

Handling Objections Raised During Your Christian Witness [Suggested Response* + Suggested Scripture Verse/s]

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1. "I want to be a Christian, but I am not good enough."

Response: "God knows none of us are good enough. God's amazing unconditional love, however, prompted Him to send His only Son, Jesus to take our place and be perfectly obedient for us." (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-7, Matthew 9:9-13)

2. "I have tried before to be a Christian but failed."

Response: "Our patient God does not give us one chance. He daily is ready to forgive us and claim us as His own." (I John 1:9)

3. "I am not concerned."

Response: "But God is concerned that you are unconcerned! I am also concerned that you will miss out on the blessings that God has to offer you now and forever." (John 3:18, John 3:36)

4. "I am not good enough."

Response: "No one is able be good enough for God to accept them. God therefore came up with His own rescue plan." (James 2:10, Galatians 4:4-5)

5. "There is no hope for me."

Response: "Jesus, God's Son, while He was on this earth often reached out to rescue those who many would have thought were not worth. Let me share with you one example how Jesus rescued a known thief who was crucified with Jesus on a cross." (Luke 23: 32, 39-43)

6. "I am not included in God's plan."

Response: "Yes, you are! Let me share with you what the Bible says about God's big inclusive heart." (I Timothy 2:4)

7. "I cannot be a Christian as long as there are hypocrites in church."

Response: "God, however, holds each of us accountable." (Romans 14:12)

8. "I am better than some church people."

Response: "God's standards are not based on percentages or comparisons. He expects perfection. Since no one could or can meet God's perfect expectations, He had to send His only Son to fulfill His perfect expectations on behalf of every person in the world." (James 2:10)

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9. "There is too much to give up."

Response: "How sad it would be to hang on to something and in the process miss out on a relationship with God forever." (Mark 8:36)

10. "I intend to become a Christian, but not now."

Response: "Unfortunately, Jesus does not hand out rain checks." (Luke 10:57-62)

11. "I cannot believe what I cannot understand."

Response: "No one can figure out God and His salvation on their own. God, however, is able to lead anyone to hear, understand, believe, and receive His salvation." (I Corinthians 2:9-16)

12. "My relatives oppose me becoming a Christian."

Response: "How will your relationship with your relatives be affected if you become a Christian? Will you be physically harmed? Will you be ostracized? Are you uncertain what might happen?" (Matthew 5:10-12, Mark 10:29-30)

[This response is a big challenge and most likely needs to be expanded.

Note: I Corinthians 7:13 encourages a believing wife not to get a divorce from an unbelieving husband]