

Thinking Behind the Real Purpose of Life Booklet

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I. Introduction.

- A. People need to have a clear understanding of the gospel to make a decision.
- B. The “Real Purpose of Life” booklet helps a person come to understand the gospel clearly.
- C. This is not the only way to witness.
- D. It is a tool, but it can be used incorrectly.
- E. Every person must make a decision for himself.
- F. It can be used with people of any age.

II. Contents of the booklet.

- A. Creation and the real purpose of life.
 - 1. There is a problem evinced by frustration all around.
 - 2. God created man for fellowship with Himself.
- B. Man’s fall into sin and separation from God.
- C. God’s provision through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- D. Judgment, resurrection and salvation. (John 16)

III. An over-emphasis or rebellion over a method sidetracks the church. By having a method, one can accomplish much more than not having a method.

IV. Benefits of the booklet.

- A. One’s life should be a springboard by which he witnesses to others. One’s quality of life should not be his only witness.
- B. It is important that a young Christian be given some depth of theology. (I Corinthians 1:9)
- C. The focus of this booklet is to make disciples, not merely to make converts.
- D. God has a goal to make us like His Son.
- E. This booklet also helps to reach out to carnal Christians. (I Corinthians 3)
- F. The purpose of the church is not to share the gospel every week, but to help believers grow. People must be sharing the gospel wherever they are.

Application questions:

1. Why are gospel tracts and booklets like “The Real Purpose of Life” helpful for evangelism?

2. What are the basic topics covered by “The Real Purpose of Life?”

3. Who can you share what you have learned about “The Real Purpose of Life” this week?
