

USER'S GUIDE

how to effectively use  
the **Four Spiritual Laws**



# User's Guide to the Four Spiritual Laws

*These guidelines will enable you to be at ease and more effective in your witness for Christ. But remember it is the Holy Spirit who draws individuals to Christ, using men, methods and materials to communicate his truths.*

Millions have prayed to receive Christ through the direct, simple presentation of the Gospel contained in this booklet. Billions of copies have been distributed in hundreds of languages and used by Christians just like you worldwide. (See <http://www.greatcom.org/laws/languages.html>)

## Why Witness?

- It brings glory to God – John 15:8
- The Lord commands us – Matthew 4:19; John 15:16
- Everyone is lost without Christ – 1 John 5:11-12
- The love of Christ motivates us to share – 2 Corinthians 5:14

## The Advantages of Using the *Four Spiritual Laws*

Each edition of the *Four Spiritual Laws* represents the basic truths of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and contains the Word of God, which He promised will never return void.

- It opens the conversation for you the right way.
- It gives you confidence because you know what to say.
- It begins with a positive note: “God loves you!”
- It presents the claims of Christ clearly
- It includes an invitation to receive Christ.
- It offers suggestions for growth and emphasizes the importance of fellowship and church.
- It keeps you ready to share and comes in many editions for various types of people.

## Using the *Four Spiritual Laws* Booklet

To open the conversation simply read the question on the cover of the edition you selected. For example: “Have you heard of the *Four Spiritual Laws*?” Or, if you believe the person is a Christian, say, “I have been a Christian for years, but I have found a way to express my faith that really makes sense. I would like to share it with you. Have you heard of the *Four Spiritual Laws*?” As you share, always:

- **Breathe spiritually:** Exhale the impure (confess your sin, 1 John 1:9) and inhale the pure (surrender the control of your life to Christ, Ephesians 5:18, and appropriate the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith, 1 John 5:14,15)
- **Be sensitive** to an individual's interest and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- Read the booklet aloud. However, be careful not to allow the presentation to become mechanical. Remember, you are not just sharing principles – you are introducing the person to Christ.
- Ask God to express His love through you.
- Stay on topic: When questions arise that may change the subject, say, “That’s a good question. Let’s talk about it after we’ve completed reading the *Four Spiritual Laws*.” If there seems to be no response, be sensitive and ask, “Is this making sense?” Hold the booklet so it can be seen clearly. Use a pen to focus on key points. If you are sharing with a group, give each person a *Four Spiritual Laws* booklet.
- Pray with those interested in receiving Christ. If only one is interested, be sensitive and in most cases talk with him privately. If someone has already heard the *Four Spiritual Laws*, ask what they thought of the booklet and if they have any questions.
- Persevere: When an interested person does not receive Christ during your first time together, assure him of your availability for further counsel and make another appointment. Pray for him. Occasionally ask if he has thought further about your discussion or has any questions.

### **Encouraging A Person to Pray To Receive Christ**

After Presenting the *Four Spiritual Laws*, encourage the one with whom you have shared the “good news” to receive Christ. Do not hesitate to provide a specific opportunity to do so. Often one who has previously appeared indifferent will want to pray when he is confronted with the definite opportunity to ask Jesus Christ to be Savior and Lord of his life. After presenting *Law Four*, be sure to:

1. Ask, “Do you want a God-directed life, or a self-directed life?”
2. Read the prayer aloud at the end of the booklet and ask, “Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?” Then say, “If it does, you may wish to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.” (Pause at this time for prayer. Make sure the person with whom you are sharing can see the prayer to read it.)
3. Pray: If the person hesitates to pray aloud, ask, “Would you like to repeat the prayer after me?” If the person wishes to pray silently, suggest he end his prayer with an audible “Amen.” If the person is not ready to pray, say, “One day I believe you will choose to receive Christ and will want to know how to do so. Do you understand how to receive Christ?”

### **Assurance of Salvation**

1. Refer to Rev. 3:20; ask, “Did you receive Christ into your life? Where is He right now? Would He mislead you? On what authority do you know God answered your prayer?”
2. Emphasize the importance of not depending on feelings. (John 14:21)
3. Explain that: his sins are now forgiven; he is now a child of God, and he has eternal life.

