

BREAK OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

1. *At-Home Preparation:* Stand in front of a mirror. Make sure no one is around or can hear you. Look directly at your image and ask a friendly, "How are you doing?" Of course, you are going to feel a little foolish, but no one is watching except God. Then ask, "Did you get one of these?" Offer your reflection a tract, saying, "It's a gospel tract. Do you have a Christian background?" Then inquire, "What do you think happens after someone dies? Do you believe in heaven and hell?"

Continue asking these questions until you shake off any self-consciousness. Get used to the sound of your own voice. Remember, you're not a weirdo and you don't sound like one. You are a warm and friendly Christian who genuinely cares about people. Keep practicing saying these things until it feels natural. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, repeat it again and again until you do.

2. *Real-World Application:* Carry tracts with you as you go through the week, leaving tracts where people will find them. For example, the IQ Cards fit great in any credit card slot. Every time you go to a gas station, leave a tract in the credit card slot at the pump. The next person will have to take it out to put his credit card in, and will appreciate having something to read while he's filling his gas tank.

Place one in the ATM machine before you leave. Every time you go to the grocery store, discreetly go down the beer aisle, placing tracts in the top slot in beer cases. Leave a \$1 Million Bill in the tube at the bank drive-through, and put one in the tip jar at Starbucks. Place \$1 Million Bills sticking out of your shirt pocket, and people will ask you about them. How great to have lost people asking you for gospel tracts!

Then as you lay your head on your pillow at night, there will be a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that you're planting seeds that could result in someone finding everlasting life.

WHERE TO LEAVE TRACTS

- At pay phones
- In shopping carts
- In clothes pockets in clothing stores
- In letters to loved ones
- With a generous tip
- On seats in restaurant Lobbies
- With fast food employees cashiers flight attendants cab drivers and gas station workers
- In restrooms and at rest areas
- On ATM machines and bank counters
- In envelopes with bill payments
- In elevators
- On hotel dressers for the maid
- On ice machines
- On newspaper racks
- In waiting rooms of doctors offices and hospitals
- On seats at airports subways and bus stations
- In plane seat pockets
- Inside magazines
- In cabs
- In Laundromats

FOR DEEPER STUDY

1. Acts 24:10-27 gives us insight into how Paul testified of his faith in Christ. Read this account, then study 2 Timothy 2:23-26. Consider the spirit in which Paul tells Timothy to relate to the unsaved. How does Paul exercise these virtues when speaking to Felix?

Have you ever become impatient and even angry when witnessing to someone? Why did this happen?

2. The Greek word used in Acts 24:16 for “strive” is *askeo*, which means “to take pains, endeavor, exercise by training or discipline.” Compare a good conscience to a good coach. What qualities should a good coach have?

Does your conscience ever speak to you about the sin of apathy regarding evangelism? What can you do to ensure that you don't have an offending conscience in this area?

3. Has there ever been a time when you chose not to listen to the voice of your conscience? How did that make you feel?

What impact did that feeling have on your relationship with God (on your prayer life, etc.)?

4. Explain the work of the conscience according to Romans 9:1 and 2 Corinthians 1:12
5. When Felix heard Paul “concerning the faith in Christ,” what did Paul talk to him about (see Acts 24:25)?

Do you think this is how most Christians witness? If not, why not? What does John 16:7,8 tell us about the content of Paul's witness?

6. Read Romans 2:15. What did Felix's conscience do for him as he listened to Paul,

and why did it speak in such a way?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 9:16-22. Read it the first time as the words of the apostle Paul, then read it again out loud as your personal prayer to God. Begin with "Dear Father" and end with "In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

MEMORY VERSE

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10