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STEP 2 - SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

CHAPTER 9

ABCs OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

A. PREPARATION IN THE ABCs FOR SHARING

1. A CHANGED LIFE

A life that the power of God has changed can win souls. People will realize they are still lost if God has not changed their lives when they venture out to win souls for Christ. If an individual is to be effective in soul-winning, they must know Christ. Personal knowledge of Jesus as your own Savior is a prerequisite.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

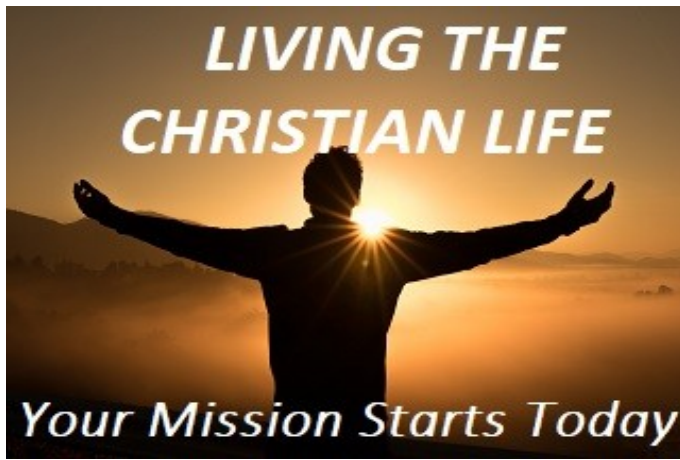
2. A CLEAN LIFE

God knows we are not perfect. In time, any sin in your life will deteriorate your soul-winning zeal. Our secret sins, especially in our thought lives, will need to be dealt with by the cross and the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

God wants us to grow and develop in our relationship with Him. He wants us to give our hearts to Him. He knows our real intentions, and that is what matters the most. God knows we aren't perfect; however, the Bible calls on us to imitate and follow Jesus. We all fall short of His glory; we need His Grace daily.

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3. A SURRENDERED LIFE ([Romans 12:1](#))

It is one thing to be clean; it is another thing to be surrendered to the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"* (Philippians 1:21).

Being submissive to the call and will of God is a vital issue in soul-winning. The young lad brought his five loaves and two fishes to Jesus. Have you taken your **"all"** to Him?

4. A BURDENED LIFE ([Romans 9:2](#))

Paul had a heavy heart over his generation. However, you should start soul-winning before your heart is broken. God will bless the Gospel regardless of our unconcern. We are to go because it is our responsibility to go. As we go, God will burden us for the souls of others. *"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing, and teaching everyone with all wisdom so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end, I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."* (Colossians 1:28-29).

5. A PERSEVERING LIFE ([1 Corinthians 2:2](#))

The Apostle Paul was determined to be a soul-winner. His mind was made up about the matter. R. A. Torrey said, *"Anyone who wishes to win souls at the rate of one every fifteen minutes had better go into some other business."* Soul winners need patience. Sometimes, it takes weeks, months, or even years of sowing, watering, and fertilizing before we see that soul accept Christ as Savior. A group of soul-winners who wanted to reach 100 lost souls over a certain period averaged 13 visits per lost soul.

6. A COMPASSIONATE AND A GRACIOUS LIFE

Genuine love flows from within. How do we get this love? From the [Fruit of the Spirit](#) (study guide from two days ago) and the [Baptism of the Holy Spirit](#) (yesterday's study guide.) We need the fruit of the Spirit's love to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

"To the weak, I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Seeing those lost should take hold of our hearts and stir us to rescue the perishing. We should strongly desire to see the lost saved and brought to maturity.

7. A PRAYER-FILLED LIFE

In chapter 5 of the study guide, [Prayer is the Catalyst in Soul-Winning](#).

God answers prayers. *"Call to me, and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."* (Jeremiah 33:3).



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8. AN ENLIGHTENED LIFE

Knowing the Scriptures to adequately direct a person on how to know Christ is imperative. Psalm 119:130 says, *"The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."*

Without God's Word, they cannot be saved. Romans 10:17 explains, *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*

Luke 8:11 states, *". . .The seed is the Word of God."* We covered the Word of God in chapter 6: [The Holy Spirit and Our Responsibility](#).

Study your Bible to have a thorough working knowledge and understanding of scripture, as it is a necessary tool for you to use when reaching the lost. We must know the right scriptures to use at the right time. Establish a particular time in the day for Bible study when you will be less likely to get side-tracked. You will never **"get"** time to study, pray, or witness; you have to **"make"** time. We usually make time for those things that are truly important to us.

God's instruction for us: *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). Yes, we can win souls by knowing very little of the scriptures. But as a baby does not stay a child; over time, it grows up to be an adult. God expects us to grow and mature similarly by learning God's Word and knowing how to present the Gospel message.

Check out [15 Methods of studying the Bible](#) to understand God better and how to improve your sharing of the "Good News."



B. PERSONALITY ABCs OF SHARING

We want to display a pleasant personality in reaching people for Christ. A grumpy, negative disposition can close the door to winning them.

1. BE FRIENDLY AND CHEERFUL

People will most likely respond positively to your testimony when you are easy-going, polite, and cheerful. A friendly attitude will warm a cold heart when presenting the Gospel.

2. SMILE

A smile will open a closed door and demand attention and respect from strangers.

3. BE ALIVE.

Perk up and come alive! Be lively, stimulating, and enthusiastic. No one appreciates an unexpressive person visiting them.

4. BE TACTFUL (DIPLOMACY)

Being diplomatic means having the wisdom or skill to say or do the right thing at the time. It is to be *"spiritually aware."* The opposite of tactfulness is crudeness, defined as lacking grace or not being refined. If you want to gather honey, don't kick over the beehive. Pray to be more tactful.

5. BE COURAGEOUS

In Joshua 1:7, we are told, *"Be strong and very courageous...."* The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 8:31, *"... If God is for us, who can be against us?"* Proverbs 29:25 says, *"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."*

6. BE SYMPATHETIC (SUPPORTIVE)

For you to be sympathetic means weeping with those who are sad and rejoicing with someone when they are glad. It is responding to the feelings of others—being understanding and compassionate, showing interest in others, and being kindhearted. However, if there is a problem they wish to share, we do well to listen attentively, be supportive, and offer help. In so doing, we win their confidence and draw them to Christ.

C. PHYSICAL ABCs FOR SHARING



HOW TO MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

It takes seven seconds to make a first impression. Because first impressions are so important, we must be mindful of how we come across when meeting someone for the first time. People judge your physical appearance, clothing, emotional state, and outward behavior more than your words.

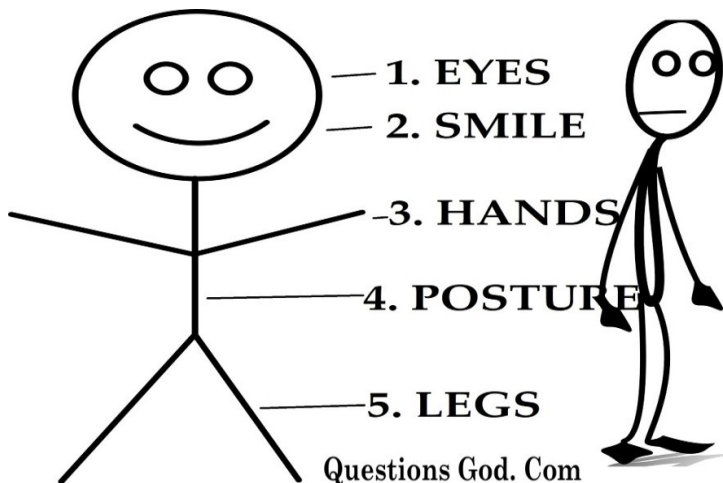
We should be aware of our weaknesses and strengths to ensure folks have a favorable opinion of us. Be mindful and aware of your hygiene, clothing style, posture, etc. In doing so, you will more than likely leave a good first impression.

1. BE CLEAN

Avoid having lousy breath by carrying mints with you. Be aware of your body odor and use deodorants that are cheap to purchase.

2. BE NEAT

Comb your hair, clean your nails, make sure your clothes are neat and clean, don't wear scuffed shoes, etc. Be well-groomed.

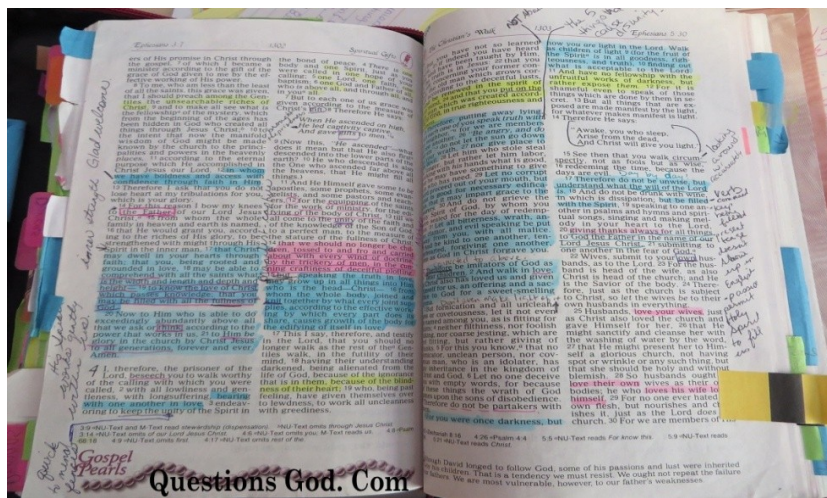


3. Body Language ABCs

Positive body language and expression are essential in engaging and connecting more intimately in any relationship.

Please be sure to show respect and sincere interest in the person you speak with by maintaining a welcoming posture, making eye contact, and not becoming distracted by anything else, such as looking at or texting on your cell phone.

D. MATERIALS USED IN THE ABCs OF SHARING



1. A BIBLE OR A NEW TESTAMENT

The Bible is the most powerful Book in the world. It can motivate and inspire the soul-winner to share their faith in Christ to save the lost.

Every Christian should have Bible verses readily available and marked in their personal Bible to be adequately prepared to lead someone to Christ.

A HEART-TO-HEART TALK

Some folks solely depend on their electronic devices to read the Bible, view devotionals, and read Bible help study materials. While it is easier and cheaper, we miss out on having a Bible to read, mark up, underline, and write precious thoughts from the Holy Spirit. Every Christian should have a Bible to jot down notes in. Reviewing these notes occasionally is beneficial as Christians mature in their faith. We recommend ordering one of these [15 Bibles](#) for under \$15.00 or online at [Christian Book.com](#).

Charles H. Spurgeon, a famous preacher, said, "A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." A rule of thumb is if you read your Bible daily at a specific time each day, your Bible should be worn out, marked up, falling apart, and replaced at least every ten to fifteen years.

Please remember not to read the Bible to check the box, "I am a good Christian by reading the Bible." Come not to gain head knowledge but to seek a genuine relationship with Christ. Instead, come as you are **falling apart/broken and desperately** need God's saving Grace, praying for a **spiritual heart change**. (Take a moment and reflect.)



IS THERE DUST ON YOUR BIBLE?

Sadly, more and more Bibles are collecting dust in people's homes. I even admit when I get too busy, one of the first things I overlook is my morning or evening Bible reading. Many people do the exact thing, opting to do something else with their time. When that freedom and privilege becomes just another duty, when cares of life replace the love of God's Word, or when we think we'll be just fine while

knowing we won't, the Bible remains on the shelf and gathers dust.

Like the home, the church, and our nation, many have stopped believing in the Bible. Why is this so? Other things are more important to us now than simply spending time with God through reading His Word. However, we all know how much better our lives will be when we blow off the dust, open our Bibles, and read. Imagine then how much better our nations would be if we took the time to read the Scriptures at home.

There might be a little dust on your Bible, but what's inside is a treasure beyond price. Dust it off, open it up, unlock its treasures, and begin. (Take a moment and reflect.)
Please read God's Word today.

2. ALWAYS HAVE A BIBLE HANDY TO GIVE AWAY TO SOMEONE.

A [Bible](#) or a [New Testament Bible](#) gives you an easy, practical, non-threatening, and simple way to put the Gospel into people's hands. My testimony was many years ago, a man that I had just met invited me out for coffee. That stranger shared the Gospel and gave me a Bible over 50 years ago, which meant a lot. He has no idea of the thousands of souls he has touched through this ministry by providing me with a free Bible.

I recommend a [New International Devotional Bible](#) for new believers [here](#). There are many [types of devotional Bibles](#) for women, men, teens, kids, singles, couples, moms,

college students, families, people with an addiction, those in recovery, grief, daily reading plans, and one-year reading plans [here](#).

Buy a [New International Pocket New Testament with Psalms & Proverbs](#) for under \$3.00 plus shipping [here](#). These are great to give out by having one in your pocket, purse, or vehicle. I always keep a good [devotional Bible](#) in my car to give to anyone who shows interest. As mentioned above, someone was a part of Jesus changing my life by giving me a stranger, a free Bible. Just in case you are saying that would never happen to me. My response would be to try it and see what can happen.

You can check out this page if you want to [buy a Bible](#) under \$10.00 to give out. Or buy online at [Christian Book. Com here](#).



3. HAVE PLENTY OF GOSPEL TRACTS AND CHURCH BULLETINS

Generally, church bulletins keep everyone informed of what's going on in the church and contain information detailing current and upcoming events, contact information, and some notes about the sermon. Bulletins might also provide information for visitors, such as the church's name and website, what to expect, times, and classes.

These are great for handing out to individuals looking for a church. Some churches also have apps to download the above information.

Gospel Tracts:

Tracts come in a pocket-sized booklet that you can easily hand out. This can be a beneficial tool for sharing the Gospel with others and an excellent way for them to learn the Word of God.

- Tracts can be sent anywhere and can work 24 hours a day.
- They are not expensive and can be read many times over.
- Tracts can be used without fear.

100 Reasons To Use [Gospel Tracts here](#).

You can buy Gospel Tracts at [Moments With The Book](#) or [Christian Book. Com](#).

Or a New International Version Pocket New Testament (NIV) [here](#).

In a later chapter, we will look at using Salvation tracts in more detail.

I recommend these Christian tracts:

[Four Spiritual Laws](#) - [God So Loved The World](#) - [Salvation Tracts](#).

Note: These links are from third-party Christian sites, and we do not make any profit from you buying their products. On our site, www.questionsgod.com, everything is free.

4. SHARE CHRIST BY USING INDIRECT TEACHING METHODS

You are not directly sharing yet (just utilizing "*indirect*" teaching methods, techniques, and approaches), but you are starting to face people. An excellent example of how to share a Gospel tract: Give a tract to a friend or acquaintance and say, "[This is a brief explanation of the Gospel of Christ. We've known each other for a while, and I would like you to read this and tell me what you think.](#)"

Also, in talking to someone interested or has questions, you can follow along with them by reading a salvation Gospel tract.

Congratulations on having a new focus on sharing the Gospel. Start each day by asking the Lord in prayer to guide and lead you in a new and exciting way for Him.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here am I. **Send me!**" (Isaiah 6:8).*

A Journey Of Chapter 9 Questions – The ABCs Of Sharing

Embark on a journey of self-discovery, reflection, and personal growth. Explore your thoughts and emotions to understand yourself and your world better. Please reflect and give thought to these questions from Chapter 9.

1. What feelings come to mind when you consider the needs of your own generation?
- 2 List things that are needed in the ABCs for sharing the Gospel?
3. Write down your strengths and weaknesses in your posture and presentation.
4. What things are needed in your overall personality to share Christ with others?
5. What materials are needed in the ABCs of Sharing?

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CHAPTER 10

PRESENTING YOUR PERSONAL STORY

Please let us know if you said Yes to Jesus [here](#).
If you are undecided or have questions, please let us know [here](#).
Need to talk to a Christian - 24/7 Christian Chatline [here](#).
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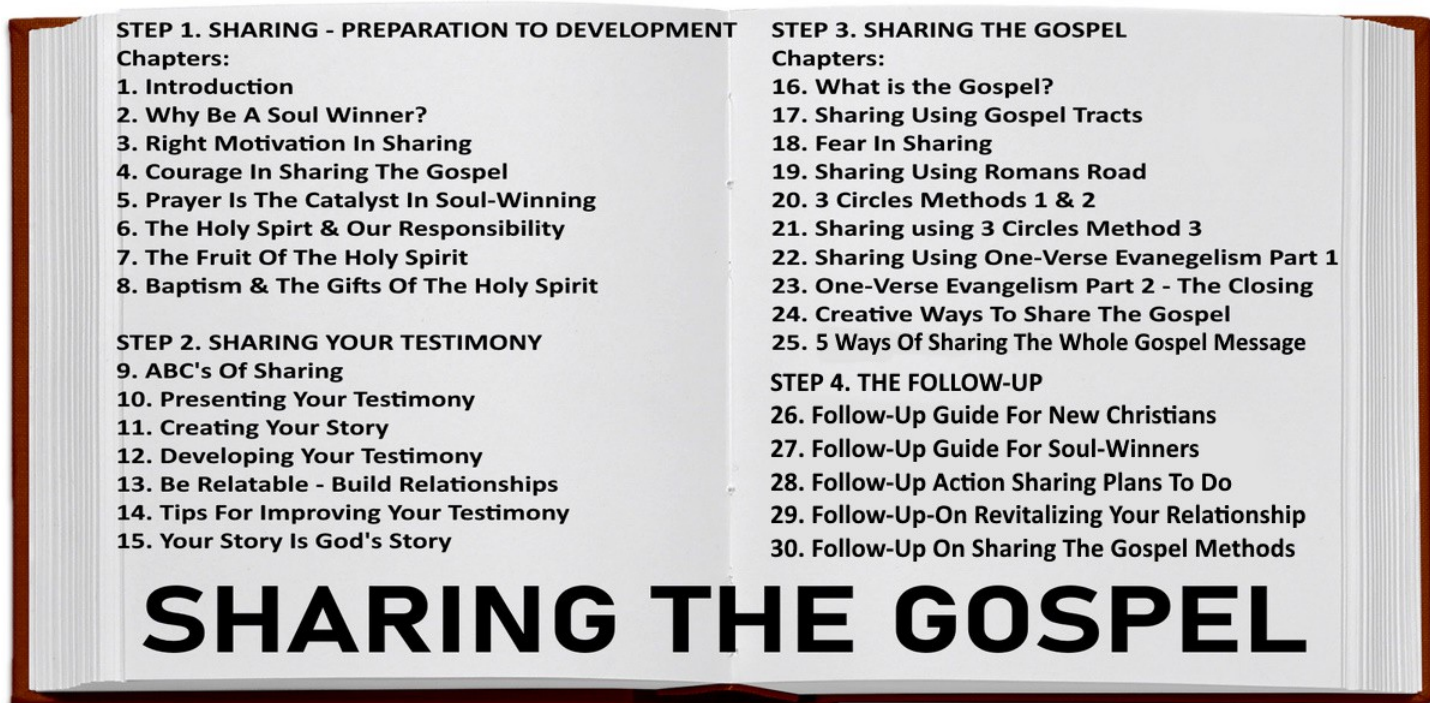


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