

LECTURE 12: PRACTICAL ENGAGEMENT:

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In this last presentation I will not only be reviewing worldview thinking, but we will also learn how we might handle certain situation that may prove difficult as you engage people where they are and try to take them where they need to be.

I whole heartily recommend three excellent resources for further study:

J. Budziszewski, *Ask Me Anything*, volumes 1 & 2

Gregory Koukl, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*.

Randy Newman, *Questioning Evangelism*.

Nancy Pearcey, *Saving Leonardo*

Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth*

Francis A. Schaeffer, *True Spirituality*

I also encourage you to watch video presentations by people like John Lennox and Ravi Zacharias. These two gentlemen display integrity, honesty, and humility, and a passion for both people and intellectual excellence. Their non-verbal language, their mindset, and how they interact with those who hold contrary or differing positions represents Christian maturity.

I. ENGAGEMENT:

A. Five Essential Presuppositions:

1. Knowledge: An accurately informed mind;
2. Wisdom: An artful and cogent application of knowledge;
3. Character: An attractive manner; a person of biblical integrity in daily living; possession of virtue, namely, habits of intellectual and moral excellence.
4. Dependency upon the Holy Spirit;
5. Listening Skills

B. Strategy:

C. Tactics:

D. Spiritual Self-Assessment:

E. Two Types of Apologetics:

1. Defensive Apologetics
 2. Offensive Apologetics
- F. Remember Romans 1:
1. Witness of Godward Longings
 2. Witness of the Conscience
 3. Witness of Creation
 4. Witness of Human Design
 5. Witness of Consequences
- G. Lecture notes from J. Budziszewski who spoke on how to be used by God to break through masks of self-deception at an October 2002 Southern Evangelical Seminary Apologetic Conference:
1. Dissipate the Smoke
 2. Connecting the Dots
 3. Release the Catch
 4. Play Back the Tape
 5. Call Attention to the Obvious
- H. The following four tactics are adapted from Gregory Koukl, Stand to Reason Ministries, 1-800-2-Reason; www.str.org
1. The Columbo Tactic
 2. The Suicide Tactic
 3. The “Take the Roof Off” Tactic
 4. The Streamroller Tactic
- I. Do we Really Live in Such A Way that Truth is Relative?

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| II. CONCLUSION: |
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- J. Cumulative Case for the Christian Faith
- K. Clear Gospel Presentation
- L. Follow-Up
- M. Be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ: Mark 8:34-36