

favorite subject—themselves. Most likely you'll find that they are kidding or that they've done something in their life that they feel badly about.

Otherwise, expect individuals to respond, "I'm a pretty good person" or "I'm a *really* good person." This reveals their pride and their self-righteousness. At this point you are ready to use the Law (the Ten Commandments) to humble them... the way Jesus did. Now move to the next steppingstone.

D: Do you think you have kept the Ten Commandments?

Some will say yes, others will say no. Regardless, you simply continue by saying, "Let's take a look at a few and see. Have you ever told a lie?" Some will admit to lying; others will say they have told only "white lies"; a few will claim they have never told even one lie. Gently press the issue: "Do you mean to say that you have never told anyone a lie to deceive them? Even once?" Usually they will say something like, "Maybe when I was a kid." Ask, "What does that make you?" They will hesitate to say, but get them to admit, "A liar."

People do not get angry with this approach; instead, they become sober. They may declare, "I don't believe in the Bible." Simply continue on your course. If they argue about the Bible, say, "I know you don't believe it. I am simply sharing with you what the Bible says. Okay? Let's keep going."

Continue going through the Commandments. You may want to ask about stealing next, then the Seventh Commandment, then the Third. Here is an example of how to go through each one:

#9 We covered "lying" above.

#8 "Have you ever stolen anything?" Many will claim that they haven't. "Have you ever taken anything that did not belong to you, regardless of its value... anything? Even when you were younger? Be honest before God." Some will try to trivialize theft by saying that they stole when