

SIX WAYS TO USE THE TRANSFORMED PAMPHLET

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1. APPLY THE SCRIPTURES IN YOUR OWN LIFE

The best way to begin using the *Transformed* pamphlet (see pdf here) is to download the <u>Transformed by the Gospel Bible Study</u>, reflect on the Bible passages and thank God for the ways he has transformed your life through the gospel. Then use the pamphlet as a daily reminder to pray that God will continue to help you to grow in specific relational ways, either generally in your life and character, in a challenging relationship or in a current conflict.

The more earnestly you engage with God through these Scriptures, the more credible you will be when you seek to share the gospel with others. As Jesus promised in John 13:34-35: "'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



2. BE READY WITH A HOPEFUL ANSWER

In 1897, a Scottish pastor named Ian MacLaren provided this relationship-changing insight: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."

Every day, each of us interacts with people who are facing struggles in their lives, some of which may be small while others may seem overwhelming. Therefore, every morning we should pray, "God make me sensitive to the struggles of the people around me and show me how I can serve and encourage them by pointing them to the love of Christ."

God may answer this prayer by allowing you to notice a distressed look in a friend's eyes, or by moving a co-worker to mention a difficult experience in his or her life. You could respond by inviting that person to talk over coffee or lunch. As the conversation unfolds, pray that God will enable you to model <u>genuine empathy</u> and share how the principles in the *Transformed* pamphlet helped you through similar struggles.

In doing this, you will fulfill the high calling God gives us in 1 Peter 3:15-16: "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always being prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

3. SHARE WITH YOUR CHURCH

After you have applied the concepts in this pamphlet in your own life, please meet with leaders in your church and describe how God is helping you to grow through this simple tool. Then encourage your leaders to use it to strengthen your church and spread the gospel.

Possible uses include placing the pamphlet in a brochure rack or visitors' packets, using it for counseling, discipleship, membership classes or funerals. You could encourage Sunday school classes, growth groups or youth ministries to discuss the concepts and share the pamphlet with others. For church-wide impact, your pastor could preach about the life-changing power of the gospel and encourage church members to use the pamphlet for personal growth and witnessing.

4. Sow Seeds in Your Workplace

If you work outside your home, you can use this pamphlet to share the gospel with your coworkers in an easy and casual way. Just take it to work and set it on the corner of your desk so co-workers may see it and ask, "What's this all about?"

You can simply respond, "It's a pamphlet that describes the power that totally changed my life. You're welcome to take it if you like."

If the Lord moves a person to take it, you will have planted a seed and introduced a soul to Christ. Then reach into your drawer, place another pamphlet on your desk and pray for God to bring another curious co-worker into your office.

If you own a business, you could place pamphlets in a brochure rack in your lobby for customers to take at their discretion ... which could change the course of their lives.

5. SOW SEEDS RANDOMLY

In his amazing grace, God can use us to bring the gospel to people we never even meet in this life. This is why I always carry several pamphlets in my briefcase and car and leave them in places where other people may pick them up. Opportunities are everywhere: the waiting room in a doctor's office, on my table in a coffee shop, with my tip in a restaurant or hotel room, in my rental car or on a seat in an airport waiting room.

Many of these pamphlets will be thrown away, but just as God has saved thousands of people through the Bibles that Gideons have placed in hotel rooms, he can trigger curiosity in countless people who see this pamphlet, read it and open their hearts to Christ.

6. LEAD A DISCIPLESHIP STUDY

After a few friends or coworkers accept your offer to take a pamphlet, invite them to meet together to go through the <u>Transformed by the Gospel Bible Study</u>.

As their hunger for transformation grows, you could invite them to a Sunday school class at your church or a meeting in your home or in your office over lunch to go through one of RW360's group studies on relational wisdom (enhanced emotional intelligence) or peacemaking, which are available through RW360's Bookstore (along with more pamphlets).

As God transforms their hearts and lives through these studies, some of them may start placing pamphlets on their desks or in their doctors' offices ... and the ripples of the gospel will spread even further.

This little pamphlet is simply a small seed. It can do nothing by itself. But if we sow it wherever God directs us, and if he graciously causes the gospel to take root in someone's heart, it can lead to a transformed life in this world and eternal joy in the world to come.

Therefore, I hope you will take the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:6 to heart:

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.