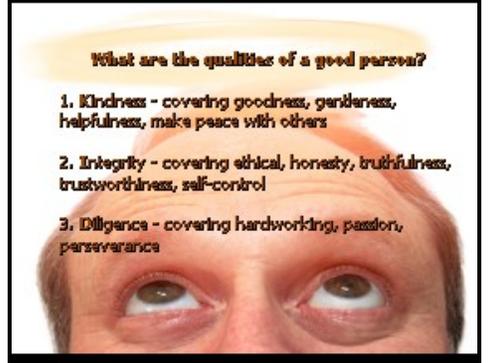
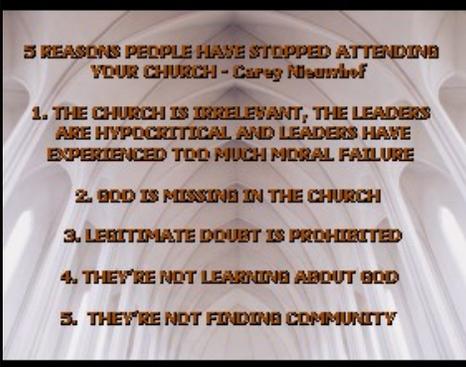


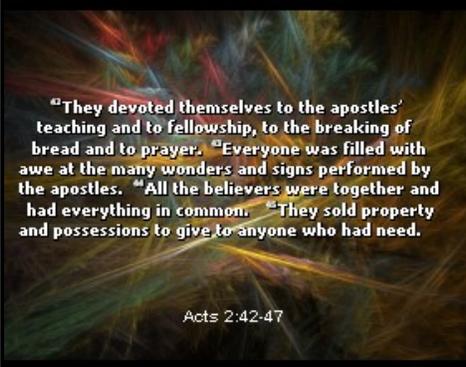
How do I respond to a comment like: "I am a good person with good values, so I don't need to go to church or have religion in my life?"



1. Kindness - covering goodness, gentleness, helpfulness, make peace with others
2. Integrity - covering ethical, honesty, truthfulness, trustworthiness, self-control
3. Diligence - covering hardworking, passion, perseverance



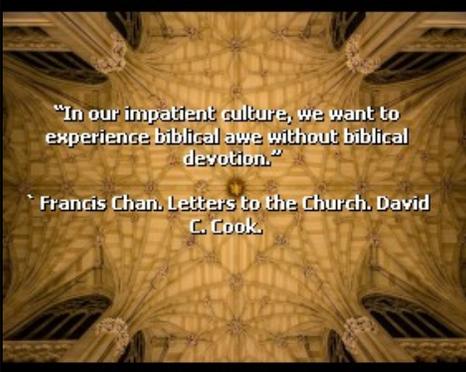
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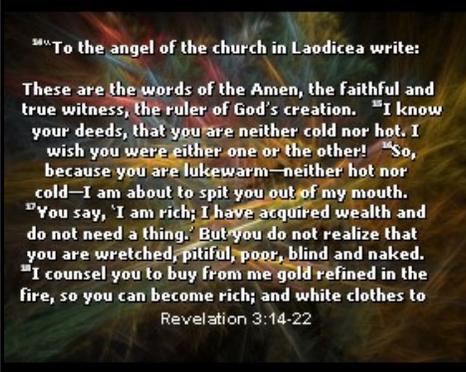


46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.



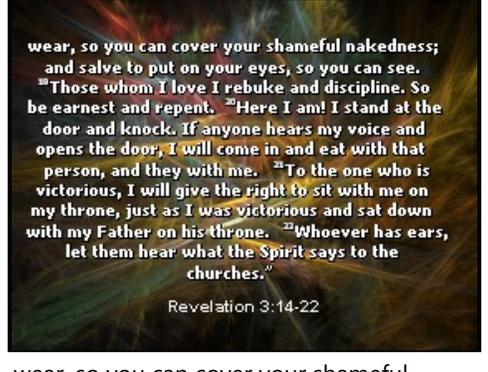
"In our impatient culture, we want to experience biblical awe without biblical devotion."

Francis Chan. Letters to the Church. David



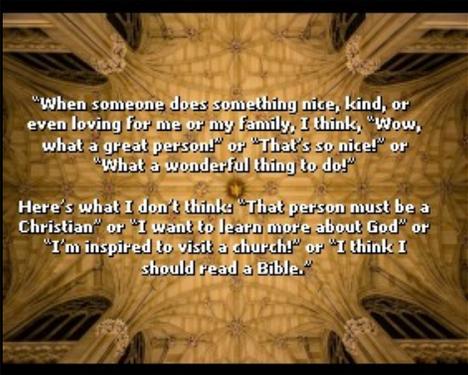
14To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's



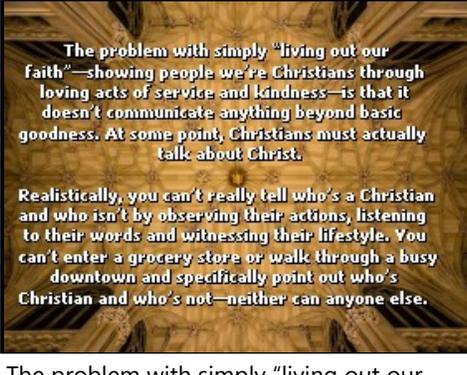
wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. 19Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20Here I am! I stand at the door

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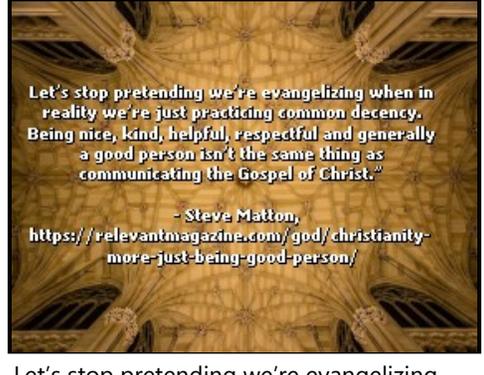
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The problem with simply "living out our faith"—showing people we're Christians through loving acts of service and kindness—is that it doesn't communicate anything beyond basic goodness. At some point, Christians must actually talk about Christ.

Realistically, you can't really tell who's a Christian and who isn't by observing their actions, listening to their words and witnessing their lifestyle. You can't enter a grocery store or walk through a busy downtown and specifically point out who's Christian and who's not—neither can anyone else.

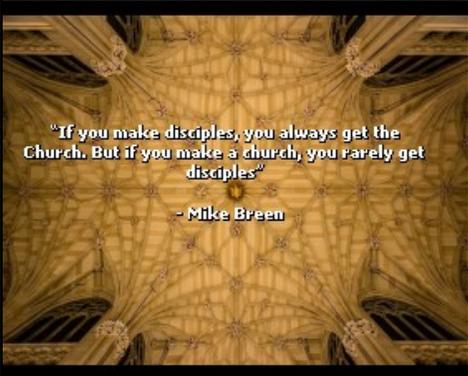
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Let's stop pretending we're evangelizing when in reality we're just practicing common decency. Being nice, kind, helpful, respectful and generally a good person isn't the same thing as communicating the Gospel of Christ.

- Steve Matton,
<https://relevantmagazine.com/god/christianity-more-just-being-good-person/>

9. "If you make disciples 1. Page 1



"If you make disciples, you always get the Church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples"

- Mike Breen

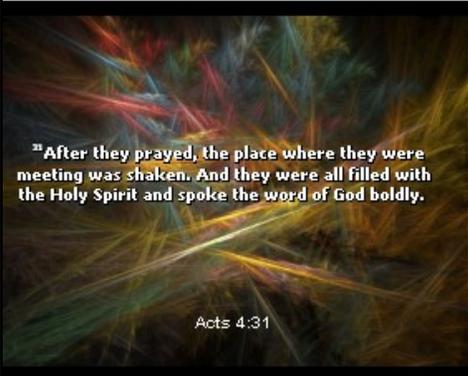
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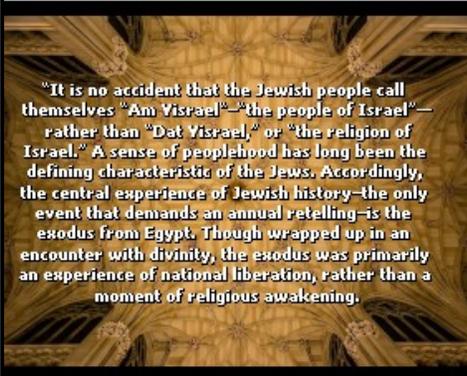


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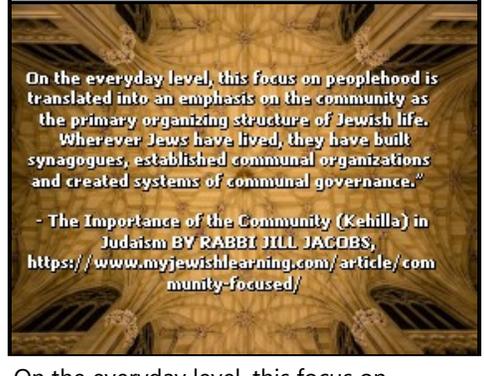
31After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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On the everyday level, this focus on peoplehood is translated into an emphasis on the community as the primary organizing structure of Jewish life. Wherever Jews have lived, they have built synagogues, established communal organizations and created systems of communal governance."

- The Importance of the Community (Kehilla) in Judaism BY RABBI JILL JACOBS,
<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/community-focused/>

14. Ephesians 4:11-16 1. Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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- Francis Chan, Francis, Letters to the Church (pp. 43-44), David G. Cook, Kindle Edition.

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