

sion betrays his thoughts. His bone-burying brain doesn't realize for one moment that he is responsible for the disaster.

When man wanders onto the freeway of sin, his tail wags with delight. He thinks that this is what he was made for. His thoughts of any repercussions for his actions are shallow. His mind wanders into lust, then predictably he wanders onto the path of adultery. Suddenly a disaster sits before him. His marriage is shattered, his name is slurred, his children are twisted and scarred. But like the dumb dog, he doesn't realize for one moment that he is solely responsible for his sin. What he has done is right in his own eyes. This is why the perfect Law of God needs to be arrayed before his darkened eyes—to show him that his way is not right in the eyes of a perfect God.

### **Responses to Common Arguments**

Being prepared with ready responses to some of the common arguments will help you feel more confident as you witness.

#### **"I don't believe in hell."**

If an individual claims not to believe in hell, gently respond, "That doesn't matter. You still have to face God on Judgment Day *whether you believe in it or not*. If I step onto the freeway when a massive truck is heading for me and I say, 'I don't believe in trucks,' my lack of belief isn't going to change reality."

#### **"I just hope God is forgiving."**

Someone who acknowledges his sins but is relying on God's forgiveness could be referred to as "awakened, but not alarmed." Explain that God is forgiving—but only to those who repent of their sins. Ask him, "If you died right now, where would you go?" If he says, "Hell," ask if that concerns him. If it does concern him, ask, "What are you going to do?" Then tell him that God commands him to repent and trust the Savior. If it doesn't concern him, speak of the value of his life, the threat of eternal damnation, and the biblical description of hell. Caution him