

# How NOT to Share Your Faith



**You may be the only person who shares Jesus with your friend. Don't blow the opportunity.**

- **Don't ask people, "Are you a Christian?"** Some believe they are Christians because they were baptized as babies or simply because they are Americans.
- **Don't ask, "Are you born again?"** Not everyone knows what that means without an explanation. It sounds weird to those who don't attend church.
- **Don't judge.** Don't assume that others don't know Christ just because they don't use the same terminology you do. Some people are followers of Christ, but "saved" or "born again" is not a part of their vocabulary.
- **Don't use Christian jargon.** Terms like "saved," "sanctified" or "washed in the blood" can be a real turnoff. Explain the salvation message in simple, relevant, everyday terms to clearly communicate biblical truth.
- **Don't rush things.** Don't assume that a person is converted to Christ as a result of your praying with them. Don't announce, "Now you are saved!" Always follow up to answer questions and confirm their commitment.
- **Don't interfere with a person's work responsibility.** For example, a busy mealtime in a restaurant is not the right time to engage a server in a lengthy conversation. He or she could be fired because of your insensitivity.
- **Don't argue.** Focus on Christ and the cross and everyone's need for Him. Don't get sidetracked by unimportant theological or political issues that divide people.
- **Don't close the door on those who may reject the gospel.** The seeds you sow now may produce fruit later. Keep channels of communication open. Be lovingly persistent and trust God with the outcome. □