

Successful Soul Winning

6 Important Things About Soul Winning

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What is one of the Most Important Bible Verses about soul winning?

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:44

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“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”

-Proverbs 11:30

So, If

“.....he that winneth souls is wise.”

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Then a soul winner must have wisdom.... So What is wisdom?

Wisdom...

“Knowledge of what is true and right coupled with just judgement as to action.”

-DICTIONARY.COM

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Where does Wisdom come from?

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

James 1:5

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Soul Winning is NOT like baking a cake.

We do not use the same ingredients, mix it the same way every time, and bake it at the same temperature for the same amount of time and you will get the same cake!

Following a recipe doesn't always produce the same results!

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I. The Leadership of the Holy Spirit

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
-Acts 1:8

- a. We need the Holy Spirit to lead us when talking to people about salvation
- b. Listen closely for leading of Holy Spirit
- c. Don't be afraid to speak what God brings to mind (be sure it is of God before you speak it!)
- d. It is through the Holy Spirit you can have discernment
- e. We need to cultivate a sensitivity of discernment

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II. Discernment

A. There is a difference between discernment & judgement

B. Where are they at spiritually:

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| 1. Believe in God? | 6. Broken? |
| 2. Saved? | 7. Hardened? |
| 3. Professing but unsaved? | 8. Uninterested? |
| 4. Hungry for God? | 9. Are they in a False Religion? |
| 5. Convicted? | 10. Blind – in spiritual darkness? |

Knowing where they are presently at with God, will help you know where to take them next.

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III. Directed Response Based on Discerning Factors

No one wants to take medicine for an illness they do not have.

Do not lead a lost soul to pray a sinner's prayer who is not convicted of their sins! (This is like inoculating them against the Gospel)

- A. If you meet someone who is not convicted, lead them to the Law. The Holy Spirit and God's Word is what brings conviction. Be a messenger of truth!
- B. If convicted of their sins, lead them to Christ!

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IV. When a Person is Not Convicted...

A. It is not *your* job to convict a person – the Holy Spirit and God's Word will do that, you are just a messenger of truth

1. Pointing out a person's exact sin is generally not effective, but may be needed under extreme denial
2. Some people may not even know what sin is...

Two types of sin

a. Act of sin:

Transgressing God's Law (1 Jn 3:4)

b. Sins of Omission

Not doing what you know to do (James 4:17)

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B. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us... If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8 & 10

C. Help the understand they are separated from God
 Roman's Road (see separate handout)
 Effective Encounter (see separate handout)

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V. When is a person ready to be saved?

- A. They are convicted of their sins
- B. They want a changed life
- C. They want to seek God

Now Lead them to Christ!

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VI. Steps to Successful Conversion

1. Confess

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

2. Repent

-2 Corinthians 7:10a "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of:"

-Mark 1:15 "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

3. Believe

Acts 16:30b-31 "...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

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6 Important things about Soul Winning

- I. We need the Leadership of the Holy Spirit
- II. Holy Spirit Leads us in Discernment
- III. Directed Response based on Discernment
- IV. When a Person is Not Convicted, Lead them to the Law Roman's Road or Effective Encounter
- V. When is a person ready to be saved?
- VI. Steps to Successful Conversion
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 2. Repent
 3. Believe

When someone gets saved, the next step is discipleship!

It is critical they learn to walk with God, or they will backslide! Babies need to be fed!

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