

“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5



“So is Galatians 5:19 the list of sins you Christians use to judge people?” My new acquaintance asked this when I revealed that we were serious Christian believers while at a child’s birthday party. As you can imagine I was a bit flustered and confused, not immediately understanding or (embarrassingly) remembering the reference. Backpedaling, I said, “I guess that is not exactly where I was coming from. What I mean to say is simply that God loves us and wants us to know Him personally.” Well, that was as far as our conversation went once we were interrupted by our children.



Our young co-workers helping to bless professors.

Often in gospel conversations, we run the risk of leaving people with a bad impression. Sometimes it is because we’ve been insensitive. But it often also happens because the person we’re talking to has preconceived ideas about our message. This week on campus I was able to reconnect with a few professors that I had been sharing with. It seemed like they were glad to see me and not just being polite. It made me hope that perhaps they sensed a genuineness and real concern on my part. One fellow, Dr. W, jumped up and walked across the exam room where a student was taking a test. He shook my hand enthusiastically and apologized for not being able to visit longer. We agreed to meet at a later point but it made me think that maybe seeing me again didn’t feel like a threat or an accusation.

As witnesses we cannot always control how people react. We do not need to apologize for the gospel. Yet as much as possible we want to leave a positive impression. It is a loving thing to take the initiative to remind others of their need for Christ. Thank you for the part you have in helping us love and care for faculty who can have such a profound impact upon their students. We appreciate you!

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