

How to Witness to a Closed-minded Person by Ray Comfort (Way of the Master)

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I know you have God's heart for non-believers who are your family, friends and neighbor I know this will be helpful. Don (this info is from two sources)

You are about to talk to someone about Jesus, because you are concerned about them. Then you hear them say, "I don't believe in God or the Bible it's all bogus." If you think it's the end of the conversation, I have some good news for you. I have found a key that unlocks a door that has just been slammed in your face. This key works. I know, because I have used it a thousand times.

Before we look at the key, let's establish what we want to achieve (this is important, because our theology will dictate our methodology). If we believe that people can be saved by making a decision, then our agenda will be to get decisions for Christ. But if we believe that salvation is a work of God from beginning to end, we will be guided by that conviction. I believe that we have as much to do with someone's salvation as we do in making a tree. All we can do is plant the seed and make sure it's watered. It is God who makes the tree grow. So my aim is simply to plant the seed of the Word of God in the prepared soil of the human heart. Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Don says "At our age, especially for us who live in a 55+ park, the following conversation is easier to approach these friends. Say a few words and give them a tract. First pray & look for an opportunity.

Now, let's get back to the key that opens a closed door.

The key statement: "What do you think happens after someone dies—do you think that there is an afterlife?" He says, "No. There's not. I don't believe in God or the Bible. It's all bogus." The door is not closed, at this point would probably say, "Okay then. It's nice to meet you. Goodbye."

However here now is the key that unlocks that closed door. I simply say, "You know I do believe" "I know that you don't believe in those things, but what **if** I am right, the question that I ask myself "I am I good enough person to make it? **if** Heaven does exist will you make it in--are you a good person? " The word "**if**" is the key that will unlock the door. I deliberately emphasize **if** as I say it, because it's non-threatening.

A good tract to have available is "Heaven" and "If God is Good Why Do we hurt?" by Randy Alcorn. <https://store.epm.org/product/heaven-20-pack-of-booklets>