WITNESSING TO THE JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES

For the past several weeks we have been discussing the differences between our Christian’s beliefs and that of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. We have used specific Bible scripture to address this difference and to, hopefully, give us a jumping off point to be a Christian Witness to the Jehovah’s Witness when they come knocking on our door.

Rhodes has four do’s and two don’ts when it comes to witnessing to cultist like the Jehovah’s Witnesses.

1. *Do identify with the Jehovah’s Witness*. You must convince him that you consider him to be a person in his own right—worthwhile, basically honest, and not trying to put something over on you. Never ridicule his beliefs. Just share the differences in what he believes and what God’s Word reveals, where there are differences. They are brothers and sisters *in Adam,* though not *in Christ*. Acts 17:26 tells us that all people on earth –by virtue of being created by God—are “offspring” of God. In Adam all of us share a common heritage. In view of this let’s talk to the Jehovah’s Witnesses from the “*family-of-Adam perspective*,” prayerfully hoping to bring them to the “*family-of-God perspective.*
2. *Do labor persistently with the Jehovah’s Witness.* Never give up unless he or she decisively refuses further contact. Until they pull the plug, we need to hang in there—remembering that the Lord blesses His Word**. So is my word that goes out from my mouth, it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11.)** God’s word is alive and powerful**: For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12.)** When a Jehovah’s Witness comes to your door it will probably never be “a good time,” but if we are really serious about being a witness then we have to take the time to establish a personal connection and to stick with it. Pray for open doors, for wisdom, strength and courage to take advantage of the opportunity. Pray for open hearts and minds to be receptive to the Word.
3. *Do exhaust every effort to answer the questions of the Jehovah’s Witnesses.* When we share our beliefs as a Christian not only do we share what we believe but the why we believe. The apostles not only proclaimed Christ, but when they were questioned, they had solid reasons for their faith. If you don’t know the answer to a question, don’t be afraid to admit it. Tell the Jehovah’s Witness that you will do some research and try to find the answer.
4. *Do allow the Jehovah’s Witness to save face.*  Remember his beliefs are as sacred to him as yours are to you. When you sense you have won” the argument, “it is important to take a loving, disarming approach. Former Jehovah’s Witness David Reed points out that “empathy is so very important when reaching out to these misled individuals**.” Try to think how you would want others to speak to you, if you were the one who was misled. So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 7:12.)**
5. *Don’t approach a Jehovah’s Witness with a spiritual chip on your shoulder*. “A spiritual chip is the communication of the feeling that you are looking down on the Jehovah’s Witness because you have something he doesn’t have. “ Don’t argue or be belligerent. That may set up a wall of rejection. Stay calm and cordial. Watch out for spiritual pride.
6. *Don’t lose your patience, regardless of how dense you may think the Jehovah’s Witness is*. If presented correctly the Truth will be welcomed. You have to avoid at all cost a belligerent, haughty, excited, argumentative, angry attitude. It will probably take more than one time before the Jehovah’s Witness comes to see that the Watchtower Society has led him astray.