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Don'ts of Witnessing to Nation of Islam Believers

- Don't try to convince them to get saved through your own strength.
 Trust the Holy Spirit to convince them to believe in Jesus. If God could save the apostle Paul, He can also save Louis Farrakhan and members of the Nation of Islam.
- Don't become hostile with the members of the Nation of Islam. They
 are not enemies to be conquered. They are fellow human beings for whom
 Christ died on the cross.
- Don't overwhelm them with Scripture. They will not listen if they are overwhelmed.
- 4. Don't use a King James Bible because, according to some Muslims, King James himself translated this version and corrupted it. I recommend using the New International Version or the New American Standard Version in witnessing to them.
- 5. Don't use a Bible in which you have written notes or made marks. This indicates disrespect for the Word of God to members of the Nation of Islam.
- 6. Avoid all pictures of God, Jesus, or other biblical personalities as white with blue eyes and blond hair.
- 7. Don't use the word "Trinity" because this word often connotes the worship of three gods to the Nation of Islam. You can let them know from the Scriptures that God is indeed one Being, and this one Being exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit three persons.
- 8. Don't have religious symbols around. In dealing with the members of the Nation of Islam, remove all offenses except the cross. They view Christian symbols as offensive.



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- 1. **Prayer -** Remember your greatest weapon in witnessing is prayer. This is true when witnessing to any cultic group.
- Learn to demonstrate love and patience when witnessing. "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV).
- 3. Know what you believe and why you believe it regarding the essentials of the historic Christian faith before you even begin witnessing. Know the original even before beginning to attempt to learn about the counterfeit.
- **4. All Muslim groups are different**. Know which Black Muslim group you are witnessing to.
- 5. Share the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as God manifested in the flesh with the Nation of Islam members. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6, NIV).
- 6. Remind those in the Nation of Islam that according to the Koran, "No true prophet of God can lie." If that's true, since they believe that Jesus is a prophet of God, then Jesus told the truth about being the only truth and way to God.
- 7. Let the Nation of Islam members know that true righteousness doesn't come through man's so-called righteousness, but through the righteousness of Christ's perfect life imputed as a free gift to those who believe.
- 8. Love can overcome racism in the white and black communities. Let them see the love that multi-racial church members have for each other. Nation of Islam believers need to see this love.
- (9. Be encouraged! There are many who have come out of the Nation of Islam to become strong Christians in the church.)