

# Love Your Friend to Faith Becoming a Convincing Christian Participant's Handout

The purpose of this module is to:

**Encourage people to live a life of integrity**

**Objectives :**

- *To speak the truth in love.*
- *To become a godly person.*
- *To live distinctly different from the culture.*

**A. Introduction:**

1. What does it take to convince someone to become a Christian?
2. What are people who are thinking about a life with Christ looking for among Christian witnesses?
3. How does God advise us to live so as to be convincing?

**B. A Christian knows \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. To know what to \_\_\_\_\_ is important.
2. In an age when what you feel gets catered to, the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ a higher, more stable path.
3. We believe there is absolute \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We know truth does not \_\_\_\_\_ even when times do.

**C. A Christian \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

1. If Christians acquire information and cite certain creeds, \_\_\_\_\_ would be merely cerebral and cold.
2. Christians increase in \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, a person.
3. Christians allow \_\_\_\_\_ to be the governing love of their lives.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, who is good, loving, just, and kind, calls us to be like him.
5. Christians can live out a \_\_\_\_\_ portrait of God.

D. A Christian \_\_\_\_\_ himself/herself from the culture.

1. Our culture has become \_\_\_\_\_ in their thinking.

a. They have come to accept \_\_\_\_\_.

Illustration:

The relativist answers questions of wrong and right with, "It depends upon the individual," or "it depends upon the situation."

b. Our culture denies transcendent truth and \_\_\_\_\_ to embrace absolutes.

c. Even \_\_\_\_\_ have come to think, "There are lots of ways to God."

d. Embracing \_\_\_\_\_ has lessened the need to evangelize.

2. Futile thinking has led to hard \_\_\_\_\_.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ leads to sensuality.

b. Sensuality leads to \_\_\_\_\_, "a continual lust for more."

3. A Christian knows Christ not from feelings but by the truth found in \_\_\_\_\_.

E. We, the church, are held together by \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We are not a \_\_\_\_\_ organization alone.

2. We function under divine \_\_\_\_\_.

F. We, the \_\_\_\_\_, grow and build in love.

1. Love \_\_\_\_\_ us together.

2. Love propels us to \_\_\_\_\_.

G. We, the church, each \_\_\_\_\_ along the lines of our assigned work.

1. Our work is to \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

2. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ up one another.

H. Put off the \_\_\_\_\_ self.

1. The old self follows \_\_\_\_\_ rather than principles.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ drives and psychological needs cry out for fulfillment.

3. Desires deceive and they \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Put on \_\_\_\_\_ living.

1. The new self begins with our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The set of our \_\_\_\_\_ decides our behavior.

3. When our motivation is to be \_\_\_\_\_ He gives us a new self.

4. We were created for \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion:

1. Our task in the world is to speak the truth.

2. This, then, is how we become convincing Christians.

### *Small Group Exercise*

What does it take to convince someone to become a Christian?

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How does God advise us to live so as to be convincing?

## ***Action Planning/Reporting***

How can I use what was presented in this module to be a convincing Christian to the world around me?