

With FAITH

Faith is more than just agreeing to a set of facts. Faith means placing your trust in an object. The object of "saving faith" is Jesus Christ and the work that "HE" accomplished on Calvary for "MY" sins. Faith also has an expectation. Literally, what are you believing in Jesus for? (Romans 10:9-10; James 2:19-21; Titus 3:5; John 6:29)

With ACCEPTANCE

Salvation of one's soul is not a work of righteousness. It must be accepted as a gift. Gifts are received; humbly, thankfully, and freely. (John 6:29; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

PREPARE YOUR HANDS

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. Proverbs 10:4

The book of Nehemiah tells us that the reason the Jews were able to build the wall around Jerusalem was because "the people had a mind to work". Christian, that is the same way that local churches are built today! If you want to be a soul-winner, and see our church grow, you must place in your mind a game plan for work. You must determine:

A **CONSISTENT TIME** that you will go soul-winning (1 Peter 3:15; Notice it is to be a consistent time not a convenient time!).

A **CONFRONTATION STRATEGY** for soul-winning (Luke 16:14-16; Matthew 19:16-22; 2 Timothy 2:23; Titus 3:9; We must confront them with the truth without looking for a fight!).

A **COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING** of different soul-winning approaches. To increase your abilities in presenting the Gospel, study and be prepared to use the following texts:

The Romans Road (Romans 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9-10, 13; 8:37-39).

John 3:1-7, 16, 36

Isaiah 55:6-7

Acts 2:36-42

Acts 8:30-37

Acts 16:25-34

2 Chronicles 33:9-16



A **COURSE OF ACTION** after they get saved. Once they trust Christ we must: Give them assurance of their salvation (2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 John 5:9-13; John 3:16; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:37-39). Instruct them in their next steps of obedience to their new found Savior (Acts 2:41-42; Matthew 3:13-15; Hebrews 10:24-27).

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU IN YOUR DESIRE TO BE USED AS A SOUL-WINNER!

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Lord, Make me a Soul Winner!

At one time or another I believe that this is the cry of every believer; Lord, make me a soul winner! Just like Rachel, Jacob's wife, who said "Give me children, or else I die", it is the natural desire of the born again child of God to reproduce their faith, but how?

We live in a day where confusion about spiritual things is abounding. This confusion is fostered by all the religious alternatives that exist today. A person looking for the answers to life's questions can turn to a multitude of; diverse churches, Christian and non-Christian cults, the New Age, a growing crop of religious gurus, the occult and even the extremes of Satanism. However we know that there is only one Way for a person to meet their spiritual need, and that is through Jesus Christ! But in this world of voices crying out for the attention of individuals, How do we make sure that our voices are the ones heard as we proclaim the truth?

To add to our dilemma, once we get them to listen to our message, they may be too cynical to care. The founder of Buddhism, Guatama Buddha, said "Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it - even if I have said it - unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense".

Therefore, brethren, if your soul desires to lead others to Christ, you must make sure that you are well prepared!

If you want to become a soul-winner it is necessary to:

PREPARE YOUR HEART

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalms 126:5-6

ALLOW YOUR HEART TO BE BROKEN!

Tears flow from the fountain of broken heart. And no person has ever become a great soul-winner without having a broken hearted burden for the lost. Jesus wept for those who had rejected Him (Matthew 23:37). Paul wished, if it were possible, that he might be accursed from God rather than his brethren the Jews (Romans 9:1-3).

These men wept because they understood the terrible future that lay in store for all those that reject God's free offer of salvation. Brethren, people all around us are soon to burn for all eternity in the Lake of Fire, but we still have time to warn them! Don't be calloused to this fact but allow it to break your heart!

ALLOW YOUR HEART TO BE ENCOURAGED!

Psalm 126:6 says "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him". Brethren, that says "doubtless"! We may not see the fruit of our labors immediately, or even in this world. But it does say doubtless!

Discouragement kills our desire to be used as soul-winners. It is important that we remember all the promises of God (Proverbs 11:30; 2 Timothy 3:12-17), and that He is the only One that can save a soul (John 10:28)! We just need to be faithful to go (Mark 16:15).

PREPARE YOUR HEAD

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Sine the Bible says that "the gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth", it is most important that we know how to provide answers to the following questions:

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus Christ took the penalty of sin (eternity separated from God in the Lake of Fire), upon Himself (on the cross), in our place, so that we might enjoy the benefits of Eternal Life in Heaven with God, if we will only receive the free gift of salvation offered to us by God (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

HOW DOES ONE COME TO BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?

They must come to realize 3 facts:

They are ALIENATED from God!

To be an alien means that you do not have rights as a citizen. Our future in heaven depends on our having citizenship in heaven. Yet God is holy, meaning He cannot have sin in His presence. Therefore it is our sin that keeps us from citizenship in Heaven (Romans 3:10, 23; Romans 7:18; Romans 8:7; Psalm 58:3; Isaiah 6:3, 5).

Their sin demands CONSEQUENCES!

Sin is a transgression or falling short of the criteria that God has established in His word. Just like when we break or transgress a law we have to pay the penalty (Romans 6:23; Romans 2:5-11; John 3:36; Genesis 2:17; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:11-15).

But God desires to grant them MERCY!

Even though man has made himself the enemy of God, it has never been God's desire that man should experience the righteous punishment for their sins. He wants them to receive His gift of mercy (Romans 5:8; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 10:21).

They must respond in each of 4 ways:

With REPENTANCE

Repentance occurs when we stop running, from God and our sin, and turn to acknowledge (face up to) both. Real repentance understands that we have a responsibility to God, and are responsible for our sin (Romans 2:1-4; Luke 15:11-20).

With CONFESSION

Confession means to agree with God, concerning your sin and need of salvation, verbally. It is like being asked a question. No one knows you know the answer until you speak up and tell your answer to the One asking the question (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 16:16-17; Luke 18:10-14).