

Intentional Living Series

Open Doors and Intentional Sharing

The Taste Test – How well does your life and witness represent Christ?

Matthew 5:13

(13) “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

- Salt enhances FLAVOR
- Salt PRESERVES from decay

Colossians 4:2-6

(2) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

(3) At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - (4) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

(5) Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

(6) Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

I. PRAY for an open door to share Christ.

Who is God laying on your heart to pray for an open door to share Christ with?

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A. COVENANT to pray for them.

B. ANTICIPATE the opportunity to share Christ

C. RELY on the Holy Spirit to make it clear how you ought to speak

One of the great fears we have in sharing our faith is that we don't know enough. We don't have all the answers.

- We need to remember God does not call us to be OMNISCIENT, that His job, He calls us to be OBEDIENT.
- Secondly between what we say and what the other person hears is the HOLY SPIRIT.

D. EQUIP yourself with God's Word and prayer.

II. Determine to always speak with GRACE.

The weapon God has crafted to cut through the pride of the human heart that stands in opposition to God is grace.

III. Season your life and words with SALT.

IV. Remember that each person is UNIQUE.

When you share Christ you are not selling a product that will make a person's life better. You are introducing them to the greatest of all relationships. Therefore we are most effective in sharing through the context of a relationship as well.

The scripture presumes that each of us will be active in sharing Christ with others because Jesus has commanded us to do so.

Are you being intentional about sharing Christ?

If not will you begin?

Sharing Life's Greatest Relationship

1. What person has had the greatest impact on your life?

2. How has your life changed because of their influence?

3. What does your relationship to this person mean to you?

4. Has Christ had an impact on your life?

5. How has your life changed because of Christ's impact?

6. What does your relationship with Christ mean to you?

Ground Rules for Sharing Christ

- Pray for God to open a door
- Believe God will open a door and use you to share Christ
- Pray for the person regularly
- Be Relational
- Rest in the power and work of the Holy Spirit John 16
- Make a commitment to love the person whether or not they ever come to know Christ. Remember they are a person not a project.
- Listen First – People need to know you are interested in them and not just interested in talking about yourself.
- It is more important to form a relationship than to get through a presentation of the Gospel in one setting. It may take numerous conversations before they are ready to hear the plan of Salvation.
- Don't allow fear to keep you from entering into spiritual conversations or from asking the person if they would like to know Christ personally.
- Be Intentional and share Christ. There is no greater joy than partnering with God's work in the life of another person.