

Connecting Conversations

Wisdom for Engaging Others with the Good News

Selected Scriptures

(Adapted from “Eight Lessons of Evangelism
from Proverbs” by David Murray for Ligonier Ministries)

Winning lost persons to Christ is a joy to the believer’s heart. There is no greater experience for people who truly follow Christ than to be used by God to change someone’s eternity. We should cry out to God to be used in this way and actively seek opportunities to share the gospel with everyone. As we continue to grow into our true identity as witnesses of Christ, our passion to see souls saved should always be increasing. The flame of that fire within us is fanned by our own conversion experience and expanding grasp of the significance of the gospel. The more we learn, the more determined we should be to reach others with the saving message of the good news. This yearning to achieve God’s purpose for our lives progressively works its way into every thought we think and action we take. We are called out of the world to be saved and sent out into the world to proclaim salvation to others.

But, passion works best when partnered with wisdom. As our passion grows, so should our insight into relating to those who need to hear the good news. The message of the book of Proverbs is simple: A God-honoring life can be lived if we walk in God-given wisdom. David Murray mines great spiritual treasure, not just from the message of the book, but also from the messenger and his method of communicating the message of this Holy Spirit inspired work. As we gain wisdom from what is shared in substance, we also gain amazing insights into how the substance is shared stylistically. Knowing how to say things is just as important as knowing what to say. Truth without tenderness is terrifying. This lesson is designed to give us spiritual tact and strategies for having fruitful conversations that connect people to Christ and His church.

- I. _____ . It's not about winning an argument, but about building a relationship.
- II. _____ . Persuade souls, don't just recite facts.
- III. _____ . Images and metaphors bring the truth home to the conscience.
- IV. _____ . The truth is humbling and heart-breaking.
- V. _____ . The biggest dissuader from sin is the beauty of divine wisdom.
- VI. _____ . Leave no doubt that we are on one of 2 ways, heading to one of two destinations.
- VII. _____ . Life is not a just between 2 philosophies, it's a choice between 2 people.
- VIII. _____ . Wisdom helps us to live in grateful obedience to the God who made us wise unto salvation.