

# Juggling

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## Get Attention:

The nature of juggling is extreme visual stimulation, thus creating entertainment. Juggling is not only something that will gather a whole lot of attention; it will hold the attention of many people for a long period of time if done effectively. Some basic tips for effective use of juggling are:

- Don't be mediocre. Practice enough to where a number of tricks have been mastered. Otherwise, there is no reason for people to give you a portion of their valuable time.
- If at all possible, communicate with and involve those who are watching.
  - Toss a ball to a kid and have them toss it back to you.
  - Learn a simple trick that can be done with a volunteer.
  - Have a "show" planned out so as to sufficiently entertain onlookers. If they can tell that you've prepared something and that there will be a definite "finale," there is a better chance of them staying around until you are finished.
  - Incorporate jokes with your communication.
  - Oh yeah, make sure to COMMUNICATE with them. You're the center of attention and they expect you to talk to them . . . not ONLY juggle.
- Try to incorporate something unique into the juggling. Simple three-ball tricks are good, but something unexpected is better for this type of attention getting.

## Do Something Eternal With A Moment:

Once the attention is attained, it is our responsibility to insure that Jesus is glorified in that time. While juggling, there are many devotional moments that can be incorporated into a routine. With some thought and creativity, someone who knows some basic tricks can figure out how to turn a trick into a practical spiritual lesson. Even if a beginning juggler wanted to plant a seed, they could do some basic juggling, then simply end and begin to talk to whoever was around. One of our keys to planting seeds is to never just end a "performance" time without immediately mingling with the audience. Remember, if possible, have some folks around to minister amidst the crowd as the juggling is going on.