

3. Give people permission _____ to believe or obey.

- The imperatives of the New Testament are addressed to Christians.
- When you give non-Christians an out, they respond by leaning _____.
- When people are convinced you want something *for* them rather than something *from* them, they are less likely to be offended when you challenge them.

4. Avoid, "The Bible says."

- Unbelievers must come to terms with the identity and authority of Jesus before they will embrace the authority of the Bible.
- Never refer to the Bible as a _____.
- Cite authors, not "the Bible."

5. Acknowledge the odd as _____.

- Say what you suspect unbelievers are thinking. When you do, it gives you credibility.
- Don't create the impression that one must choose between _____ and faith.

CONCLUSION

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God." - Acts 15:19 (NIV)