent to do what the sovereign would do if he were present. The ambassador is bound to do the will of the sovereign representing him with sterling character, make known, explain and enforce the terms on which God is willing to reconcile mankind. The Ambassador can't not negotiate new terms nor change the instructions nor follow their own plans. The Ambassador is simply to urge, explain, state and enforce the terms of God's plan of reconciliation. The Ambassador must not seek to promote himself, nor to seek honor for themselves but to promote the will of God with great dignity, responsibility and respect showing them to be ambassadors of the Lord.

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The message is to be regarded as the message of God, it is as God speaking thru us! What is said is in His name & by His authority and should be presented with the respect which is due the message directly from God. (2Tim. 2:15). Since the gospel message is God speaking thru men this invests the message with infinite dignity and solemnity and makes it a fearful and awful thing to reject the message or to be negligent in carrying the message forth to those who need it. (2 Thess. 1: 7-9, Heb. 10:29)

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As though Christ were here, making the same appeal, remember that Christ never held back from spreading the good news, though rejected by most.

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Webster defines –reconcile: to restore harmony, to settle or resolve differences, God gave Moses a method of restoring harmony and resolving the differences between sinful man and a merciful God. The sin offering, a young bullock was offered as a burnt offering to restore the offerer to God.

When Christ was offered as OUR sin offering instead of an animal (Heb. 10:4) we have a different responsibility before God. Our offering to God is obedience to His will which brings peace-Isaiah 32:17 NAS95 And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. Righteousness cultivated by peace produces tranquility of mind because of the peace with God. Romans 14:17 NAS95 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Righteousness cultivated by peace produces “joy in the holy Spirit” *consider that thought!*

Eph. 2:14-22 gives us great insight into how reconciliation works and why God chose this method to restore mankind, to settle their differences, to resolve our problem being separated from God because of our sin.

This is total sum and burden of the gospel, the message of God to mankind is to be reconciled, to give up his opposition, submit to the terms of mercy. Acts 14:14-15 NAS95 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should **turn from these vain things** to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

Turn from these *useless* things that never provide a lasting satisfaction, and yet we are reluctant to turn from them, they are often seen as difficult and sometimes unpleasant. The call to repentance is simply the letting go of “useless things “that are holding us back. What kind of unwise people refuse God, the ultimate source of all satisfaction, to hold on to the “empty and useless things which can never profit or deliver (1 Sam. 12:21) but only bring trouble and sorrow. God has removed all the obstacles to reconciliation which existed on His part. Now mankind must lay aside his stubborn will, abandon his sin, accept the terms of mercy and in fact become reconciled to God.

To be successful we must use the same arguments that Christ used, with the same zeal which He showed and with the same urgency, present the same motives to induce a dying world to accept the plan of God.

Let's get involved! –consider Rom. 4-5—membership in the local church implies more than your name and picture in the directory. It acknowledges that we are willing to fulfill the “one another” obligations that are essential to the relationship of “love” “serve” “bear with” “admonish” “forgive”, etc.

No Christian can function effectively by themselves. (John 15) The branch that is detached will wither and die, and so will a Christian who does not participate with other members of the body is destined to decay and spiritual death. Remember the story of the hot coal.

There is great power in our dependence on one another as we all lean on God as our source of strength. God designed both the spiritual and physical body so that all members are important as Paul explains in 1Cor. 12. WE NEED EACH OTHER just as the hand needs the foot ----

We are very quick to aid an injured person, but not very ambitious to draw attention to ourselves to strengthen a weak member of the body or to reach out to the lost. The whole body is strengthened as we help the weak become stronger and each time we share the gospel God is glorified.

Questions

1. What is an ambassador?
2. List the required character traits of an Ambassador?
3. What are the results of not speaking the message of Christ?
4. Who besides us is effected when we don't speak the message?
5. What does it mean to be reconciled?
6. How are we reconciled to God?
7. How can we have peace with God?
8. Make a list of the useless things in your life.
9. What prevents us from withering? (John 15)

10. What image is Paul providing for us in 1 Cor. 12?

Reading God's word is the essence of learning His will and maintaining proper spiritual health, without reading it we will be no better than the animals, following the base instincts.

1 Tim. 4:13 --*till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

1 Tim. 4:15--*Mediate on these things: give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.*

2 Tim. 2:15—*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word the truth.*

Because God wanted mankind to read the bible it was put in written form. Isa. 34:16 –*Seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read.* Moses read to the nation of Israel (Ex. 24:3-8). During the reign of Josiah (2Kings 22, 23) the law was found and read which resulted in great reforms bringing the Israelites back to God. In Neh.8:1-9:3 the Law was read as the people stood and listened attentively, worshipping God and weeping. Jesus recognized the need for reading God's word; Matt.12:3, 19:4, 21:16, and 22:31. Paul charged the Thessalonians to read his epistle.

The Ethiopian was reading God's word which led to his believing and obedience through baptism. A blessing is placed upon those who read and obey (Rev. 1:3).

What is our motivation for reading? Because we are expected to, to prove a point or because *we love the Lord*? We can find many opportunities to read, when you are happy, or sad, when you take a trip, one of the best times is when you are tempted!

Someone wrote "a chapter a day keeps Satan away". The body needs food daily, our souls also need food daily. (1 Pet. 2:1-2, Mt. 5:6)

We can gain so much from reading & studying the word of God:

It saves—Rom1:16

Guides—Psa. 119:105

Cleanses—John 15:3

sanctifies—John 17:17

Reconciles—2 Cor. 5:19

converts—Psa. 19:7

Quickens—Psa. 119:50

gives understanding—Psa. 119:13

EXHORTATION

Hebrews 3:13 “exhort one another day by day while it is called today, lest anyone of you become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin”. (ASV)

It is our duty to exhort one another, daily, all the time. This is the duty of individual members toward one another, to exhort and counsel each other, to admonish and aid one another toward a divine life. Parents to their children, & bible study teachers to their students. This is a constant need, a daily need, to prevent” hardening of the heart” which is caused by sin through deceitfulness of Satan. Sin & Satan are always deceitful promising more than they can perform, promising pleasures that they cannot deliver. Mankind cannot or will not see the fearful results of being enticed & deluded by the promise of gain, promotions allurements of pleasure until the heart is hardened, the conscience seared, and later come remorse. It is from this condition that the writer would have Christians guarded by kind and affectionate word. Phil 4:7, 2Thess. 3:3

Jude vs.3 “*exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith-----*” here Jude is encouraging them to make a full stand for the truth, give it your all, that is how important it is for us to be diligent in love, supporting the gospel even when we are not persecuted for serving God. Satan is using our peace time to lull us into a false sense of security.

Let us *seek* every opportunity to exhort, encourage, and strengthen each other as we go about our daily lives. Heb. 12:12, 1 Pet.5:10

STUDY

If you expect to go to heaven you must study the map to find the route to get there. There are many resources that aid in bible study: different translations, concordances, and books on geography, commentaries, church history, bible surveys, and others.

Some practical suggestions to remember when you study:

Who is the speaker?

Who is being addressed?

Who is the writer speaking about?

What is time period ?

What is purpose of the writing?

What is the context?

There are number of ways to study the bible that can increase our knowledge on any subject.

A *topical* study of a subject such as baptism, prayer, or repentance allows you to focus on that subject of interest.

A *biography* study a bible character is a great way to see the example of people of old and their successes and failures. The divisions of the scriptures into the 3 periods can be a very beneficial study.

A *historical* study helps to put the events into their proper place and makes some events more understandable. Whatever method that you may use to study God's word remember to study with understanding.

Remember the theme of the bible is salvation of man through Christ to the glory of God. Whether you are studying old or New Testament keep the theme in mind. Always let your study be reverent. (Neh.8:5) Have a purpose to your study (remember the roadmap). Study to know God's will! Study with an object in mind (eternity), thoroughly searching the daily (Acts 17:11). Study with the intent of being a doer of the word (Jas. 1:22-25). All the study that you will ever do will be useless if we do not put it into practice by teaching others (2Tim 2:2).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. List 3 examples that show us that God wants us to read the bible?
2. What motivates you to read your bible?
3. Define exhort?
4. Why should be exhorting others? How do we do that?
5. How important is bible study?
6. List 5 methods foe studying the bible?
7. What are the important characteristics of bible study?

GIVE ATTENTION TO YOURSELF

To think about taking care of ourselves we must begin with the thought process. Prov. 4:23 “watch (keep) over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the issues of life”.

Prov.23:7 “as he thinks within himself, so is he”. Our thoughts are silent builders of character, which give form and substance to the life we are building.

Matt. 15:18-20 The very thoughts we have will be made know to all by the way we speak, dress and act. In Matt 5: 21-28 Jesus speaks about personal relations which describe the attitudes of the heart.

We must give attention to the inward man (1 Pet. 3:4-6) the hidden man of the heart which is who we are. Consider 2 Cor. 4:16, Rom. 7:22, Col. 3:10, Eph. 3:16. All of the passages help us to understand how important our thoughts really are.

Attitudes

Our attitudes toward God, the church, our family is shaped by our thoughts. Therefore it is very important to develop a proper attitude. Notice Rom. 1:29-31 there are 23 sins listed, 13 are sins of attitude. In Gal. 5: 19-21 many of the sins listed there are sins of Attitude. The record of the prodigal son(s) in Lk. 15:11-32 are about sins of attitude, because neither took time and effort to guard their thoughts. The same applies to those of Matt. 23:27-28, don't let it happen to us. Sometimes there is too little thought given to how the sins of attitude are displayed, as in anger, jealousy, pride, harsh judgments of others. We often dismiss these Characteristics as “that's just how they are” but Jesus didn't. Think about it!

COLORS OF OUR THOUGHTS

It has been suggested by some that we need to pay close attention to the colors of our thoughts. That it is very important we are not tinted or stained by these colors.

1. Black --is often used to describe thoughts of despair & defeat, to reason that things are all wrong. That no one can be trusted. Phil 4:11-14 Paul gives us the secret of overcoming these kinds of dark thoughts even when he was in very difficult situations his assessment was always made based on his relationship with God. (1 Tim 6:6-8)

2. Red—thoughts of envy, hate, anger, malice , consider 1 Pet. 2:1-3, Gal 5:19-21, 1Cor. 3:1-3, Col. 3:8, Eph. 4:8, all these passages will help keep our thoughts pure and white rather than being tinted by the influence of these problems.

3. Yellow ---entertaining cowardly thoughts! Yellow is the color of a spiritual weakling. We should be strong & courageous, yet dependent upon the Lord for strength. (1 Cor. 16:13, 2 Tim. 4:6-8) especially consider Eph. 6:10-17 to understand how to have courage.

4. WHITE—Phil. 4:8 gives a clear picture of proper thinking. 2 Cor. 11:2 also adds to proper thinking which results in a proper attitude.

CONTROLLING our THOUGHTS

Evil thoughts come into the hearts of the best people. The sin is not having the thought but entertaining it in your head. Someone said” we can’t keep birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from nesting in our hair”.

We must drive those thoughts out of our minds. 2 Cor. 10:5 discusses the idea of bringing every thought in captivity. 1 Pet 1:13 instructions us to “prepare our minds, keep sober, fix your hope, be obedient, not conforming, BE HOLY. This process affects every part of our life, which is stimulated by what we: (hear), (see), and what we read. We control our thoughts by regulating what goes into our minds (garbage in, garbage out). If our lives are ruled by God’s word hidden (implanted) in our hearts it guides us in what we do. Pas. 119:11, 1 John 3:9, Lk. 8:11.

Our prayers should fill our hearts, Psalms 139:23-24 “Search me o God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of the everlasting.

LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL DOING

Discussion Questions

1. Who is addressed in the title of this lesson?
2. Where do the issues of life come from?
2. What about our attitude effects where we will spend eternity?
3. What attitudes are displayed in Luke 15:11:32?

4. What do the different colors of your thoughts represent?

5. How do we control our thought?

2 Cor. 10:5

1 Pet. 1:13

Psa. 119:11

1 John 3:9

Luke 8:11

6. How does prayer fit into this discussion?

Developing the courage to reach the lost

Introduction:

HOW GREAT IS THE NEED?

1. Over the next 24 hours more than 100,000 people will die unprepared to meet the Lord in judgment. Thousands here in Bowling Green/Warren County will be lost this year, how strongly do you & I feel about that. Neighbors we don't even know will move away or die without the gospel of Christ. Millions in the U.S. have never heard the story of Jesus.

(2) **Why don't we do more? Because it is the most difficult, frightful, terrifying work of the church!**

(3) **We haven't come to understand the urgency!**

(3) **We haven't come to understand the value personal evangelism!**

(4) *It is filled with rejection possibilities. We want to be liked & loved; we don't want to take the risk of anyone looking down on us. We might be scorned.*

LESSON:

The key to success in overcoming the "fear of rejection" is to not take it personally. Consider 1 Samuel 8:7 NAS95 the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for **they have not rejected you**, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. 1 Sam. 10:19, Ex. 16:8

We are to go out in the name of Jesus and by His authority. The message is His not ours, we **must** be more interested in the "souls of the lost" than our own feelings. Transfer the feeling of rejection from us to HIM—this will help us have more courage to do the will of the LORD.

Hebrews 13:5-6 NAS95 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," 6 so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

From this verse and others we can draw strength and **courage** to overcome our own fears. **Courage** is defined as mental strength to venture, persevere, withstand danger, fear or difficulty. Moses, Joshua, David and many others were admonished repeatedly "be of good courage". {Examine Mark 15:43} Without depending on God for strength and courage we will just be a spectator in the walk of life, but will never reach our potential as a mature Christian.

The greatest concern for each of us is that we truly have not reached a level of FAITH to make the most of our opportunities! Reread Heb. 13:5-6 ask yourself these questions: Do I really believe this verse? Have you ever demonstrated the total trust in God that is shown in this verse? Your answer to these questions will tell you where you are in preparation to “reach the lost”. Overcoming “fear of rejection” is done in stages, like most any periods of growth. It is a lot like climbing a ladder. You make certain that your ladder is firmly set on a good foundation before you begin to climb up the ladder. That firm foundation is a right relationship with God.

1 Peter 3:15 NAS95 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

A firm foundation—rock or sand (Mt. 7:24-27)? More questions convinced or converted? Do you have a clear title to heaven? ARE YOU SAVED?

If you don't have confidence in yourself how can you inspire confidence in others? If you can't speak with assurance about your own salvation, how can you ever expect to lead someone else?

Look at the confidence Paul demonstrated in 2 Tim. 1:12, 4:8, James 1:12, how can we get this kind of confidence?

As you climb a ladder you always hold on as you climb. Hebrews 3:14 NAS95 for we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

Heb. 6:11, 10:35, 1 Pet. 2:5, now ponder 1 John 3:18-24

We climb the ladder one rung at a time, we need to understand that God did not ask us to be lawyers but He has asked us to be **witnesses**. We are not eye witnesses as the apostles were, but to testify to others that Christ is living in us, directing our lives thru His word. Matt. 5:16

Letting our “light shine” is letting God's word reflect thru us (Pas. 119:105) we are just the carrier of the light, we can dim the light, misdirect it, hide it, stay home with it, do all kinds that are unhelpful in “letting our light shine”.

God wants us to be faithful witnesses! A true witness tells what he/she knows about the case and that's exactly what God desires from us. We belong to God so He wants us to glorify the Father who is in heaven (1 Cor.6:20) Remember Numbers 20 Moses failed to reach the promise land because he failed to glorify God. Joseph & Daniel both gave God the glory for their ability to reveal the dreams, we too should give God the glory as we share the gospel of Christ.

We need to remember that the witness is not the focus but the carrier of information, it is not really about us, **it's about Jesus**, we are just a very small part of the story.

The great commission teaches us three facts:

- (1) People are lost!
- (2) The gospel is the ONLY means of rescuing the lost.
- (3) If YOU don't share the gospel, who will?

The hardest part of doing personal work is not what to say or how to say it, but learning to trust in God! After a hurricane in Houston, Texas I saw a straw sticking thru a utility pole. Amazing, seems impossible but when the straw completely yielded to the force of the wind it happened. When we complete yield to God great things happen in His kingdom, Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. WE MUST TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE FIRST STEP.

- (1) What is value of courage?
- (2) What is the source of courage? How do we develop courage?
- (3) How urgent is our mission to teach others?
- (4) What keeps us from reaching our full potential in reach the lost?
- (5) Do you believe Heb. 13:5-6?
- (6) Sand or Rock?
- (7) What secures the ladder?
- (8) Matt. 5:6 - What are we to do with our light?
- (9) Are we to be a lawyer or a witness? Which job is harder?

PRACTIAL APPLICATIONS

Steps in building courage to share Christ with others

STEP #1—If you feel backward about sharing the gospel with others start out looking for opportunities that don't require "face to face" with people.

Use the purple cards- place one on the table as you leave a restaurant, tracts can be used in the same way.

When writing letters, utility bills, etc. include a tract, you may feel you are wasting your time but remember you are sowing the seed and trusting God for the increase. You may be able to identify other opportunities also.

Step # 2—demonstrate your growth thru the "indirect teaching method" - handing a tract to a friend (prospect).

Always offer thanks for your food in when you eat out, not just to been seen (as the hypocrite) but that we are reflecting Christ's light in us.

Invite prospects to visit the web-site—mightyisthelord.com

Follow up discussions about the sermon topic on the site, find out what interests them.

Offer them the opportunity to study at their own pace at home thru correspondence courses.

Invite prospects to the monthly singing—this is a very non-threatening environment for both you & the prospect.

Home Bible Study groups are also a great opportunity to invite friends into your home or some other members home. If you host HBS your neighbors will know (teaching opportunity).

E-mail can be used to invite people to services, gospel meetings, & singing. Invite people to visit our website, suggest a sermon that they might be interested in, or suggest a correspondence course by mail. These are non-threatening ways to build confidence and trust in God while overcoming your own fear of rejection as God works thru you.

Those who come to the building---Guests are **ALWAYS** LOOKING FOR SOMETHING!

(1)—A place to worship while travelling

(2)-A different place to worship

(3) – have lost their way and are searching

(4) – many other reasons

STEP #2--- Identify a friend or family member who you can personally hand a selected tract to explaining that the tract is about _____ and thought you might be interested in the subject. This is another indirect teaching method but a step up the ladder for you. Remember that all the sermons are recorded for just this purpose. Set up a time to listen to them together and then discuss the lesson.

About this time there is the temptation to “chicken out”, ask yourself the question “*Am I more concerned with pleasing God or myself?*” 1 John 4:18 NAS95 There is no fear in love; but perfect **love casts out fear**, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. Perfect love casts out all fear will give us courage to overcome the temptation to “chicken out”.

Be prayerful about reaching the lost, “Lord, lead me to some soul today”. If I am not willing to pray about I am not serious about. Make a list and pray specifically for those you are concerned about.

STEP# 3—Identify yourself to other Christians as one who is active in reaching the lost. Actively seek the prayers of other Christians and pray for them to be active also. James 5:16 NAS95 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Every step builds courage, don’t leave any out.

Discuss what you are doing with other Christians, not in a “bragging” way, but let be edifying & encouraging to others while it strengthens you.

Go out with a more experienced person, this will boost your confidence and serve as further training & help eliminate discomfort.

STEP #4—Identify yourself with non-Christians in public. Don’t make a spectacle but calmly be willing to confess that you belong to Christ. When you eat in public, always offer thanks for the meal. Don’t be ashamed just be reminded of Daniel! There is a huge difference between acts done *to be seen of men* and *things done that are seen by men*.

Keep a bible with you, let become a part of you, and don’t be ashamed to seen reading it as time and opportunity permits. Reading the bible in a public place will often create an opportunity to answer questions. It makes a statement about what you interested in and how

you spend some of your time. Bringing a bible to church is important but having one in public creates a far greater impact. *ALWAYS BE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES!*

If a co-worker confides in you about a difficult situation, tell them sincerely "I am praying for you", mean it & then do it. In conversation mention a pertinent point made by the preacher, bible class teacher or from your own study. Don't be afraid to say "Lord willing I'll see you tomorrow" (1Cor. 4:19, Jas. 4:15). Be willing to publicly say things like "I thank God for my good health. Expression like these help build courage and serve as door-openers to those who are looking for that opportunity.