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Sharing the Gospel Kindly

Speaking of Jesus Christ with truth, gentleness and respect

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Welcome — what this book is

This is a free house teaching book about sharing the Gospel kindly: what the good news is, how to speak of it in ordinary conversation, how to listen, how to answer questions and objections with grace, and how to leave every conversation with the door open. It stands beside the Daily Devotional on this platform as house teaching.

Its rule comes straight from Scripture: "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you **with meekness and fear**" (1 Peter 3:15) — and, in another translation of the same command, with gentleness and respect. Kindness is not a decoration on evangelism. It is part of the method God commands.

Chapter 1 — Know the good news yourself

You cannot share what you cannot say. The Gospel, in its bones, is this:

- God made us and loves us; we were made for life with Him.
- Sin — our turning from God — has broken that life, and its fruit is death (Romans 6:23).
- God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).
- Whoever repents and believes in Him receives forgiveness and eternal life (John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

Practise saying this in one minute, in your own words, aloud, until it sits naturally on your tongue. Then practise a three-minute version with a little more of the story. Readiness is a form of love for the person you have not yet met.

Chapter 2 — Begin with your own story

Before arguments, there is testimony: what your life was, what Christ has done, what is different now. A testimony has three short movements:

- **Before** — one or two honest sentences. No exaggeration; the truth is dramatic enough.
- **The turning** — how you heard, what you understood, what you did: repented and believed.
- **Since** — the change as it truly is: real, growing, unfinished. Honesty about an unfinished life makes the testimony believable.

Write yours down, time it at two minutes, and learn it. A story cannot be argued with in the way an argument can; it can only be heard — and hearing is where faith begins (Romans 10:17).

Chapter 3 — Listen first

The kindest evangelists are the best listeners. In conversation:

- Ask real questions — "What do you believe about God?" — and let the person finish.
- Listen for the heart under the words: fear, grief, disappointment with religious people, a genuine question.
- Do not interrupt with corrections. A person who feels heard will hear you in turn.

Most people are not rejecting Jesus; they are rejecting a caricature of Him, or the wounds left by His followers. Listening discovers which one you are actually talking to.

Chapter 4 — Speaking in ordinary conversation

Gospel conversations rarely begin with a sermon. They begin with life: work, family, illness, joy, the state of the world. Roads into the

conversation:

- Speak naturally of your own faith when it is relevant — what you prayed, what your church family did — without forcing it.
- Ask permission for deeper steps: "May I share what helped me?" Permission honours the listener and opens ears.
- Use the person's own questions as your outline. Answer what they asked, not the speech you prepared.
- Speak of Jesus more than about religion. He is the message; systems are not.

Keep your voice at conversation level. The Gospel does not need volume; it needs clarity and love.

Chapter 5 — Answering questions and objections

Questions are not attacks; treat them as doors. Common ones, and the spirit of an answer:

- **"Why does God allow suffering?"** — Acknowledge the pain first; never argue with a wound. Speak of a God who entered suffering Himself in Christ, and who promises an end to it.
- **"All religions are the same."** — Agree that all carry some light; point gently to the difference: everywhere else, man climbs to God; in the Gospel, God came down to us.
- **"I am a good person."** — Affirm every true good; then ask, kindly, whether goodness has given them peace with God — the very thing the Gospel offers as a gift.
- **"I don't know."** is a complete and honourable answer when it is true. Offer to search the Scriptures together rather than inventing one. A made-up answer discovered later can close a heart for years.

Chapter 6 — Kindness under pressure

Sometimes you will be mocked, hurried, or spoken to harshly. The instruction stands: "A soft answer turneth away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1).

- Do not return insult for insult. You are an ambassador, not a debater defending pride.
- Know when to stop: if the person clearly does not want to continue, thank them, bless them, and go in peace. Seed sown kindly is not wasted because it is not harvested the same day.
- Never manipulate: no false urgency, no exaggerated threats, no promises God has not made. Fear may fill a bench; only truth converts a heart.
- Remember you are not the Saviour. Your work is faithful, kind witness; the results belong to God (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Chapter 7 — Follow-up: the second kindness

The conversation after the conversation is where much fruit ripens.

- If they received literature or a Gospel portion, ask later — once, kindly — what they thought of it.
- Invite, don't drag: to a service, a Bible study, a meal. Hospitality has opened more hearts than arguments ever will.
- If someone believes, do not leave them alone: connect them to a church family, help them begin in Scripture and prayer, and walk with them as you were walked with.
- Keep praying for the people you have spoken with, by name. Some seeds sprout in years, watered by prayer you will never see answered this side of heaven — pray anyway.

Chapter 8 — The witness of a life

The loudest sermon is a life: honesty in trade, faithfulness in family, mercy to enemies, joy under trial. People read our lives before they hear our words, and they check the words against the life.

This does not require perfection — it requires repentance made visible. Apologise quickly when you wrong someone, including unbelievers; few things preach like a Christian who says "I was wrong, forgive me." Let your kindness be ordinary and constant, so that when you speak of the kindness of God, your hearers have already seen its likeness.

Closing — go gently, go truly

Know the good news, carry your story ready, listen first, speak plainly, answer honestly, stay gentle under pressure, follow up with love, and let your life agree with your lips. That is sharing the Gospel kindly. The fields are nearer than we think — they are across the table, over the fence, beside us at work. Begin with the next conversation.