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15 TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE
WITNESSING



45 YEARS OF PLODDING

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"Ploddng." It's not a pretty word. It conjures up images of someone trudging along knee deep in snow or crossing sandy dunes in a blistering desert. Ploddng means "to act perseveringly; the act of moving or walking heavily and slowly making laborious progress."

We can sometimes get discouraged when we're ploddng, often because we don't quickly see the results of our efforts. We even consider throwing in the towel. But many times, if we would just plod on a little longer, we'd experience the joyous fruits of our labor.

It is like the Swamp of Despair in John Bunyan's allegory *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a deep bog of discouragement into which the character Christian sinks under the weight of his sins. But as the hero perseveres, he emerges victorious.

It's the same with our faith as Christians. Many times in life we have to plod our way to the kingdom. We have to realize that our journey is not always a dazzling mountaintop experience but often involves forging ahead through low valleys. Sometimes these ploddng spells can last for years.

But I believe God loves ploddng. As it is, the Christian life is not so much of a sprint as it is a marathon. We might have even had a bad start to our race, but if we are to be in the kingdom, what matters most is a good finish. That is often determined by how well we recognize the power of ploddng.

Romans 2:6, 7 says that God "will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." The patriarch Joseph had big dreams, but it took patient ploddng through betrayal, slavery, and jail to finally see them realized.

In many ways, Amazing Facts has been ploddng through hills and valleys since 1965. This year, we celebrate 45 years of gospel ministry. In this span,

we've experienced both struggle and conquering in our efforts to win souls to the Lord. And now we have greater opportunity than ever as our new satellite channel, AFTV, debuts. But this development is something that we had to wait and pray about for years and years. By patient continuance—patiently ploddng.

This is how it has always been at this ministry. Even at our lowest moments, we've prayed and had faith that God would see us through. And He has done more than see us through; He has blessed us greatly, especially through friends like you who pray for our team of workers and who give generously to keep our outreach going.

It's amazing, really. As a ministry, we aren't funded by a church body or by corporate interests. For 45 years we have totally depended on the kindness of individuals who believe in our mission. Sometimes it has been a challenge to keep ploddng forward in faith without being able to know if the funds are going to be

there. But as we look back over the history of miracles, God has blessed us abundantly for being faithful to His call; He has blessed us through your faithfulness as well.

You'll get to see some wonderful examples of God's faithfulness as you read through this *Inside Report*. For instance, you will learn how much our dedicated evangelists accomplish as they plod along, traveling the world and sharing the gospel with thousands week by week. As you read, don't forget that they can plod along for so long only because people like you are willing to plod alongside them.


Jesus is coming back soon, so keep your eyes on the prize of the heavenly Promised Land. Be a hopeful ploddng. Keep letting your heart beat, your lungs breathe, and your feet take one step at a time. God will give you victory. "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Timothy 2:12 NKJV). That's a wonderful promise. A great reward is coming. Run this race with endurance, looking at our Leader, the Author and Finisher of our faith. 



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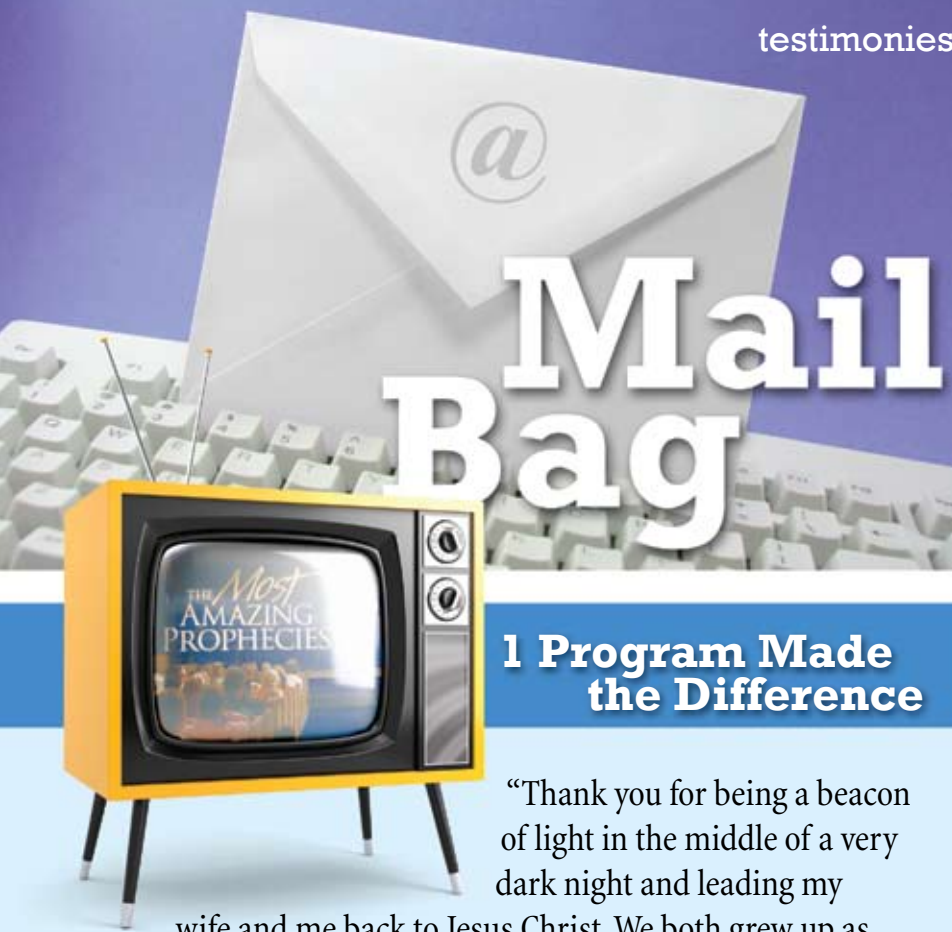
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wife and me back to Jesus Christ. We both grew up as Protestants, but the 60s and 70s found us getting further from the Lord as we experimented with drugs, rock-n-roll, and free sex. Seeking truth, I had belonged to several different religions but was always disappointed in what I found. At one point, my wife and I both agreed we had crossed the line and had to make a change. . . . I put a TV in our bedroom that only had rabbit ears. We got just one channel—3ABN. So I began watching and got hooked on your *Most Amazing Prophecies* series. Of course, that led to your other programs. We prayed for Jesus to lead us to the right church and were surprised when we were led to a Sabbath church. We both thought they were snake dancers and tongue babblers. We were pleasantly surprised to find out we were wrong. We are becoming rather good at sowing seeds for God. We study Scripture every day and always look forward to Sabbath. . . . I can’t believe what Jesus has done for us. I praise Him for leading us to you.” *Michael and Vickie*

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A Good Example

“While I consider myself an agnostic, I want to commend you for being one of the very few on television who preach His Word as it was meant to be preached—and not trying to bilk every last possible cent out of your audience. I hate to say it, but Christianity has become a corrupt shadow of its once greatness. You, sir, offer the best spiritual guidance of any minister I have seen on TV. While I may not be a believer, that doesn’t mean I don’t get a message from your preaching.” *Email*

Not Just Another “Show”

“I just recently discovered your program, dismissing it earlier as ‘just another Christian show.’ Well, it is not . . . and it has been very refreshing as well as educational. I am a Messianic Jew and keep Torah. I have found Doug’s messages to be most helpful and thank Yahweh that I have found your show!”

North Carolina



Good for Food

“Thank you for your web broadcasts. On television and the web are a thousand paths to destruction. Sadly, I have walked down some of them. But through Amazing Facts streaming TV, I can fill my mind with God’s heavenly truths. Such a blessing your continuously available help is in my life.” *Maryland*



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Brandon felt like he was ready to end his life. Broken and hurting, he finally cried out to God for help. "For the first time in my life, I prayed to God to forgive me of the sin that



saturated my life and to show me the truth." The next day, a woman knocked at his door and gave him

a Final Events DVD. After watching it that night, Brandon sat at his desk in the dark and wept. "I knew then that my Father in heaven had been waiting at the door for me. And almost instantly, the eternal love of God changed my heart." Today, Brandon is an active member of his church, where he leads a class that studies current events in light of Bible prophecy.



In Luke 24, we find a wonderful example of Christ's witnessing manner and method in a powerful post-resurrection story. In this article, we'll uncover 15 witnessing tips that can be gleaned from this one Bible passage, which can help you become a more effective and confident witness!

Let's pick up the story in verses 13–15:

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them (NKJV).

Witnessing Tip #1 Draw Near

Christ was not aloof. He went to where people gathered. He “drew near and went with them.” The root meaning of the phrase “drew near” is to come near in time and place. Christ sought out the hurting.

While much of the gospel work can be accomplished from afar, ultimately, most people need a personal, real-time connection. They need someone who will reach them where they are and become acquainted with them. They need someone who will sympathetically apply Scripture to their specific situations.

But before we go too far, notice the next verse ...

Their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him (v. 16 NKJV).

What an interesting concept! Here Scripture indicates that the eyes of these two men were restrained and they did not know that it was Jesus. The Lord wanted them to be able to focus on what He was saying rather than who He was.

Drawing near to people and witnessing to them does not necessarily require that the first thing we do is adopt an in-your-face, full-disclosure approach; sometimes much more can be accomplished if we remain “undercover” and reveal things as souls are able to digest them. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (John 16:12 NKJV).

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15 TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE WITNESSING

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Witnessing Tip #2 Measure Your Approach

So don't always make your purpose known unless the situation warrants it.

Of course, there are times when you must let people know who you are to avoid being counterproductive. For instance, if you knock on someone's door, they have the right to know right away who you are and why you are there.

However, in other venues, for instance, when you are traveling, you have the luxury of letting things play out, which can provide big advantages for effective witness.

But for this to occur, we need to be aware of the "conversation" and "reasoning" that we hear people using.

The word "conversation" in verse 15 comes from the Greek root for *logos* or "word." The word "reason" comes from the Greek root *logismos*, where we get the word "logic."

We could take this to mean that instead of making Himself known right away, Christ chose to listen to and learn about those He was trying to reach.



Witnessing Tip #3 Listen to Them

Listen to the words people are using, listen to their logic, when you are witnessing to them. You can learn much about who they are and what their needs are. This can provide a foundation and direction for what you later share when it is time to make yourself and your purpose better known. It is easier to tailor your teaching to their specific needs if you listen to their concerns and take them to heart.

What did Jesus do to gather more needed information?

He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" (v. 17 NKJV).

We can find at least two more fruitful witnessing tips in this short verse.

Witnessing Tip #4 Explore Their Hearts

Ask open-ended questions to better know your new friends and get additional background. It is simply amazing the amount of information people will volunteer once they begin talking. When you ask open-ended questions, people often don't feel pressured and will share what's in their hearts. They also feel valued because they are being listened to, rather than "witnessed to" or "preached at."

But did you notice the other element in Christ's question? He not only asked about their conversation, He also noted and

asked about what their facial expressions and body language were communicating.

Witnessing Tip #5 Be Aware of Everything

Ask the Spirit to give you Christ-like awareness and discernment. Jesus saw that these two men were sad (literally gloomy or of mournful appearance), and He specifically asked them why they were so!

Facial expressions matter, and they can tell a lot about what's going on in someone's head. It's never safe to assume anything based on just a facial expression, but it certainly does not hurt to ask.

Jesus' question and observation drew a revealing response from one of His travel companions.

Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" (vs. 18, 19 NKJV).

As you "listen" to Cleopas, can you sense his sadness? Perhaps he sounds a little bit angry too. Interestingly, this is in keeping with the actual meaning of the word translated as "sad," which can include the idea that the person is also experiencing anger.

But Christ, the master communicator, recognizes that it's *still* not quite time to speak. He hears within Cleopas' question the

desire to share even more information, so He beckons Cleopas to continue by asking, “What things?”

As you read Cleopas’ answer, see if you can identify and diagnose the cause for his sad anger:

The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see (vs. 19–24 NKJV).

Did you see the reason for Cleopas’ anger? He offered it! So what was the problem? These two were despondent and their conversation with one another was not helping one bit; it was only further depressing them.

Bottom line, they had lost hope and were in a very vulnerable and discouraged state of mind.

Witnessing Tip #6 Be Patient

If you patiently wait long enough, people will often tell you their problems *and* give you a chance to offer a solution.

What Christ said next would be of vital importance to them physically, mentally,



and spiritually. It could very well be the difference between life and death for them.

So what did He say?

He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” (v. 25 NKJV).

While at first it could appear that Christ’s choice of words might seem ill advised, they are actually saturated with meaning.

First, Jesus says, “Oh foolish ones.” Should a fool know better? Is a fool unintelligent or merely unwise? What exactly is a fool anyway? Well, according to one Scripture, a fool is one who says “in his heart, There is no God” (Psalm 14:1).

So what we have now is a picture of two individuals who had walked and talked with Christ for three years but were in danger of walking with God no more. They were about to give up completely, even questioning their faith and trust in God.

Let’s go to the next phrase: “slow of heart.” Slowness of heart in the Greek is *bradeis cardia*, and it’s where we get the word “bradycardia,” which is a term used in medicine today to describe a dangerously low heart rhythm. In other words, their spiritual foolishness had caused them to lose heart.

What was the cause of this life-threatening condition? Because they had not “believed all



the prophets had spoken.” And because of this selective and faulty reasoning, what was actually a magnificent blessing was something they thought was the worst possible curse; what was depressing them was supposed to be seen as a glorious fulfillment of Bible prophecy. “Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things to enter into his glory?”

Here the entire tone of this witnessing experience changes. Christ moves from being an active listener to being an active presenter of heart-saving Bible truth!

But before we look closer at His presentation, let’s remind ourselves of several vital witnessing tips that we’ve just seen.

Witnessing Tip #7 Be Complete

Jesus continued to ask open-ended questions until He and those He was witnessing to had shared enough information to have a complete picture of the diagnosis and the solution.

Witnessing Tip #8 Be Direct

Once Jesus knew the problem and its seriousness, He wasted no time in directly, but tactfully, sharing not only His diagnosis of the problem but also the solution: believing all the prophets have spoken.

Witnessing Tip #9 Offer the Solution First

To be sure that those listening to Him were not devastated by His forthright diagnosis, He shared the conclusion—the hopeful prognosis—they needed to hear before He set out to prove it.

In essence, He said, “Look, I know your pain. I understand it from your perspective, but I’ve got good news for you. You are wrong! What you think is the worst thing in the world is actually the best!”

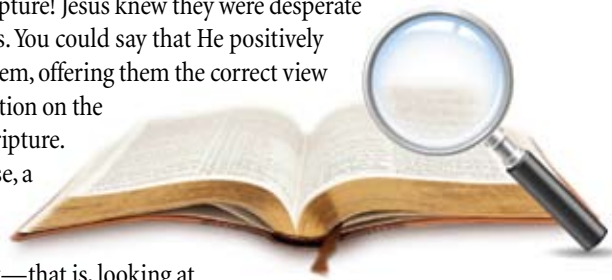
Of course, He doesn’t just leave them with the conclusion. Notice what He does next!

Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (v. 27 NKJV).

Witnessing Tip #10 Be Prepared to Have an Answer

Christ doesn’t just tell them that they are thinking things wrong. He also shows them how to think right through a powerful explanation of Scripture! Jesus knew they were desperate for answers. You could say that He positively reproves them, offering them the correct view of the situation on the basis of Scripture.

Of course, a systematic topical Bible study—that is, looking at everything the Bible has to say about a subject—can have a powerful effect. This is in fact what an evangelist does in every presentation. It’s what we train our AFCOE students to do: to prove and reprove all things from the Word.



Witnessing Tip #11 Make It Personal

As Jesus explains this revelation, He does it in the context of His own personal pain experience and God-glorifying testimony—“the things concerning Himself.”

The most powerful form of witness is often just a simple personal testimony. You must learn to share your testimony whenever it is most useful to do so.

Be careful, however, to not overdo it. Christ actually gauged the continued interest of those who were listening to Him. He did this by indicating that He had to continue on His journey as the other two neared their destination.

Witnessing Tip #12 Gauge Continued Interest

Always monitor whether or not you are getting through to someone or to gauge the interest level of those listening and then tie off your time while interest is still at a peak. You don’t have to share everything at once. You can feed a person too much of even the best food and give them indigestion!

Notice the response of the two men when Christ said He was leaving them ...

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BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



Should Christians observe the Jewish festivals?

In 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8, Paul says, “Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump. . . . For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven . . . but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (NKJV).

If Christ is our Passover, we no longer need to sacrifice a Passover lamb; Jesus is that Lamb. This principal also applies to the other Jewish festivals and feasts.

I have no burden to challenge those who feel convicted to observe the feast days. However, I don’t think anyone should urge that keeping them is mandatory and bears on our salvation. I believe this is what Paul addressed when he wrote, “One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind” (Romans 14:5 NKJV).

While it is a great blessing to study the symbolism of the life of Christ as seen in the feasts, I see no scriptural reason to keep the Jewish holidays. They were shadows to help the Jewish nation identify the Messiah when He came and to understand the plan of salvation. Why embrace His shadow when He’s before you in the flesh? Why hug a loved one’s photo when they’re standing before you? Also keep in mind, some feasts require worshipers to offer sacrifices at the Jerusalem temple, so it’s obviously not possible to keep them now in that way.

Regarding ceremonial laws, Paul says, “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the

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commandments of God is what matters” (1 Corinthians 7:19 NKJV). The Jewish festivals remembering the Exodus and the sanctuary were nailed to the cross when Jesus died (Colossians 2:14, 17). They were types: the handwriting of ordinances on paper. By contrast, the unchanging Sabbath was *written in stone*.

Indeed, that is why the temple veil was ripped from top to bottom when Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27:51). No man could have done that, a clear indication from God that the types and shadows that pointed to Christ ended with the crucifixion. And Daniel 9:27 prophesies this when it says, “In the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.”

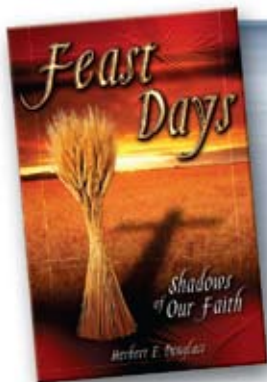
Some note that Isaiah 66:23 affirms that the redeemed will come “from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath.” This verse can be interpreted in two ways: The redeemed will come on every new moon festival and every Sabbath. Or they may come constantly, from one feast to another; thus, the redeemed would be worshiping daily at God’s throne. The first interpretation puts more emphasis on the particular days of worship, while the second stresses the perpetuity of worship. While the first is certainly in harmony with the meaning of the verse, the spiritual richness of the second should be considered.

There were no Jewish holidays or feasts prior to the Exodus, and these were done away with when Christ completed His mission. Even the high priest tore his garments when Jesus was condemned, in one sense signifying the end of the old priesthood (Matthew 26:65).

So if any feasts are celebrated during the millennium, they will not be kept in the same way. They would have a fuller, spiritual application. Instead of waving grain, Revelation 7:9 pictures the great multitude with palm branches, and there certainly would not be any sacrifices. Instead, we will be experiencing the reality of these symbols’ fulfillment!

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MIQ

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You probably already know that our churches are hemorrhaging youth: By the time they graduate from college, nearly 66 percent have left the church. And according to one Barna poll, compared to the mid-90s, teenagers today are 81 percent less likely to pray and 53 percent less likely to attend church.

Why? Well, one reason is that the messages of our culture actively encourage open rebellion and the rejection of Jesus Christ. But more than that, many of our own institutions are laying aside traditional Bible teaching on creation and sin in an effort to be more appealing to secularized teen culture.

Virtually everything our kids are hearing today contradicts the foundational teachings of the Bible, which they might hear for only a couple of hours a week at church. That's why Amazing Facts believes it is crucial to do something now to combat these tragic trends!

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MEET OUR TEAM



Chuck Holtry has years of experience in education and, coupled with his passion for the Bible, has a unique and powerful perspective in outreach. Chuck's background, which includes ministry to kids and adults around the world, and his gift of simplicity make him a dynamic and fascinating speaker. He is joined in ministry by his wife Christina, an Italian with the gift of cooking and hospitality.



Dave Steward has extensive public speaking experience, including conducting more than 100 jury trials as a district attorney, teaching high school Bible classes and collegiate-level business law courses, and preaching many sermons. He attended the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) and has experience in Bible work and evangelistic meetings. David is known for his convicting and sincere preaching style.



Tim Jones came to the church through the ministry of Amazing Facts, after 25 years as an ordained minister. Since then, Tim has shared the true gospel of the Bible with thousands on four continents and led hundreds into the remnant church. Tim presents Bible truth in a fresh and dynamic way, providing an opportunity to understand Bible prophecy more clearly and face the future with confidence and peace!



Emanuel Baek has a passion for the Bible, and his experience in education has helped him create a unique seminar experience. You'll find his riveting presentations leaving you with a desire to keep learning. He has traveled to more than 25 countries preaching the gospel of Christ to thousands and helping them find hope, courage, and a greater understanding of the Bible, especially in the area of prophecy.



Darrin Bartell was busy doing design work when he realized that God had His own designs for his future. Faced with the decision to follow Christ wholeheartedly or to keep God on the backburner, he resolved to seek God without reserve. His decision resulted in a growing passion for evangelism and a desire to reach others in full-time ministry at Amazing Facts.



Jason Sliger was eight-years-old when his mother joined the church. When he was a senior, his class went on a mission trip to the Philippines where he tasted front-line evangelism for the first time. It kindled a burning passion in his heart, and he knew he had discovered his life calling. Jason preaches from his heart, leading people into a saving relationship with Christ.



Lowell Hargreaves was baptized as a teenager during an evangelistic series presented by Joe Crews. Years later, he joined Amazing Facts and trained with the veteran evangelist during one of his final Bible presentations. Lowell has conducted numerous seminars in the former Soviet Union to capacity crowds. His experiences in international evangelism and natural gift for teaching give his clear, captivating, and convincing presentations broad appeal.



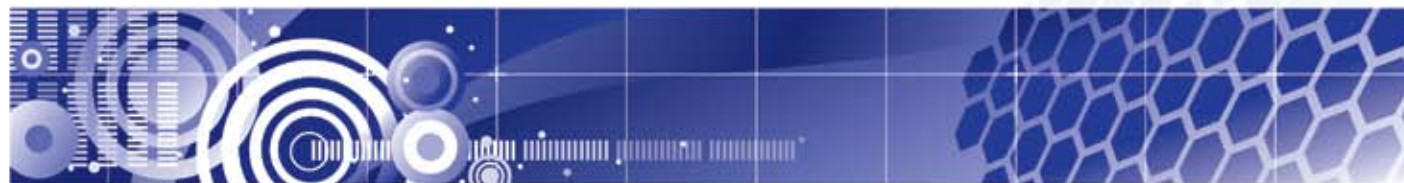
Tyler Long traveled the world but longed to know the meaning of life. His search landed him at an Amazing Facts seminar where he found Christ and was called to outreach. He has since served as a Bible worker, evangelist, and as assistant director for AFCOE. An ordained minister, Tyler offers churches practical soul-winning training; plus, his varied religious upbringing enables him to reach people from many different backgrounds.



Jason Morgan was living a selfish life as a bodybuilding champion, but fame left him feeling empty. So for two years, he studied God's Word every morning and evening. He soon found his passion in public evangelism, completed his evangelism training at AFCOE, and is now an ordained minister. Jason has also taught AFCOE courses and worked with students as they put the soul-winning principles learned in the classroom to practice in real-world evangelism.

"I was the worst possible audience member for an evangelist, stubborn and defiant. I was going only because a family member invited me, and I didn't even want to hear what was said. Yet by the end of the series, my life had been radically changed. Not only did Christianity finally make sense, I realized that I could actually trust the God of the Bible with my life. The way your evangelist presented truth, so logically and irrefutably, with conviction yet kind gentleness, it was easy to see Christ in that message. Thank you for giving me something real to live for and a reason to change." *Texas*

In addition, Amazing Facts offers powerful revivals. Call 916-209-7220 now to give your church a spiritual boost!



Amazing Facts EvangelismTeam

Contact us at 916-209-7220 to schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic prophecy series or revival weekend in your church!



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Tyler
Long



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Doug Batchelor

October 8 – 16, 2010

Most Important Questions:
FAQs 4 Teens
Great Lakes Academy
Cedar Lake, Michigan

Emanuel Baek

September 10 – October 9

908 Cedar Lane
Tullahoma, Tennessee
Call 931-455-9816 for details.

October 15 – November 20

Metairie, Louisiana
Call 504-885-7000 for details.

Darrin Bartell

July 16 – August 21

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Call 606-886-3459 for details.

August 27 – September 25

Owasso, Oklahoma
Call 918-809-9295 for details.

Lowell Hargreaves

September 10 – October 16

Szeged, Hungary

November 5 – December 11

Iloilo City, Philippines

Chuck Holtry

August 27 – October 2

White Salmon, Washington
Call 509-493-1752 for details.

October 15 – November 20

Church Auditorium
8th and Deanne Street
Larned, Kansas

Tim Jones

July 9 – August 14

Church Auditorium
21366 Sharp Street
Rock Hall, Maryland

August 27 – October 2

Church Auditorium
3210 Decker Road
Duluth, Minnesota

October 22 – November 27

Comox Valley, British Columbia
Call 250-338-5258 for details.

Tyler Long

September 1 – November 21

Iowa-Missouri Conference
Sioux City, Iowa
Spencer, Iowa
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

Jason Morgan

September 17 – October 16

12940 N. Government Way
Hayden Lake, Idaho
Call 208-762-5718 for details.

Jason Sliger

July 23 – August 28

Clovis Civic Center
801 Schepps Boulevard
Clovis, New Mexico

September 3 – October 2

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Call 505-220-3767 for details.

October 15 – November 20

Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
Call 931-762-7401 for details.

Dave Steward

July 9 – August 14

Church Auditorium
15204 Skyway
Magalia, California

September 3 – October 9

Edmonton, Canada
Call 780-420-0215 for details.

Dennis Priebe *(Revivalist)*

July 23, 24: Cumberland Church, MD

July 30, 31: Manhattan Church, NY

August 6, 7: Bronx Emmanuel Church, NY

August 13, 14: Topsham Church, ME

August 21: Menomonie Church, WI

August 27, 28: Bozeman Church, MT

September 4: Inchelium Mission Church, WA

September 10, 11: Federal Way South
Center Church, WA

September 17, 18: Stateline Church, OR

September 24, 25: Prineville Church, OR

October 1, 2: Hayfork Church, CA

You are invited to meet the members of our dynamic evangelism team at our many seminars and revivals throughout the year—and please invite a friend!

Go to www.AmazingFacts.org to get exact times and locations! (Click on Training and then Prophecy Seminars.)



Times and locations are subject to change. Visit our website to confirm details prior to attending.



Ministry Spotlight

What Happens at an Amazing Facts Bible Prophecy Seminar?



More than 400 baptisms a year.

That's wonderful, isn't it? That's why our Bible prophecy seminars, held across the country and around the world, are worthy of the investment Amazing Facts and local churches make in them. But what exactly happens during a series, and why is it so effective in winning souls to the kingdom?

We have answers for you in this ministry spotlight!

Getting Started

When Amazing Facts and a local church or conference work together, congregations are energized for evangelism. Our professionally trained evangelists can assist churches in canvassing the community during pre-work, developing bridge events, and advertising the prophecy series by mail.

When guests first arrive at a church or meeting hall, they're greeted with a warm welcome by friendly faces. Church volunteers help them register for the series and find a seat. If a guest has children, we help register them for the children's program and drop them off at the right place.

Our programs are designed to start promptly at the advertised time. A seminar host, usually the church's pastor, welcomes the audience, gives them any necessary information, and has opening prayer. After that, the audience enjoys a 10-minute health or financial presentation designed to get them thinking about how God can lead in their everyday lives.

Sharing the Message

Next up, our evangelist takes the stage to present a Bible-based sermon for the evening. Of course, every house is built on a foundation. Our team members set the stage with step-by-step presentations. For instance, they typically cover the true nature of death before hell and describe the soul before discussing what will become of it. They seek to build the truth up logically in guests' minds so it's easier to understand.

If there is a big concentration of people from one faith, our evangelist knows how to adjust presentations to take their particular beliefs into account, such as rearranging topics or emphasizing some points over others. But everyone gets all the truth. We can't and won't do less for them.


Our sermons are clear and concise, utilizing PowerPoint, and cover each night one of the key doctrines found in the three angels' messages. At the conclusion of each sermon, guests are given an opportunity to respond to the message either by marking a decision response card or coming forward after an appeal is made by the evangelist.

The evangelist also meets and greets the audience after each presentation, answering questions and encouraging attendance, while volunteers pass out free literature for guests to take home for further study.

Bringing It Home

During and after the series, the evangelist, pastor, and Bible workers make personal visits and encourage seekers to commit their lives to Christ. We appeal for people to decide to be baptized, and when they've expressed a desire, we visit with them and plan accordingly. There's no pressure involved, as it isn't necessary. If they are ready, they're ready! Some are often hesitant, but when we find out the source of their hesitation, we often can help them make their decision for Christ!



There is nothing better for the growth and revitalization of your church than making a commitment to an Amazing Facts Bible prophecy seminar series. See pages 12–14 and contact us today to schedule an event in your church or conference and reignite your congregation's love for souls and outreach! 

Publishing



Beginning in 1966, Amazing Facts has printed and distributed millions of pieces of Bible-based literature, giving untold thousands the in-depth information they need on topics ranging from spiritual growth, doctrine, evangelism, Christian living, creation, health, and more. In 2009, we filled more than 81,000 requests for free gifts and distributed nearly 35 million pieces of literature and media!

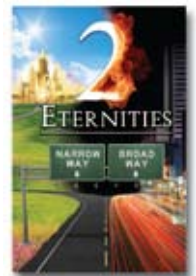
Our online store strives to provide affordable, top-quality resources—books, Bibles, software, DVDs, music, and more—that give seekers a firm foundation in Scripture. So what's in store for you? Check out our latest products!



Cosmic Conflict DVD

Take a spectacular journey back through time and trace the transformation of a perfect angel into Satan and how he led an army of angels in a revolt in heaven! Recorded in high-definition, this Bible-based documentary will help you understand the deepest mysteries of life, explaining how sin and evil could invade a perfect world made by a loving God. The cosmic conflict affects every life on earth—including yours!

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2 Eternities

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First, you get up-to-date and research-driven information from health expert Dr. DeRose about the physical benefits of a good diet, exercise, rest and the Sabbath, sunlight, water, and more. Then Pastor Doug brings each lesson home with a fresh and enlightening spiritual application that will draw you and those you share it with to a better understanding of God's Word and the crucial physical-spiritual connection.



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See page 31 for the sharing magazine!



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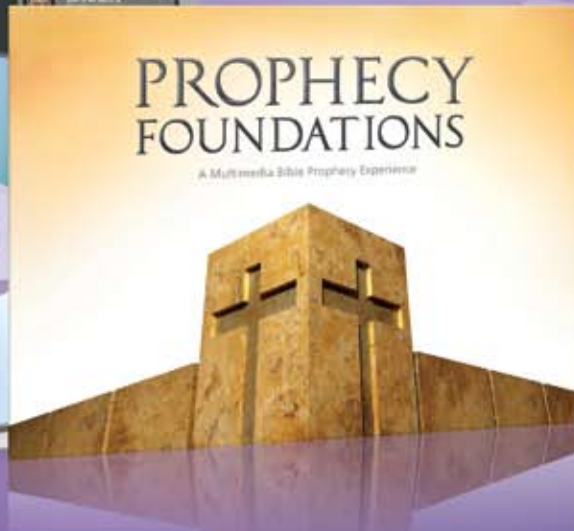
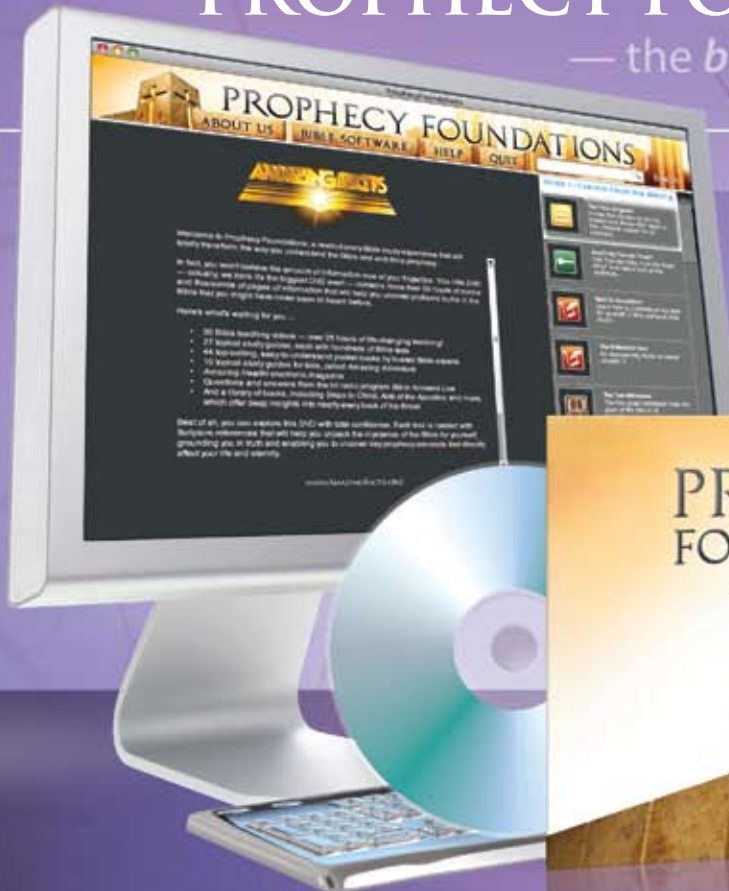
Sarah Draget's unique style of Christian songwriting, with its thoughtful lyrics and beautiful harmonies, has touched many lives. With no other instruments other than her voice, guitar, and piano, she performs her own songs in a way that moves the heart and stirs the soul.

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— Pastor Doug



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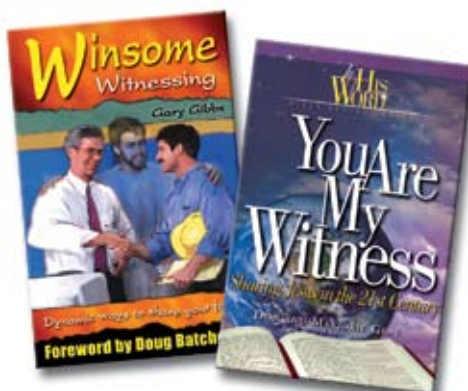
GREAT TOOLS FOR WITNESSING!

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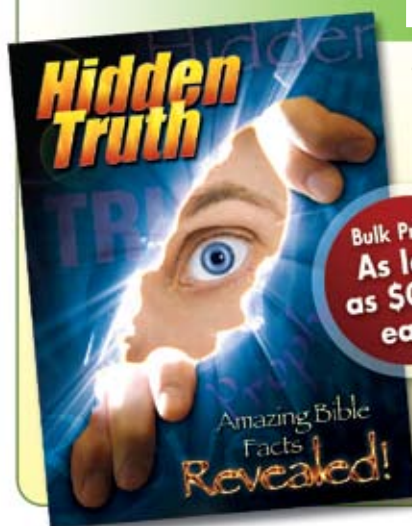


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Full of Scripture, these attractive bookmarks will pique the interest of every truth-seeker. (Each 25-pack set is \$5.99)

BK-SM666 666—The Mark

BK-SMJUD Judgment

BK-SMSAB Sabbath

BK-SMSAL Salvation

BK-SMSAN Sanctification

BK-SMSAT Sanctuary

BK-SMSC Second Coming

BK-SMSD State of the Dead

BK-SMTC Ten Commandments

The Final Events of Bible Prophecy Study Guide

A brand-new study guide based on the *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* DVD! This concise, seven-part Bible study is perfect for personal, small group, and prayer meeting settings. Each lesson follows a segment of the powerful *Final Events* DVD, revealing crucial truths that will whet the spiritual appetite—makes for a perfect introduction to an evangelistic series! Also available in bulk!

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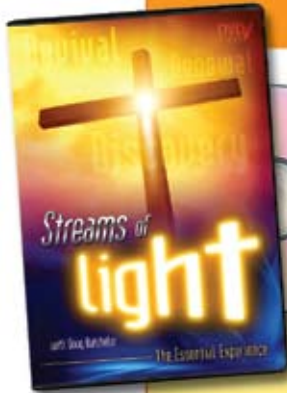


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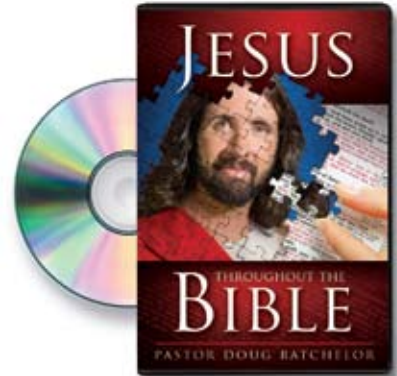
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Doug Batchelor. This new revival series will help you rediscover the victorious Christian life that God needs you to have today, especially as last-day events are hurtling us ever closer to the return of Jesus Christ! This powerhouse five-part series, recorded live in England, will show you how to have a better prayer and Bible study life, give you practical tips for overcoming temptation, teach you the most effective ways to reach others for Christ, and help you revitalize and renew your day-to-day faith experience with Jesus! (DVD Set) **DV-SOL ... \$19.95**



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Storacles of Prophecy

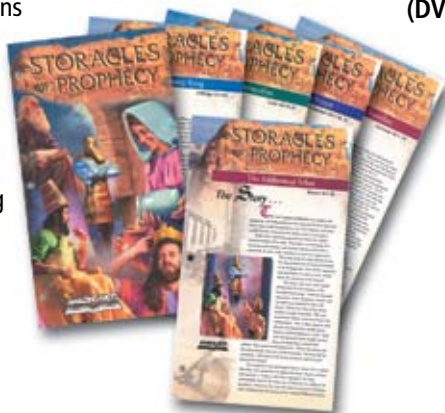
The beautiful, fully illustrated, and timely 24-Bible-lesson set created for Doug Batchelor's *Millennium of Prophecy* seminar will help reach searching hearts. Based on the teaching techniques of Jesus, the Master of illustrating gems of truth with stories and parables. Each colorful lesson begins with an amazing story from the Bible, which is then used to clearly explain Bible prophecy and reveal scriptural truth. Students complete each lesson's study section by looking up key Scriptures and filling in the missing words.

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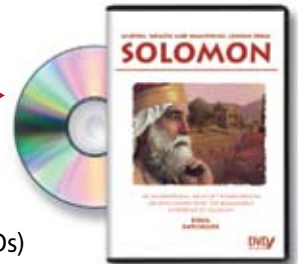
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NEWS NOTES

A Surprising Visit

Dr. Frank Wright, president of National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), recently paid a visit to our home office. Says Pastor Doug, "After touring the different departments with me, he was very impressed by the scope of this ministry." What is NRB? It's a national coalition offering support to religious broadcasters and "protecting access to the world's airwaves to ensure the gospel goes out unimpeded to reach the four corners of the earth."



Bible School Marches Onward

The Bible School is not only one of our longest-running ministries at Amazing Facts, it remains one of our most effective ways to reach souls and touch hearts each day through the grace of Almighty God. Of course, this wouldn't be possible without the help of great friends like you who support the ministry with your prayers and financial gifts.



And we want to continue to acknowledge the sacrificial work of our team of essential volunteers, who have contributed thousands of hours of time this year already!

I had no idea about the Bible at all. Now that I have completed your course, I have an idea on what I am supposed to do with my life. I have changed my life throughout this course, and I look forward to learning more about the Bible and becoming closer with God. —Tawnya, Calif.

So far this year, more than 57,083 lessons have been graded, with 17,072 new students enrolled. Our letter

correspondence team has also replied to thousands of email and letters with answers to every imaginable Bible question. With a current enrollment of online and correspondence students at 52,183, we also thank God that 1,502 students have graduated from our schools so far. And even better, 364 have indicated a desire for baptism. Praise the Lord!

Have You Tried SabbathTruth.com?

We recently launched the new www.SabbathTruth.com website, with new graphics, more information, and new media content! You won't believe how much information about the Sabbath we've stuffed into this one website!



- The latest about the Sabbath in news and culture
- Dozens of basic and advanced articles about the Sabbath day
- The *Seventh Day* DVD series with Hal Holbrook
- A Sabbath FAQ
- Sabbath Arguments Refuted
- 100 Facts About the Sabbath special feature
- Access to FREE Bible studies
- And tons of free resources for exploring the Sabbath day
- Even a sunset calculator!



Stop by soon to check it out—and let all your friends know! Use email, Facebook ... whatever you can ... to let people know about the new SabbathTruth.com. Be bold! It's designed to be a powerful and convicting web center for everything about the day God set aside for all mankind! (And it's also available in Spanish at www.SabadoBiblico.com.)

A Lasting Legacy

When considering the great accomplishments of King David, most people think about his stunning victory over the giant Goliath or his poetic prowess revealed in the psalms he penned. However, one of his most outstanding acts of devotion in his long reign is often overlooked.

During David's eventful life, the Lord blessed him with substantial wealth. But as he looked ahead, he was deeply concerned that after his death, sufficient funds would be available for completing the temple of God. He wanted to return to God the blessings bestowed on him so abundantly.

"Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, ... wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, ... and marble slabs in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver."

—1 Chronicles 29:2, 3 NKJV

For more than 40 years, Amazing Facts has been faithfully working to build up the temple of God with living stones—souls saved through evangelism—by preaching a clear and powerful message of salvation from sin through Jesus. "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5 NKJV).

As you look into the future in your estate planning, please remember to make provision for building up the temple of God, just as David did, by remembering the ministry of Amazing Facts.

How do I help Amazing Facts in my estate planning?

By designating Amazing Facts as a beneficiary in your will or trust.

What other means of giving are there in my estate planning?

Gift annuities benefit both your financial future and the many outreaches of Amazing Facts.

What is a gift annuity?

A gift annuity gives you a guaranteed fixed income for life. It is an irrevocable contribution of money and securities that guarantees payment. The benefits to you are:

- Increases your income for you and/or your spouse
- Immediate income-tax deduction
- Avoid capital gains
- Estate tax savings
- Stress-free investment
- Fulfill your charitable intent

For more information, contact our estate planning team at 800-436-2695. They will answer any questions you have regarding gifts to support the end-time evangelism of Amazing Facts.

Good news! See the rate chart below for the latest increases effective July 1, 2010!

AGE	RATE
55	5.0%
60	5.2%
65	5.5%
70	5.8%
75	6.4%
80	7.2%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%

Minimum Gift Amounts
Single-Life: \$5,000
Two-Life: \$10,000

Single Life Rate of Return

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But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them (v. 29 NKJV).

Now, isn't this the way you'd like people to act at the end of your Bible study? Constraining, begging you, imploring you to stay and show them more?



Of course, the best part of this wonderful passage is found in the next several verses. See if you can spot the results of effective witnessing.

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (vs. 30–32 NKJV).

Did you see the results?

Effective Bible study helps people literally see Jesus. The Word is so filled with Spirit that it can take broken, helpless, "slow" of heart, sin-sick souls and bring them new life and energy. The slow of heart are instead filled with heavenly heartburn!

Witnessing Tip #13 Give the Glory to God

Remember, true witness will lead to the worship of the living Christ, not the preacher or teacher! Keep God as your focus, just as Christ always did.

Witnessing Tip #14 Leave Their Focus on Scripture

Effective witnessing will also lead you to leave while the focus of those you've been studying with is firmly focused on the life-changing truth of Scripture.


And what was the ultimate result of Christ's witness that day?

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread (vs. 33–35 NKJV).

Witnessing Tip #15 Make Disciples

True witness will lead and inspire those who have learned the truth to share what they've learned with the same boldness and clarity.

What a wonderful and practical picture of effective Word-based witnessing! What a wonderful example of simple techniques that not only the disciples but you and I can use in reaching out to others for the King!

Remember, it was this one simple Bible study, given during a short seven-mile walk, that was used by the Spirit to turn the world upside down! They heard the study and were gripped and equipped by it. Their hearts were set on fire, and they couldn't help but share it with others. And now you've heard it and can go share it with others too! 



Want to learn how to be a fisher of men? See page 23 to discover how AFCOE and AFCOE to Go can give you the skills to become a confident, effective soul-winner and grow the kingdom of God!

Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism AFCOE



- Gain confidence
- Reach the heart
- Teach compellingly
- Preach powerfully



At AFCOE, you'll get:

- Dynamic evangelism training
- World-class, seasoned teachers
- A revival experience that will energize your faith
- Many awesome, practical resources for witnessing

Want to be a soul-winner?

Need revival in your life? AFCOE is about helping you take this opportunity to be transformed and equipping you to become all that God intends you to be—and to go impact your world.

4-MONTH PROGRAM

A dynamic, comprehensive course that will prepare you for an entry-level career in ministry. Come study God's Word, learn principles of effective soul-winning, and work under the mentorship of successful soul-winners. It's an experience only AFCOE can offer!

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FREESTYLE

From BMX to AFCOE

by Emily Simmons

“Ever since I was a child, I felt God calling me to do something for Him,” explains Winston Green.

Yet even though he was brought up to follow Christian principles, something was missing. “I prayed at meals and bedtime because I knew it was the right thing to do,” he says. “But I didn’t really have a relationship with God.”

By the time high school rolled around, “the world” grew more and more attractive. While Winston did pray from time to time and sought out faith conversations, his spiritual experience was only a surface one. “I didn’t really know anything,” he admits. “I was never taught the Bible; I just knew about Jesus and the Sabbath. I followed my parents to church; I thought that was good enough.” But experiences at church had started to leave a bad taste in his mouth, so he eventually avoided religion completely.

Still, Winston sensed God telling him He had a plan for his life.

Obstacles

After high school, Winston pursued BMX freestyle biking with a passion. He began riding as many as six hours a day during the week, 12 hours a day on the weekends. “I was getting really good,” he says. “It was my god.”

One summer day, Winston decided to dedicate his life to BMX. The very next day, he broke his leg severely. As he recuperated, he had time to be by himself with God, pray, and think about his life. “I knew it was God working in my life.”

After his leg recovered, Winston started an auto-detailing business. The investment flourished, and he earned good money. “I was working my way up the economic totem pole, but it was doing nothing for me. Every time I made more money I thought, *Now what?*”

He began praying as he worked, asking for insight. Sometimes he thought about the end of time and the second coming. *Am I living the life that would be acceptable in His sight?* “The success was like sand through my fingers,” he says. “I cried out to God for Him to show me meaning; I asked Him to bring anyone into my life that would help me.”



Providential Encounter

Not long after, Winston returned to church and “happened” to sit beside a man named Dave Steward—a former prosecuting attorney turned AFCOE graduate and Amazing Facts evangelist who was preparing Winston’s church in Grand Prairie, Alberta, for a prophecy seminar with Emanuel Baek, another Amazing Facts evangelist. “Something clicked when I met Dave,” Winston says, “I wondered, *Is this the answer to my prayer?*”

Steward invited Winston to study the Bible with him. Winston agreed, and the two established a friendship as they studied together. Winston learned things he’d never heard before. “The three angels’ messages, the sanctuary—these doctrines blew my mind! I started reading my Bible more and more, trying to make up for all the years I’d wasted.”

For Winston, the friendship, the Bible studies, and the new spiritual truths worked together to bring him closer to God and make him want to study more. “It was really nice to see a man giving his life to the Lord,” Winston explains. “Dave’s sacrifice impressed me.”

Growing up, Winston had heard of Amazing Facts, but it wasn't until meeting Steward and Baek that our outreach came to life for him. As the seminar got closer, Steward invited Winston to attend. Despite some anxiety about being part of a religious group, he agreed to go. "I had to remind myself that I was doing this for God. Eventually, the seminar helped me feel more comfortable with religion."

Baek expounded on the truths Winston had learned from Steward. "Every single message spoke to me," Winston says. "It all fit together so well: Daniel and the Antichrist, how that's played out in history, how the message is going out now." The three angels' messages moved him the most. "I'm excited that Jesus is coming soon." In fact, Winston wondered if he should attend AFCOE.

After the seminar, Winston attended a Bible study at a friend's house. One night, as they discussed Revelation 3 and the church of Laodicea, the Holy Spirit urged him to make a commitment. "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16). Winston knew he couldn't continue to go to church and live the life he was living. "I was lukewarm." He decided to be baptized—Dave Steward's first!

The following December, Winston attended a Christian youth event in San Jose, California. "I had never seen so many young people wanting to learn more about God," he says. Any doubts he had about his own conversion were cast out.

The AFCOE Experience

Then things happened quickly. The truths Winston had learned were so appealing, and he had the money; once God gave him all the signs—mind you, last-minute—it was clear. He

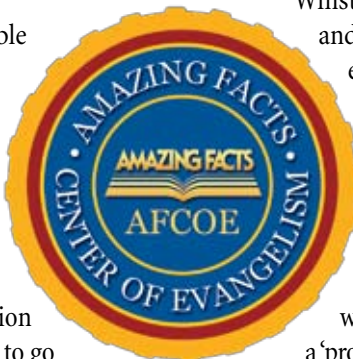
decided to attend AFCOE. "Some people might think going from owning your own business to training for ministry would be a difficult decision," Winston says. "But it wasn't, because I had Christ in my heart and really wanted to impact someone else's life. I felt like I couldn't balance a 9-to-5 job with sharing the truth on a full-time basis. So I just made the decision."

At AFCOE, "It was a whole different world. The food was different. The atmosphere was different. I was surrounded by spiritual people. Singing hymns at the beginning of every day, being fed with spiritual meat every day ... it's wonderful. I learned so much in a short period of time." Winston was most excited to see the church's teachings confirmed and to meet people as excited about these truths as he is.

Winston felt comfortable around the other students and could talk to them freely. They each seemed to be enduring their own trial; doesn't the devil always try to discourage people from doing God's work? But everyone encouraged each other. "They offered me a helping hand on this new spiritual journey," Winston shares.

After completing his training, Winston returned to his home church to serve as a Bible worker. "Some might not think that's the best idea, a 'prophet' returning to his own land," he laughs, "but God can work around that. I feel Him leading me to spread this message to my friends and family members." He says he's using everything he learned at AFCOE, giving Bible studies, preaching, and preparing his church for another prophecy seminar.

Winston suspects that his own changed life is the most powerful message his church sees. "They see this young man who was once in the world now doing the Lord's work. Evangelism is not an event; it's a lifestyle. I'm a living testimony of how God works. There is nothing more joyful or fulfilling than doing God's will. Give it to Him, and He will provide." —



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Between the Sun and a Hard Place

by Emily Simmons

Recent research on Vitamin D creates a new catch-22 when it comes to sun exposure. You need sunlight in order for your body to produce Vitamin D, but too much sun increases your risk of developing skin cancer. . . .




What to do?

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. It appears in three major types: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. All three types are treatable if caught early, but melanoma has the potential to spread to other parts of the body and lead to death.

Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) light is most often the cause of skin cancer; other causes are use of tanning booths, impairment of the immune system, exposure to unusually high levels of X-rays, and contact with certain chemicals. People with fair skin, a tendency to freckle, a personal or family history of skin cancer, or a history of at least one severe sunburn early in life are at an increased risk of developing skin cancer. You should perform regular self-screenings of your skin to look for anything abnormal. (Use a mirror or get a loved one to examine areas you can't see yourself!) Know your moles and note if they've changed size, shape, or color. See a dermatologist immediately if you notice anything out of the ordinary.



We've all heard the skin cancer rundown:

-  Limit your exposure to the sun. Avoid the sun completely between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, when it's strongest.
-  Wear sunscreen of at least 30 SPF and reapply frequently if you're in water or sweating a lot.
-  Seek out shade or wear loose-fitting, tightly woven long sleeves, pants, and wide-brimmed hats.

But avoiding the sun means you won't get Vitamin D, and sunscreen inhibits its production.

What's the big deal about Vitamin D?

We've known for a while now that Vitamin D is essential for bone development and the prevention of osteoporosis. But new research shows that a deficiency in the "sun vitamin" could also be linked to everything from the common cold and flu to cancers, heart disease, depression, and autoimmune disorders. And, as it turns out, most of us

are deficient—especially those with darker pigmented skin (they don't absorb as much Vitamin D as the lighter-skinned) and those living in the Northern latitudes, where the sun is weaker. Ask your doctor to do a simple blood test to determine if you're deficient.


Vitamin D helps to regulate the immune and neuromuscular systems and plays a major role in the life cycle of cells. Such a major role, in fact, that your body itself makes the vitamin—but only after

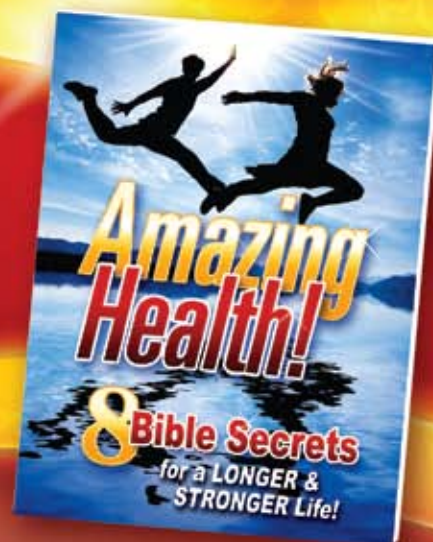


enough exposure to the sun. As little as 30 minutes of sun on your legs or back two times per week, *without sunscreen*, should give you plenty of Vitamin D.

If you're skittish about the sun, there are a few alternatives for getting enough Vitamin D. Since your body manufactures the vitamin, it is not available in very many foods. It appears mainly in fish and dairy products, but fish can be contaminated and dairy products are high in saturated fat and cholesterol. The best dietary sources are fortified cereals, fortified non-dairy milks (soy, almond, or rice) and perhaps non-fat dairy products. You might also take a supplement; look for Vitamin D3, the strongest form. Dosage recommendations vary, but it appears that as much as 2000 IU per day is safe (1000 IU for infants under 12 months). Vitamin D can interact with certain medications, so check with your doctor if you take a prescription medication.



There's no one solution to this catch-22, but your best bet is to get a little unprotected sun now and then. By all means use caution, and watch for any changes in your skin or moles. Check with your doctor to find out if you're deficient in Vitamin D, consider taking a supplement, and remember that a diet built around vegetables, fruit, beans, nuts, and whole grains as close to their most natural state as possible, with limited or no processed foods, is rich in antioxidants that help fight the free radicals that cause all forms of cancer. 



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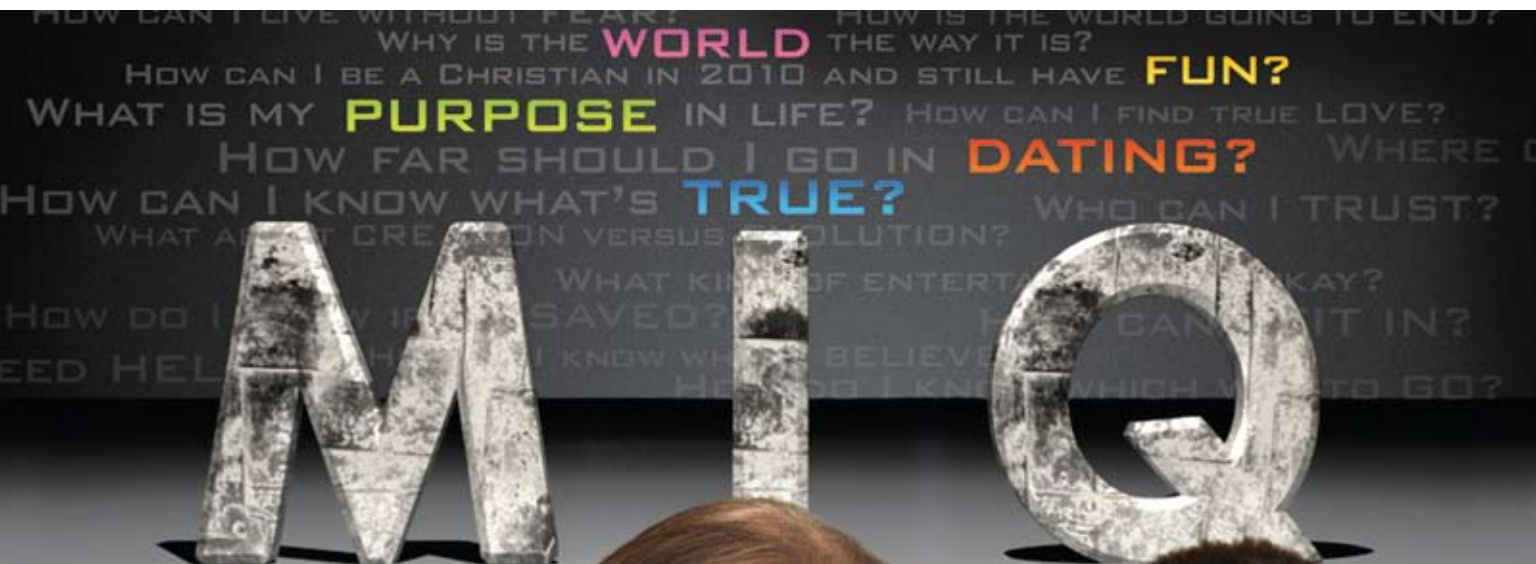
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