

Reaching the World for Christ: Practical Answers for Tough Questions

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I. Introduction.

A. The Christian life is relevant because it works.

B. Christ brings happiness.

II. We do not have a right to take company time to preach the gospel. People will read your life by your witness.

III. Leaders who fail need to be honest. (1 Timothy 5:8)

IV. Ministry should not keep us from doing our job or serving our family. (Titus 1:7)

V. Prosperity comes from God. We are to be stewards of it. (1 Corinthians 4:7; Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Corinthians 4:2)

VI. A Christian can serve too much especially if it is the wrong thing.

VII. The Christian battle ground is the mind. The key is substitution. (John 15:3; Ephesians 4:25-26)

VIII. God does not lead from something to nothing—keep your job if there is not a better alternative. It's okay if you are not working in the field you were trained to do. Do the best where you are at.

IX. Uncompromising commitment comes from a realization of what is most important, a God-given motivation and a vision God has given you.

X. One can return to Jesus by repenting and quit sinning. (1 John 1:9)

XI. When something bad happens ask what has happened, how can I respond and what can I learn from it? (2 Timothy 1:7)

XII. We learn to trust God by not trusting him and learning the hard way and by reading God's Word. (Romans 15:4)

XIII. We develop peace in the storms of life by believing that God is sovereign, God knows everything, God has all power and God loves you. (Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46:10; Job 12:21; Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 15:11; Matthew 28:18; Jeremiah 32:17; John 13:1; Hebrews 13:4)

XIV. Keeping faith in God in marriage and divorce can happen by realizing that faith does not depend upon people. (Jeremiah 17:9; 17:5)

XV. We are responsible to give to people, especially those whom we receive help from. (Galatians 6:6; Matthew 10:10)

XVI. Interracial marriage is not biblically wrong but maybe culturally wrong because of the prejudices of people.

- XXVII. Counseling requires separating people who want long term help or temporary relief.
- XXVIII. How good we are as Christians has to do with our relationship with Christ and not what we are doing.
- XIX. We need day by day consistent intake in the Word.
- XX. God has been heard from since Biblical times. (Hebrews 1)
- XXI. If you are wasting time, quit wasting time. Live time consciously. (Ephesians 5:15-16)
- XXII. Moving past old failures requires considering them as canceled checks. (Isaiah 43:18)
- XXIII. It is better to be single in the will of God than married outside the will of God.
- XXIV. The way God wants us to go is in his book. (Psalm 139)
- XXV. To help your spouse with her bad habit, keep your mouth shut and pray.
- XXVI. Knowing God's will for your life is being like Jesus. (Romans 8:29)
- XXVII. When we receive Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit, but there is a time for total surrender afterward. (1 Corinthians 8:9)