

FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Dealing with an Atheist

I was handing out hot dogs and water one Wednesday last month when a gentleman came up to me and said that he was an atheist. So I asked him a couple of simple questions. There are two simple questions that have very simple answers, an atheist who can't answer them isn't a true atheist. QUESTION: 1) "What do you mean when you say that you don't believe in God?" ANSWER: "I mean that I have a lack of belief in the existence of a deity, your Christian God or any other." ; QUESTION: 2) "What reasons do you have to think that there is no God?"

It's amazing how these two disarmingly simple questions can throw people off! For example, ask the unbeliever what he means when he says he doesn't believe in God—is he an atheist or an agnostic? (Be prepared to explain the difference to him or her). Whatever he says, ask him, "What reasons do you have to think that?" Many people don't even understand what they mean by their assertions, and probably most don't have good reasons for them. So long as you're asking questions, you're not making any assertions at all, and so you don't have to prove anything. In other words, let the non-believers bear the burden of proof for their claims.

Another thing you can do is refer the unbeliever to some resource. You don't have to have any brains to ask someone if they have seen the Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology. Share with them that if they believe there are no intelligent basis and no good reasons to believe in God, maybe they'd better look at that book first. Otherwise, they're not really informed.

I have found that many "so called atheists" just say that they are atheists as a smoke screen. They basically do not want to change their life-style of sinful behavior, so they just say that they are atheists to get around the issue of where they stand with God.



Barry sharing Jesus with an Atheist



The Most Important Exercise by Linda Felis

"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come" 1 Timothy 4:8. I come from a family who loves to workout. We love going to the gym, lifting weights and also enjoy the social aspects of meeting new friends. Speaking for myself, then comes the daily getting out of my comfort zone, and getting on the treadmill that's going nowhere! I choose to exercise because I like to enjoy good food and I love to look cute for my hubby of almost 50 years!

However, it is the quality of our inner life that is significant in the Kingdom of God! For a while we may be able to present a false front to others, however when the storm clouds come and the sun refuses to shine that is when the real "us" emerges and reveals who we really are on the inside, and what we really believe and display to others. A practical spiritual life is the most important exercise we can undertake. It influences every aspect of our lives. It creates moral stamina and integrity which helps us rise above our many weaknesses. When we live in harmony with God and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, we will experience a motivating force in our lives that will cause our behavior and responses to change when we face challenges. "Lord I desperately need you 24/7 in every area of my life for "without you I can do nothing" John 15:5.

UCLA Medical Center "Free Hot Dog and A Prayer" Outreach

Over the last couple of years we have seen the Lord minister to hundreds of hospital patients, hospital staff and the homeless. From time to time a patient will see us through a hospital window, unplug their IV's and come down to receive prayer and a good promise from God's word. Our co-worker Jimmy Pittman brings a "Treasure Chest" full of Precious Bible Promises. People are encouraged to take a promise that will be an encouragement to them. These promises have all been prayed over, that God would make sure the promise goes to the exact person it's meant for. People are blessed and encouraged as a result. Our motto for this ministry outreach is, "He Leads, We Follow." We have seen God heal people spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally through this God-inspired outreach. We have also been able to provide food, clothing and shelter for the homeless. Thank you for helping support this ministry through your love gifts.



Paul prays for an injured man at UCLA Medical center.

JUNE OUTREACH SCHEDULE

June 3th Seal Beach Pier
June 4th Hermosa Pier
June 10th Newport Pier
June 11th Redondo Pier
June 17th Huntington Pier
June 18th Santa Monica Pier
June 24th Prayer Meeting TBA
June 25th Newport Pier

"Free Hot Dog & A Prayer"
1:00 PM - Wednesdays - Alondra
Skatepark
"Harbor UCLA Medical Center"
11:00 AM - Fridays

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