

UNTETHERED

The Conscience is the Key

How does God fix broken thinking?

How do we witness to a millennial without using reason and logic?

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (ESV)

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth **we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience** in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Several observations:

- 1) Don't aim to be _____, _____, _____!
- 2) The gospel is about _____, _____, and _____.
- 3) If the gospel is properly explained, it ought to _____!

Luke 18:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'"

²¹And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth."

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

²³But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

²⁴Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

What just happened here?

How does the Law work when sharing the Gospel?

Romans 3:20 (ESV)

²⁰ ...by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Galatians 3:24 (KJV)

²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Acts 24:25 (ESV)

²⁵ And as he reasoned about **righteousness** and **self-control** and the **coming judgment**, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."

When **appealing to the conscience**, remember:

There are _____ to violating God's Law.

The _____ of God demands the reality of _____.

The _____ is the only answer to our broken condition.

Summarize the **Gospel**:

What must someone **do** to receive the free gift of the Gospel?

What is **repentance**?

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ ... correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Luke 3:8a (ESV)

⁸ Bear fruits in **keeping with repentance**.

Acts 26:20 (ESV)

²⁰ ... but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, **performing deeds in keeping with their repentance**.

Isaiah 55:7 (ESV)

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

What is **saving faith**?

John 5:24 (ESV)

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

3 elements of an effective evangelistic encounter:

The _____

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Takeaways for today:

1) Our engagement with millennials (or any person for that matter) is not a war of _____!

It is a spiritual battle for their souls.

2) From the _____ of saving faith comes genuine _____.

“You tell me what path you’re on and I’ll tell you what door you went through.”

- Steven A. Lawson

3) The battle begins at _____.

NEXT WEEK: Real Faith Has **Fruit**