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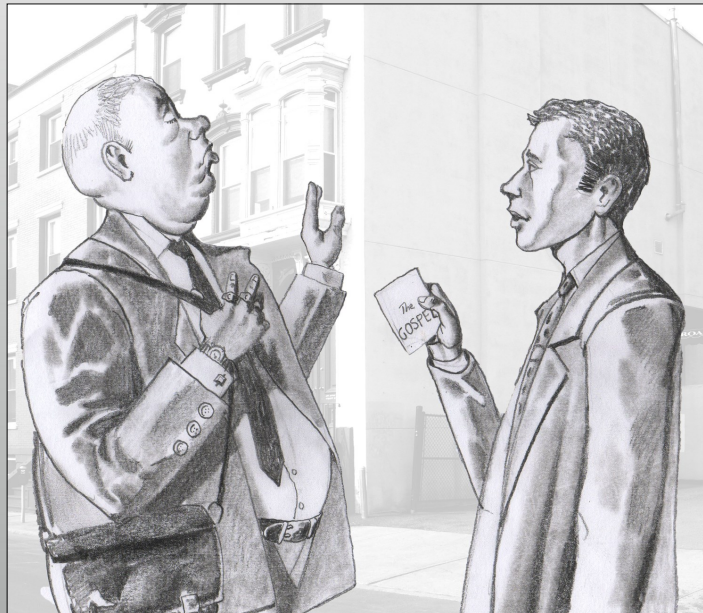
Sir, May I Give You the Gospel? Answers to one question determines fate for all of eternity

Some may ask, "Why do I always identify the pamphlet that I am giving to someone as *the gospel* and not as something to read? Doesn't that turn them off right away?" The answer to that question is that I want to hold them responsible immediately for either accepting or rejecting the gospel. But you say, "What if they do not know what the gospel is?" Just about everybody has heard of the gospel before even if they do not know what it is. But letting them know it is the gospel immediately is the only way I can hold them accountable for responding to it.

People have a variety of different responses to the presentation of the gospel tract. Some just do not care. Some laugh at it. Some get angry at it. Some simply do not respond. It is amazing to see how many people are indifferent to the one thing that matters most in their lives: a decision to accept or reject Christ. Jesus not only saves souls from Hell, he also helps us in this life. But the affairs of this world and the riches of this world have blinded people's eyes to the gospel.

I take you to the parable of the sower in [Matthew 13:1-7](#) and the explanation of the parable in [Matthew 13:18-23](#) where Jesus gave an analogy of what soul winning is like. Some people hear the gospel but do not understand it (they don't get saved). Some people receive the word but tribulation and persecution drive them away. Some people receive the word but the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches drive them away. But some people receive the word (get saved) and produce fruit for God.

There are many many people who will reject the gospel tract and any chance that the Holy Spirit had of entering in the person is gone. There are people who get saved and fall away from Christ because of tribulation and persecution. Some people get saved but fall away from God because of their riches. But there are those who get saved and authentically want to



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serve God and come to church and follow Jesus' commandments. Those are the ones who produce for God and go and get people saved themselves.

The decision to accept a tract from a soul winner and otherwise listen to the plan of salvation is purely a **free will decision**. You can not force them to listen. You may persuade them by reminding them about Hell and conversely the joys of Heaven, but some people simply do not believe. If a person felt compelled to get saved for any reason other than that of his own conscious convicting him, he wont get saved. He has to want to get saved as a free will decision. That is how God made us—he did not make us robots. We decide what to do with our selves.

Many many people you will find when you go soul winning hate God. They curse him, blaspheme Him, ridicule you for being His servant. The best thing to do in these situations is to just be quiet like Jesus was when he was being persecuted ([Acts 8:32](#)). Many people in life will not get a second chance at the gospel after you

present it to them. You can see plainly that they are in fact damning themselves to Hell when they refuse the gospel tract. They think it is foolish because they have never been taught to respect God. But your job is just to present them with the tract and let the chips fall where they may.

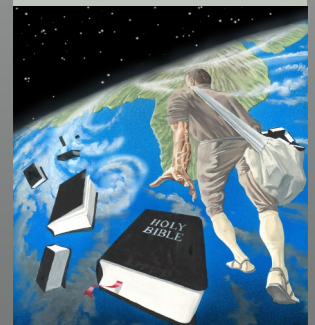
There are so many factors that contribute to people hating God and refusing tracts. Many times the concupiscence of the modern day has people tied up in fantasies of enchantment with bars and grills and parties. Some people work so many hours they get mad at God because they never have anything. Some people have lost a loved one and blame God for their losses. Some people have no discipline and could never sit down and read a Bible. Some people had bad experiences at a church such as

a pastor who committed adultery and would never return to God again.

Still, in all of these excuses, there is never a reason to turn away from the gospel or turn away from God if you are saved. You should have a sound personal relationship with God that nothing can interfere with. That's what makes a strong Christian

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