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TOP TAKEAWAYS FROM **ROGER CARSWELL**

About Roger

Roger became a Christian through the witness and encouragement of his Uncle, who encouraged him to “Have a time to meet with God and a place to meet with God, and never keep God waiting”

Roger was challenged reading through a biography of DL Moody, who said he could never let a day go by without talking to someone about the Lord. His Uncle also told him to read, pray and share the Lord, which was a fearful thing to him at the time.

Living a life of witness

- Not everyone is an evangelist, but every Christian is a **witness**
- Get involved with people who are doing it (Roger got involved with United Beach Missions)
- Find a good church that does evangelism
- Read Evangelistic Tracts and books, and see how other people have written the Gospel Message.
- Learn how to answer standard questions
- **PRAY** to be lead to someone to talk to
- Don't be worried what people will say
- Simply love the Lord, and speak warmly of him

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The Harvest Field

It's often hard to share the Gospel
In Britain we see:

- Secularism
- Cynicism
- Apathy
- Ignorance of spiritual things
- Acceptance of ungodliness
- Unwillingness to listen
- Suspicion has replaced respect

Sharing the Answer

- Don't be:
 - Intimidated
 - Adopt the World's attitudes
- Be '*Winsomely Bold*' in declaring the Gospel
- One to one Bible studies seem to be effective
- Devise means where we are publicly proclaiming
- Organise missions weeks
- Hold live events
- **REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS!**
- Use both one to one and street evangelism
- Use tracts to open and to end a conversation

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Tracts

Roger Carswell has written between 70 and 80 tracts.

You can find them here:

<http://revivalmedia.org/rogertracts>

- Good idea to find a public space where people aren't rushing, but not isolated.
- Offer them to people saying something like:
- “Here's a little leaflet about the Christian message”
- Don't call them 'tracts' call them Christian leaflets
- It maybe hard to do this, until they ask a question, which can be an open invitation to explain more
- Winter can be a good time for this
- There are good opportunities at Agricultural Shows in the summer
- Getting alongside people one to one is better than speaking to groups on the street
- Writing a tract that addresses current issues fosters interest (e.g. Golden Jubilee)
- Roger wrote a tract called “A bit of heaven and earth in Yorkshire”. It has a few facts about the area, then talks about Christian men from Yorkshire and their ministry, and leads into the Gospel message
- People have met Roger years after, and told how they read a tract years ago.

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Live Events

Roger often does live events where someone is interviewed, and then he gives a talk.

- Format is usually:
 - Testimony (Interview style)
 - Reading a Bible passage
 - Talk on the passage
 - Prayer
- Testimonies/Life Stories are a better 'draw' for people than Quiz Nights or Meals with a message (though these are good) - people respond better to them
- Life Story is used by Paul in Acts 4 times - the Lord uses biography!
- Invite people to hear the 'life story with a talk'
- There might be music, but not participatory
- Interviewing:
 - Roger speaks to the person for about 15min beforehand, then just naturally asks what he wants to know (hopefully it's what other want to know too!)

Books

- Larry King wrote a book called "How to talk to anyone, anytime, anywhere" (not a Christian book, but good advice)
- Books can be taken away and absorbed
- Roger wrote "Grill a Christian", which is 65 answers to questions that people might ask a Christian
- His latest book is called "Before you say 'I Don't Believe' " - it's 36 questions *to* non-believers (such as "do you really believe the World started from nothing etc)
- We mustn't be on the defensive all the time!

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Advice!

- Keep a close walk with the Lord
- Keep a “Daily, Dogged, Delightful Discipline” of regular time with the Lord
- Keep your eyes open for opportunities
- Ask the Lord for opportunities to share
- Consider yourself a gleaner, looking with eyes wide open for each little bit we can
- Pray:

“Lord, I'd love to be able to speak for you today, help me spread the Gospel”

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