

part 3

Couriers for Christ

Avoiding the Enemy's Evangelistic Sabotage



1. Don't _____

2. Loathe _____

3. Speak _____

Colossians 4:3-6

³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. List the names of four non-Christians you have contact with each week.

To what degree do you think those four people believe that you have a genuine interest in their life and their future?

Read Mark 2:15-17. What can you do to bridge the gap, like Jesus did, and show them that you care about where they are headed?

2. What are some of the disparaging and critical things you have heard non-Christians say about the difference between what Christians say and what Christians do?

Read Romans 2:24; Titus 2:7-8; and 1 Timothy 6:1. If your daily life was scrutinized by the world, what things might cause them to ridicule Christianity?

Knowing that Satan would love to exploit this, what will you do to change this potential problem?

3. What can you *do* this week to make a clear and positive "statement" to the non-Christians in your life?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Gen.40-41 & Mt.20

Monday

Gen.42-43 & Mt.21

Tuesday

Gen.44-45 & Mt.22

Wednesday

Gen.46-47 & Mt.23

Thursday

Gen.48-50 & Mt.24

Friday

Ex.1-2 & Mt.25

Saturday

Ex.3-4 & Mt.26

Though the content of the gospel message is not always clearly articulated in the following titles, the emphasis on relationships, integrity and influence is quite helpful in our quest to present the gospel with our lives as well as our words.

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