

## **EVANGELISM WITHOUT THE SLEDGEHAMMER—#4**

### **RECAPTURING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Text: Matthew 5:23,24**

- I. THE BROKEN \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. First, unbalanced \_\_\_\_\_.
1. It is possible to have “too \_\_\_\_\_ zeal.” (Romans 10:2)
  2. Some may have had “too \_\_\_\_\_ zeal.”
- B. Second, our witness can be hindered by the “language \_\_\_\_\_.”
1. In the natural progression of things, we spend so much time with Christians that we begin to unconsciously speak a new language—some call it \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Third, bridges to those in our long-term circle of influence can be broken down by failing to establish common \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Fourth, bridges to our F.R.A.N.’s can be damaged or destroyed by Focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ elements of a person’s life.
1. Many believers directly or indirectly present Christianity in the form of one big \_\_\_\_\_ list.
  2. When these things become the platform from which we introduce our faith, it \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity into a Pharisaical set of rules and regulations.
- II. THE BRIDGE \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. First, we must replace “unbalanced zeal” with “\_\_\_\_\_ zeal.” (I Peter 3:15-16)
- B. Second, the bridge back from the “language barrier” can be accomplished by “taking language \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. Third, broken bridges can be mended by starting over in discovering secular \_\_\_\_\_ ground with F.R.A.N.’s.
- D. Finally, the bridge back from an emphasis on “legalistic rules” will always be “amazing \_\_\_\_\_!”
1. We would not desire to hear about “the rules” that keep us out of God’s family—instead, we would want to hear about “the grace” that \_\_\_\_\_ us in!

\*Two things by way of conclusion—

- First, a word about \_\_\_\_\_.
- Second, a word about \_\_\_\_\_.