

# ***Ambassadors for Christ: The Essential Skills***

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*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
2 Corinthians 5:20*

## **1. Followers of Jesus Christ**

- A. Paul knew that an ambassador stands between two parties.
- B. As believers, we already are ambassadors.
- C. For an ambassador for Christ it is just as if God were speaking through him.

## **2. The Skills of Effective Ambassadors**

- A. Good, effective ambassadors need to be skilled in three areas.
- B. The same is true for Christian ambassadors.

## **3. Knowledge—An Accurately-informed Mind**

- A. An accurate grasp of the foundational precepts concerning the Kingdom as they apply to the current culture.
- B. Broadly put, this requires attention in two critical categories: knowledge about the facts of Christianity and knowledge about the false philosophies of the age.
- C. So we need to know how to communicate the TRUTH and how to deal with the ERROR.

## **4. Wisdom—An Artful Method**

**“A skillful, tactical, fair, and diplomatic use of knowledge”**

- A. Tactics—presenting the truth cleverly, maneuvering to get a footing or an appropriate advantage in the conversation.

- B. Clarity and persuasiveness—being able to present the truth in an unambiguous and compelling way.

## **5. Character—An Attractive Manner**

- A. We should be gentle and reverent, not quarrelsome, but kind, patiently correcting those in error.
- B. Arguments—principled disagreements about matters of fact—are good things. There are lots of good arguments in the Bible.
- C. But we are not to be acrimonious, nasty, or harsh, fighting for the fight’s sake.
- D. We ought to be warm, attractive, and inviting.
- E. Key Thought: The Gospel is offensive enough. Don’t add any more offense to it. But we dare not remove the offense inherent to the Gospel.