

TEN COMMANDMENTS

For Sharing the Gospel with Muslims

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1. *Use the Word of God* --- Muslims respect the sacred books: the Law of Moses, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the Koran. Let the Word of God speak for itself. The Gospels are the best portions to start with, particularly Matthew and Luke.

2. *Be constantly in prayer* -- It is the Holy Spirit who wins men to Christ. Seek His guidance and power as you present the Word.

3. *Be a genuine friend* — Saying "hello" isn't enough. If you really care, show it by inviting them to your home, sharing your time, and helping with their problems.

4. *Ask thought-provoking questions* — "Do you expect to go to heaven? Do you have the assurance that God will accept you? What does the Koran teach about forgiveness? May I show you what the Bible teaches?" Questions like these show that you have an interest in the important things of life.

5. *Listen attentively* — When you ask a question, courtesy requires that you listen to the answer no matter how long it takes. You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn.

6. *Present your beliefs openly* — State what you believe, clearly and without apology, showing Scripture passages that support those teachings. Thus, you place the responsibility for doctrine where it belongs — on the Word of God.

7. *Reason, don't argue* -- Argument may win a point but lose a hearing. There are some points on which you can argue forever without achieving a thing, except closing a mind against you.

8. *Never denigrate Muhammad or the Koran* — This is as offensive to them as speaking disrespectfully about Christ or the Bible is to us.

9. *Respect their customs and sensitivities* — Don't offend by putting your Bible (a holy book) on the floor, or appearing too free with the opposite sex, or refusing hospitality, or making jokes about sacred topics such as fasting, prayer, or God.

10. *Persevere* — Muslims have a lot of re-thinking to do when they are confronted with the gospel. But rest assured that the Word of God will do its work in His good time.

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