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Introduction

The people around us need more than a religious sales pitch. They need to hear the truth about Christ and see the care His people are called to show. I want to take both responsibilities seriously. Service should express love, and our words should help people understand the Savior to whom we are pointing.

1 Care that moves toward a need

Luke 5:17-26 (NASB) describes men bringing a paralyzed man to Jesus. When they cannot get through the crowd, they lower him through the roof. The account centers on Jesus' authority to forgive sins and His power to heal. Their determined effort also gives us a practical example of care that acts.

I can notice a need without making myself the person's rescuer. Christ is the Savior. My responsibility may be to listen, offer practical help, explain what I believe, or make a way for someone to hear the gospel. I should not promise to do what only the Lord can do.

Relationships often provide opportunities for honest conversation. They do not give me ownership over another person's response. Kindness should remain kindness even when someone is not ready to discuss faith. A person should not discover that my care was conditional upon becoming a successful result in my story.

The practical opportunities are often close to home. Someone may need a ride, a meal, help with a responsibility, or a person who will listen without rushing. Serving that need is worthwhile. I want my life to make room for people rather than always finding a reason that somebody else should respond.

2 Words that make the message clear

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Colossians 4:5 (NASB)

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Colossians 4:6 (NASB)

Colossians 4:2-6 (NASB) brings prayer, opportunity, wise conduct, and gracious speech together. Paul asks for a door for the word and for clarity in speaking. That is a good place to begin when I feel unsure about sharing my faith. I can ask God for an opportunity and prepare to speak plainly.

I do not need to pretend I know every answer. If someone raises a question I cannot answer, I can say so and return to it after careful study. An invented answer may win a moment and damage trust later. Honesty is part of a faithful witness.

I also need to explain the message itself. Jesus is not merely a suggestion for improving an already comfortable life. We need forgiveness and reconciliation with God. The gospel directs us toward who Christ is, what He has done, and the call to believe in Him. My testimony should serve that message rather than replace it.

Grace should shape the conversation. It is possible to be clear without being harsh and patient without being vague. I can listen to what the person is actually asking instead of answering the argument I expected to hear. The aim is understanding, not simply getting through a prepared speech.

3 Faithfulness when people do not respond

Mark 6:1-6 (NASB) records Jesus teaching in His hometown and encountering unbelief. The account warns me against assuming that familiarity will always make a witness easy. People who know our past may respond differently from people who meet us in a church setting.

I should not compare my imperfect life with Jesus as though our circumstances are identical. He is sinless. I may need to acknowledge ways my own conduct has made a conversation harder. A truthful apology and a consistent life can be necessary parts of my witness to people who know me well.

Mark 6:7-13 (NASB) then describes Jesus sending the Twelve with instructions for their mission. I need to understand those instructions in their setting rather than turning every travel detail into a rule for all ministry. The mission is carried out under His authority, and rejection does not mean the disciples are free to become contemptuous.

Persistence should be governed by love and wisdom. I can remain available, pray, and look for an appropriate opportunity without pressuring someone through repeated unwanted arguments. I am accountable for faithfulness. I cannot force another person's belief. Trusting God with that distinction helps me continue serving without treating people as projects.

4 Making disciples who continue to grow

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:19 (NASB)

teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20 (NASB)

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13 (NASB)

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB) gives the commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach obedience to what Jesus commanded. The task reaches beyond securing a quick profession of faith. People need help learning to follow Him through the circumstances of ordinary life.

That help can include reading Scripture together, answering questions carefully, encouraging involvement in a church, and showing what repentance looks like when I fail. I should not make a new believer dependent on my personal authority. The direction is toward Christ and a growing understanding of His Word.

Galatians 5:13 (NASB) calls believers to serve one another through love. Mission therefore includes the way we treat fellow believers as well as the people we hope to reach. A harsh or careless church culture can undermine the message its members say they want to share.

I want to remain available after the first conversation. Celebrate growth, help with a difficulty, and encourage the person to serve others in turn. We keep pointing one another toward the Lord who calls us, teaches us, and remains with His people.

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People need more than a religious sales pitch. This book looks at caring for real needs, sharing the message clearly, staying faithful when people do not respond, and making disciples who keep growing.

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Colossians 4:5 (NASB)

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