

Evangelism with Gods Law

(Footnotes address typical justifications and bunny trails)

1. Initiate conversation with the natural (non-spiritual) (The weather, etc)
2. Move conversation to the spiritual “Do you go to church?”
3. Search for self-righteousness: “Do you consider yourself to be a good person?” “yes” [1](#)
4. Measure against the Law: “Have you kept the 10 Commandments?” “yes/no” [2](#)
5. Review some commandments:
 1. Have you ever told a lie? “yes” [3](#) What does that make you? “a liar”[4](#)
 2. Have you ever stolen anything, regardless of value? “yes” [5](#) What does that make you? “a thief”
 3. Have you ever looked at a person with lust? “yes” [6](#) Jesus said that if we look at a person with lust we’ve already committed adultery in our hearts.
 4. The Bible says that if we hate our brother, we are a murderer. [7](#) Have you ever hated anyone? According to God’s standards, what does that make you? “a murderer”
 5. Have you ever taken the Lord’s name in vain? “yes” [8](#) That’s taking the holy name of the God who created you and making it into a cuss word- that’s called blasphemy and in the Old Testament was punishable by death.
 6. Other commandments if necessary [9](#)
6. Based on your own admission, you are a lying, thieving, blasphemous, adulterous murderer. Do you deserve heaven or hell? “hell” [10](#)
7. Does that concern you? “yes” [11](#)
8. Do you know why Jesus died on a cross? Share the gospel if they don’t understand it. [12](#) Humbly share your testimony of conviction of sin, repentance, faith and growth in Christ.
9. Was there ever a time in your life where you repented and put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins? [13](#) “no” (If “yes”, then they are stating they are a believer).
10. Encourage them to do so- whether to have them pray first and you follow, or do so in their own time. [14](#) Never mind them that there is no guarantee of tomorrow.

[1](#) If “no”- probe to find out why. If it is “no” because they are genuinely broken over sin, then you can go straight into the gospel (see step 8) If it seems person is a believer in Christ, take the opportunity to bless them and encourage them in evangelism.

[2](#) At some point some will try to discount the 10 Commandments and the Bible as a standard for goodness. Simply state, “If you were judged by this standard, would you be innocent or guilty.” If they deny God’s existence, you can defend briefly how God must

exist (for every building there's a builder, etc.) and then get back to addressing the conscience (that knows God exists and that there is a moral law they've broken).

3 During these questions, it is important to confess your own guilt in general terms, "I know I've lied"- be humble before them. If they say they haven't lied, start digging a bit: "Even a little white lie or an exaggeration of the truth? Let your conscience speak to you."

4 Often people will be unwilling to initially say that they are a "liar" etc. They may be general and say "That makes me human" or "that makes me a sinner" There are several allies you have working for you- the Spirit is working on their conscience:

1. Ask them if you told them a lie, what would that make you. Most will come around to admitting that one who lies is a liar.
2. If they say "only once or twice" and that doesn't constitute being a liar, ask them if a person murdered just one person whether they would be a murderer.
3. If they say "yes, but that was a long time ago, ask them "If a person murdered someone 20 years ago, will they still be considered a murderer?"

5 If they deny being a thief, ask them to listen to their conscience and admit your own guilt. Remind them of the sins of their youth: a piece of bubble gum, a forbidden cookie from the cookie jar, or stealing from an employer: a paper clip, a pen, unauthorized use of the copy machine for personal copies, fudging on taxes, taking a long lunch at work while on the clock, not giving a 100% at work, borrowing a book and not returning it, etc.

6 Not a good question for youngsters! Admit your own guilt. Surprisingly, some adults will claim to never have lusted. If they're with a friend, note the look on the friend's face if they begin to smile: "Your friend doesn't even believe you!" Clarify what lust is. If they still deny it, have a little fun joking with them, "Come on, I don't believe you, you just told me you are a liar."

7 Murder includes anything we do that is evil against someone with malicious intent- in deed or in thought- it includes backstabbing, gossip, slander, unrighteous anger and vengeful fantasies. A person can be thrown in jail for merely plotting to kill a president.

8 If they deny it: clarify that using God's name in any flippant way, such as saying "Oh God" when not addressing God, is taking His name in vain.

9 1st commandment: "You shall have no other gods before Me." *Deut 6:5* gives the essence: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength." To do such would be to never willfully sin, for to sin is to put disobedience above following God. The Bible makes clear that there are "none who seeks after God" (*Rom 3:9*) all have violated this commandment.

2nd commandment: No idols: anything in life that we have ever put above God. Money,

power, relationships...

4th commandment: Keep the Sabbath day holy: have you always trusted God for your daily bread, not worried and worshipped Him, regardless of what day that was?

5th commandment: Have you always honored your father and mother, never rebelling or talking back to them? Listen to your conscience. (If they lied, then they dishonored them)

10th commandment: covetousness: Have you ever desired something that belonged to someone else?

10 This is a critical moment in the conversation, and one where people will often seek to justify themselves by saying...

1. God will forgive me. This is a denial of God's holiness, which is a violation of the 2nd commandment (idolatry): we have made a god to suit ourselves. A helpful illustration of God's justice to clarify that God must condemn all sin: "Let's say I was caught on video robbing a cashier at your convenience store at gunpoint and you were the judge. I pleaded with you, 'I know you're a good judge and I'm sorry for robbing the store. Please let me go free.' Would you be a "good" judge to let me go free without a penalty?" "no" Demonstrate that God's justice demands that sin be punished. "So on Judgment Day will you deserve heaven or hell?"
2. "My good works will outweigh my sins so I will deserve heaven." (Same analogy as "a" will work).

11 If they say "no", then with concern in your eyes, you should state that it concerns you. Remind them of what the Bible says hell is like: eternal torment, weeping and gnashing of teeth, lake of fire.

12 *John 3:16, Romans 3:21-23, 5:1,8, 6:23, 8:1, 10:9-10, Isa 52:13-53:12, Eph 2:1-9, John 3:1-21, Titus 3:3-7.* Encourage them to read God's Word and obey it, to pray and to find fellowship in a church.

13 Analogy of Repentance and Trust: You are the pilot of a small plane. While flying, the propellers die, you announce that everyone is to put on the parachute under the seat and jump out of the plane. Before putting on the parachute, you may have intellectually believed that the parachute would support you, but the moment you put the parachute on and prepare to jump, you have gone from intellectual belief to faith in the parachute. In the same way the Bible says, "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"- faith is a decision to abandon the old (repentance) and embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

14 When in a conversation one on one, it doesn't seem necessary to lead a person in a prayer of repentance and belief. The Holy Spirit will tell them what they've done wrong- let them pray if they would like, and you may ask if you can say a follow-up prayer to

encourage them in their new faith. Let the Holy Spirit bear witness with them whether or not they are saved- that's God's job. Passages that may encourage them: *Romans 8:1, 11, Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 John 5:10-13.*