

Lifestyle Evangelism is . . .

. . . Truthful (Part 1).

What may be true for you may not be true for me and what may be true for me may not be true for you. However, how do you and I know what is true? We know what is true because we feel something is right for us. What I feel must be true for me and what you feel must be true for you; after all, feelings are not wrong, are they?

Many people think this way in our world today. Gone are the days of thinking and knowing. Gone are the days of empirical data. Today our feelings validate our reality. Then, how does one share *the* truth of *evangel*, that is the good news, in such an environment?

Sometimes, and probably more and more today, in order to share the good news of the Bible with someone, we will need to take the time to understand his/her definitions and understanding of what certain words mean. The second step will be to set some ground work, especially in the area of how we understand the Bible, that is that it *is* God's Word. Even more, we may need to go back and explain how the Bible has its foundation in Genesis 1-11, that these chapters are important and how they must be true in order to understand what sin is, why God needed to send a Savior, and how that Savior saved us from sin.

We may need to take the time to explain how God does not contradict Himself. If He has made a certain pronouncement (even promise) in His Word, we know that His Word is true. If we have a feeling that is contrary to His Word, then it is not His Word which is false, but it is our feeling which is wrong because it is not in alignment with God's Word. Thus, we see that it is imperative that, when we believe we have been given some message from God, that we test the spirits to see if the message is from God or not. And we will know, because God does not contradict Himself, that if the message we think we have has been given from God is contradictory to the rest of God's Word, then the message is not from God. And how do we test the spirits? We check them against the rest of God's Word and we might even ask them to reveal themselves to us.