

Top Five Forms of Evangelism That Have Got to Go

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NARR: And now, in the interest of furthering the kingdom, Righteous Insanity presents the top five forms of evangelism that have got to go. Number five: altar calls at the end of Christian movies.

Roy enters.

ROY: Hi I'm Roy MacClaine. You know me from the movie you just saw, and also a sitcom I guest starred on twenty years ago. The wacky kid at the back of the room who said, "Don't go there!" That was me. You know where else you don't want to go? Hell. That's what this movie's about. And right now, there are counselors standing by the concession stand ready to tell you how you can get to Heaven.

NARRATOR: Number four: T-shirts and bumper stickers.

Jack walks past Jill. Jill has a T-shirt on that says "Turn or Burn."

JACK: Turn or burn? Turn or burn? Are you serious? I don't wanna burn! Hey, lady, I wanna turn! I wanna turn!

NARRATOR: Number three: Christian Haunted Houses.

Carries walk across the stage. A devil jumps out.

DEVIL: I am the devil! Accept Jesus now, or come with meeeeeee!

Carrie screams and runs away, chased by the Devil.

DEVIL: *(breaking character)* Hey, wait! The decision counseling room is the other way!

NARRATOR: Number two: leaving tracts in the truck stop bathroom.

Biff, a burly trucker enters, carrying a tract.

BIFF: Wow, who'd have thought that I, Biff Maxwell, would find Jesus in the pages of this little teeny comic book at the urinal inside the Iowa 80 truck stop?

NARRATOR: And the number one form of evangelism that has to go: prizes and giveaways for all new converts.

Pastor enters. (You may have some ladies dressed in nice church dresses bring in the

items as he introduces them; you can also have him demo the knife when he gets to it.)

PASTOR: If you feel the Lord leading you to come forward, you come right now. Come receive the Lord, and much more besides. The first hundred people who come will receive a copy of my new book. We're also gonna give you a latte at our coffee bar. That's a thirty dollar value right there. But that's not all. We're also gonna throw in the Easy Peasy Cheese Grater. You've seen this on the late night TV. It grates the cheese and cleans with ease. Act now, and you'll also get this revolutionary Banzai knife from Japan. It will cut through a tin can, and still slice a tomato. You come forward today, you'll get all of this and Heaven too! As we stand, and as we sing.