


SURVEY -- With death being a reality in life, 26 respondents over 55 years old ranked what they feel would be helpful from spiritual leaders. The surveyor, a workplace chaplain for the respondents, sought respondents he believed seldom attend church.

Highest choice



Active Faith (8 respondents)	Moderate Faith (16 respond.)	Inactive Faith (2 respond.)
Would listen to my thoughts/concerns about death.	Available if I want to talk about death.	Would listen to my thoughts/concerns about death.
Would provide my holy book's teachings on eternity and how I can know my place with God is good when I die.	Would help me understand how best to live now.	Would be available if I want to talk about death.
Would provide passages from my holy book with words of peace & comfort about death & eternity.	Would provide my holy book's teachings on eternity and how I can know my place with God is good when I die.	Would help me understand how best to live now.
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Lowest choice

Considerations:

Majority were “Moderate” (my belief & practice are somewhat important)

- Highest choices—“Available if I want to talk about death” & “Help me understand how best to live now”
 - Evangelistically, how best to work with that?
 - Be readily available---in-person relationships; well-placed, helpful materials on death & eternity
 - Offer, and invite-to, meaningful, possibly spiritual, opportunities—volunteering, Bible studies, events
 - Possibly, prayerfully, considerately ask thought-provoking questions: (upon the occurrence of a serious illness, injury, or death....) “May I ask you a question?...Because I care a lot about you, do you know for sure that you will go to Heaven one day? OR, If God asked you, ‘Why should you go to Heaven?’ what would you say?”