

But they must understand and confess their guilt if they are ever to come to Jesus. The following will help them do that. Use this as a guide in directing the conversation and dealing with common responses. Again, this is not a script for what to say; feel free to use your own words.

Them: "I'm a pretty good person."

You: "You just told me that you broke God's Commandments. By your own admission, you're a lying thief, an adulterer at heart, a murderer, and blasphemer. Think about it. Will you be innocent or guilty?"

Them: "But I haven't done those things for a long time."

You: "Imagine saying that in a court of law. 'Judge, I know I am guilty but it has been years.' He won't ignore your crime. He will see that justice is served and will punish you no matter how much time has elapsed. The courts punish war criminals from decades ago, and God doesn't forget sin no matter how long ago a person did it. Do you think you will be innocent or guilty?"

Them: "But I have done more good than bad."

You: "Again, think of a court of law. If you have broken the law, you are guilty. It doesn't matter how many good deeds you've done when you are being tried for your crime. You have broken God's Law. Will you be innocent or guilty?"

Them: "But that's man's law. God is different."

You: "You're right. God can never be bribed. And His standards are much higher than a human judge's. He loves justice and has promised that He will punish not only murderers and rapists, but also liars, thieves, adulterers, and blasphemers. You are in big trouble, aren't you?"

Often, people become awakened (aware of their sin), but not alarmed. In other words, they understand they have broken God's Law, but it seems that they just don't care. Your goal