

Why should we tell very wicked people about Jesus?

We all know people who we consider to be evil and as a result we do not have any intention of trying to help them escape what we believe to be just punishment for their wicked ways.

1. What is meant by wicked?

Psalm **14:2-4**

Luke **18:18-20**

Romans **3:23**

Romans 3:10-18

Jeremiah **17:9**

Genesis 6:5

Since God alone is good, anything or anyone that is less than God in nature and character is by definition wicked. To be wicked is to miss the “mark” of being equal to all that God is. Since man's natural state is to sin and thus deny God, everyone truly is wicked.

2. What are some things we should know about wicked people that can help us to understand?

1 Corinthians **6:9-11**

Romans **11:30-32**

1 Timothy **1:15**

1 Corinthians **2:12-14**

Ephesians **2:1-3**

The most important thing for us to remember about wicked people, even the most wicked person, is that we were once one of them. There is none of us who was not desperately wicked and justly deserving of the outpouring of God's wrath upon us. If it were not for someone else who chose to tell us about Jesus, we would have continued lived the life of a truly wicked person. Understand that few people are as wicked as they actually could be but that does not diminish the fact that we were, before entering into the presence of Jesus, very wicked indeed since the measure of goodness is only found in God.

3. Is there anything about the nature of salvation itself that can guide us?

Philippians **2:5-8**

Romans **5:6-11**

Ephesians **2:8-10**

1 Timothy **1:12-16**

Romans **9:15-18**

What we do know about salvation is that it is completely and utterly the work of God on behalf of wicked people. While we were evil and wicked, Christ died for us. He has set the example for our behavior in that we need to have the same compassion for the other wicked people, that Christ had for us.

4. How should we think about such wicked people?

Ephesians **4:29-32**

Philippians **2:9-13**

2 Corinthians **5:10-11**

Philippians **2:3-4**

Wicked people are in great and desperate need for the Lord. Apart from the Lord being present in their lives, they have no hope but condemnation and death. The same condemnation and death that we actually do deserve to have poured out upon us.