## Intentional Christian Living: How to (Really!) Share Christ in Post-Christian and Pluralistic Contexts

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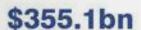






















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## # a new reality

- We live in an increasingly post-Christian world
- A moment of conflict, tension, challenges, crisis
  - A real threat?
  - A real opportunity?





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## # what is intentional Christian living?

- Being imitators (followers) of Jesus
- Living a life of love
- Living as children of light
- Finding out what pleases Jesus
- Being careful how you live
- Making the most of every opportunity



### # what is intentional Christian living?

- Intentional living flows out a life of a real disciple of Christ
- It is a renewed way of following Christ
  - Doing
  - Feeling
  - Thinking





- Keep a humble, prayerful attitude, speaking the truth in love
  - We cannot change their worldview
  - We can only present Christ to them
  - We have been called to share the reasons of our faith (1 Pet 3:15)
  - How? Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15)



- Pay attention to the reasons of their unbelief
  - Many of them decide to reject religion because of bad past experiences (church, family, friends)
  - Never underestimate the need to understand what they think and value and how they feel in responding to their questioning



- Use Christian apologetics with wisdom and tact
  - The art of persuasion (knowledge, reason) is an important role Christian apologetics
  - Apology "give a defense"
  - How? "But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Pet 3:15b)
  - What is the point in winning an argumentation and losing a "possible friend"?



- If possible, invite them to your home first, then to your church.
  - Sceptics are normal people with normal feelings and struggles
  - Problem? Treat them as trophies to be conquered rather than people to be appreciated and loved
  - Trust-building is crucial
  - Share your personal life-story



