PERSONAL EVANGELISM #2 - ANYONE CAN WIN SOULS

ROMANS 9:1-3, 10:1

The requirements for soulwinning are few, simple, and easily met. The most important soulwinning requirement is a burden.

I. BELIEVER IN CHRIST

- A. The disciples of John were not Saved ACTS 19:1-5
- B. Cannot "lead" to an unknown destination
 - 1. A blind man cannot describe the color "red"
 - 2. The results will not be good LUKE 6:39
- C. Every person has one "first" job MATT. 6:33
 - 1. Salvation is doorway to the Kingdom
 - 2. Baptism is the doorway to Church Membership
- D. If nothing else, tell what you know Your TESTIMONY!

II. BURDENED FOR THE LOST

- A. Paul had a continual pain and heaviness for the lost
 - 1. He would even have himself cast off ROM. 9:2
 - 2. "I could wish myself" it isn't possible
- B. Preaching was more than duty to Paul 1 COR. 9:16
- C. We all must be "preachers" of the Gospel ROM. 10:14

III. BIBLE WORKMANSHIP

- A. The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit EPH. 6:17
 - 1. It discerns thoughts and intents of the heart
 - 2. It convicts not wise words 1 COR. 2:4
- B. Our words return without effect debate/reason/arque
- C. But GOD'S WORD NEVER returns empty ISA. 55:11

IV. BATTLE IN FERVENT/FREQUENT PRAYER

- A. Do we want God's help in soulwinning? JAMES 5:16
- B. God directed Paul where to go Ask HIM! ACTS 16:6-7

V. BOW TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Not filled with worldliness/sinful things EPH. 5:18
- B. Being FILLED makes witnessing easier! ACTS 4:31
- C. Be filled even in difficult situations ACTS 4:9

CONCLUSION: Any Christian can and should be a soulwinner. Every saved person can give their testimony and give a tract.

HELPFUL SOUL-WINNING HINTS (R.A. Torrey)

- 1. Generally, deal with people of your own sex and close to your own age.
- 2. Whenever it is possible, talk to the person alone.
- 3. Rely completely on the Spirit of God.
- 4. Do not merely quote or read passages from the Bible, but have the one with whom you are speaking read them aloud.
- 5. Emphasize a single passage of Scripture, repeating it and discussing it until the inquirer cannot forget it. It will ring in their memory long after you have ceased talking.
- 6. Always hold the person to the main point of accepting Christ. Many opportunities for repentance have been lost by an inexperienced worker allowing an argument over some side issue.
- 7. Be courteous. Some overzealous workers cause the people they approach to become defensive and to put up barriers that are impossible to penetrate.
- 8. Be earnest. Genuine earnestness means more than any skill learned in a training class or a book.
- 9. Never lose your temper.
- 10. Never interrupt anyone else who is leading someone to Christ.
- 11. Don't be in a hurry.
- 12. Ask the person to pray with you. Difficulties can disappear during prayer, and many stubborn people yield when they are brought into the presence of God.
- 13. Whenever you seem to fail, go home, pray about it, and find out why you failed. Then go back, if you can, and try again.
- 14. Be sure to give a new believer definite instruction concerning how to succeed in the Christian life.
- 15. Spend time with the new believer regularly to encourage and help Christian growth.