

## BIG GOD – BIG QUESTIONS – LIVING A GOOD LIFE IS ENUFF TO BRING SOMEONE TO FAITH, RIGHT?

### Two Camps

**1: I need to talk about Jesus and live a life like what I talk about.**

**2: All I have to do is live a good life and it'll speak for itself.**

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### CLASS-COMBO

### “NOT-QUITE-READY-FOR-PRIME-TIME-READERS’-THEATER

*One:* So, do Jews have anything that others don't have? Do they get any benefit from being circumcised?

*Group:* **Yes, the Jews have many benefits. The most important one is this: God trusted the Jews with His teachings.**

*One:* It is true that some Jews were not faithful to God. But will that stop God from doing what He promised?

*One:* **No, even if everyone else is a liar, God will always do what He says. The Bible says about God, “You will be proved right in what You speak, and You will win when people falsely accuse You.” When we do wrong, that shows more clearly that God is right.**

*One:* So can we say that God does wrong when He punishes us? That's the way some people think.

*One:* **Of course not. If God could not punish us, how could He judge the world?**

*One:* Someone might say, “When I lie, it really gives God glory, because my lie makes His truth easier to see. So why am I judged a sinner?”

*Group:* **It would be the same to say, “We should do evil so that good will come.” Many people criticize us, saying that's what we teach. They are wrong, and they should be condemned for saying that.**



*One:* Doesn't God say: “There is no one righteous, not even one! No one understands, no one seeks God?” So, who changed the way you think and behave?

*Group:* **God is very good and kind! He loved me very much. Because of my sins, I was dead inside. But God gave me a new life. He brought me to be with Christ. God has saved me because God is so kind.**

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Think about your favorite teacher or professor. Maybe it was American History or French. How well would you understand our nation's history, or speak German if the teacher never spoke about the subject? Words are important for effective communication. We use words to clearly communicate God's message of salvation to a lost world.

Jesus gave a job to all who trust in Him. Simple, clear: go to all nations, baptizing ... and **teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. *Matthew 28*. In other words, go into the all the world and

proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16 In Then, in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and Jesus' Revelation to John, Jesus said 1,2,3,4,5,..... FIFTEEN times:

**"He who has ears, let him hear..."**

I'm thinking that that settles it.

Since Jesus said **people need to HEAR** then it is pretty obvious, we need to SPEAK to them. This is how the Holy Spirit said it through Paul: "People will never ask Christ to help them if they have not believed in Him. And they will never believe in Him if they have not heard about Him.

And they will not hear about Him unless somebody tells God's message to them. And nobody can go to tell God's message to people unless God sends them. This is written in the Bible: 'When people arrive to tell us good news, we say "welcome!"' But not every person who hears the good news obeys its message.

Isaiah said this: 'Lord God, it seems that nobody has believed our message.' So then, people must hear the message before they can trust God. And people hear that message when someone tells them about Christ. Romans 10:14-17

How we live our lives is important. We are not saying that as long as you proclaim the gospel with your words, you can live any way you want. Just as

the Bible is our testimony for Christ, the Bible is also the instruction for our own godly living.

Our actions either support or tear down our testimony. Living in a way that does not line up with what we say will either confuse or push away non-believers. We might actually be putting ear-plugs into the glasses-holders of those who desperately need to hear.

So once again, both the need that the listener has, AND the need of that the speaker has, show how necessary it is to read and study God's Word daily.

The Psalm-writer was taught to say: Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You! I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word.

## **VIDEO**

**1 What does God want me to do with His Word in my life?**

**2 When is it hardest to do what God wants me to do?**

**3 In my life how can I convey God's attitude toward His Word with my words?**

**Q: Won't a non-believer understand that my "good" life is about Jesus because they see me reading the Bible, going to church, being kind....?**

**Answer:**