

HOW TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST



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HOW TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST I

The imperative need for Bible Workers to be trained in how to lead a soul to Christ cannot be over-stated. Every Bible Worker should not only have the absolute assurance of his own salvation, but know how to lead others into such an assurance. There is no greater task than this: “the greatest work to which human beings can aspire is this work of winning men from sin to holiness” MH 398,

Why Are We To Seek To Win Souls

Because the Great Commission is our marching orders: We are to be constantly on the job winning the lost to Christ. This is the supreme business of every Christian (Mathew 28:19, 20).

Because many Christians do not know how: Can you take the Bible and point a sinner to the way of salvation? If not, determine that you will learn. (1 Peter 3:15)

Because of the value of the human soul: When we see how precious all men are to God, we must do all that we can to save them. (John 3:16)

Where Are We To Seek To Win Souls

Begin in your own house with your own loved ones: Have you evangelized your family circle and asked God to give you the joy of winning them to Him? (John 1:40-42)

Broaden your efforts to your friends and neighbors: You are living where you are, not by chance, but because the Lord wants you to be His witness right there. (Mark 5:19)

Be ready whenever there are lost souls: Anytime, anywhere—office, factory, school, while traveling—everyday that God spares us to live on this earth. (Proverbs 11:30)

When Are We To Seek To Win Lost Souls

When the Holy Spirit prompts us: If we live in close connection with Him, He will direct us to needy, ready souls prompting us to speak the word of salvation. (Acts 8:25)

When the opportunity is before us: All over the world souls are looking wistfully toward heaven on the verge of the kingdom waiting to be gathered in: AA 109; 1 Timothy 4:2.

When the need overwhelms us: Whenever we come face to face with an urgent case of someone dying without Christ and there is no time to be lost. (John 9:4)

What We Need To Seek To Win Souls

A fully yielded, cleansed and spirited-filled life: It is the person who is fully at the disposal of the Lord and is being empowered by the Lord that the Lord uses. (Romans 6:13)

A complete reliance upon the Holy Spirit: Only as we experience the outpouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit working through us we can succeed. (Acts 1:8)

A working knowledge of the Scriptures: We must always point someone to the Word of God and what it says. To do this we must know the Bible references. (2 Timothy 3:15)

How Are We To Seek To Win Souls

With a conviction that grips us: We must be convinced they are souls for whom Christ died; He is not willing that any should perish and that they go to hell without Him. (2 Peter 3:9)

With a confidence that enables us: We must have no confidence in the flesh, but must have absolute confidence in the power of the Lord to work through us. (Philippians 4:13)

With compassion that moves us: We must deeply feel the need of the lost, like Jesus did, for souls going into a Christ-less grave. Compassion will move our feet. (Matthew 9:30)

Whom Should We Seek To Win

Ask God to show you who and what to do. We must *plan* to win souls (Acts 9:6). We must set out to win them as a fisherman sets out to catch fish, a man sets out to win a girl's affection, or as an athlete sets out to win a race.

1. Make a list of those whom you would win.
2. Pray regularly for them.
3. Seek contact with them about their needs.
4. Be interested in their interests building a relationship.
5. Obey the Spirit's prompting of the right time.
6. Keep on keeping on until they are won.
7. Don't be afraid of making a mistake.

You will make the greatest mistake of all if you don't try to win someone to Christ.

Some Will Have Objections

- Objection:* "I am not a great sinner."
Answer: God says that we are all sinner. (Romans 3:23)
- Objection:* "I am too great a sinner."
Answer: Jesus came to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)
- Objection:* "I am a Baptist, Methodist, Catholic..."
Answer: Church membership doesn't save anyone. (John 3:3)
- Objection:* "There are hypocrites in the church."
Answer: Yes, but there will be none in heaven. (Romans 14:12)
- Objection:* "I am waiting until I become better."
Answer: You can't make yourself better. (John 6:37)
- Objection:* "I am doing the best I can."
Answer: We are not saved, by our good works. Ephesians 2:8, 9
- Objection:* "One way is as good as another if I am sincere."
Answer: Your way may be sincere, but sincerely wrong. (Proverbs 14:1)
- Objection:* "Maybe later."
Answer: Tomorrow is not promised. (Proverbs 27:1)
- Objection:* "I don't want to give up my sins."

Answer: Then you will be lost forever. (Luke 13:5)

Objection: *"I'm afraid I can't live the Christian life."*

Answer: No one can, until Christ comes to live in Him. (Philippians 4:13)

What We Need To Show

1) The sinner needs salvation (Rom. 3:23). 2) He cannot save himself (Eph. 2:8). 3) Christ died to save him completely (Heb. 9:25). 4) The way to be saved is to accept Christ as Savior (Acts 16: 30,31). 5) Salvation does not depend on feelings (Rom. 10:23). 6) Public confession should follow accepting Christ as Savior (Matt. 10:32). 7) The Savior who saves also keeps (Jude) 24).

How To Lead a Soul to Christ II

The Diagnostic (Entry) Question

One effective way to lead way to lead into the presentation of the gospel is by the use of a diagnostic question asked for the purpose of trying to discover whether or not the prospect has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To find this out, you might ask at the appropriate moment, "May I ask you a question? In your opinion, how does one become a Christian?" or, "If you died tonight, do you have the assurance of eternal life with God?"

Most people will have a vague or erroneous idea as to how this is accomplished. However, some people will surprise you by their answer. You may find yourself in contact with someone who understands the plan of redemption and walking closely with the Lord. When this is the case, strengthen your rapport with the individual. Rejoice with him, pray with him, and pray that the Spirit of God will lead him to complete obedience to God's will, including witnessing for Him.

The Gospel Presentation

But suppose the person for whom you are working has just said, "I really don't know how a person comes to Christ." or, "I do not have the assurance of eternal life with God." This is your opportunity. You might proceed with the following presentations and prayer of reception.

1. The Roman Road to Salvation'
2. Scripture Usage: Romans 10:1; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9; 10:13
3. The Prayer of Reception:

Dear God, I invite You to take control of my life. I invite Jesus to come into my heart. I accept Him as my Saviour and my Lord. Please forgive my sins, and thank You for giving me eternal life in Jesus. Help me to follow and obey You. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Your prayer following this should be very short and simple – thanking God for the prospect's decision.

Provisions For Growth

As you rise from your knees, take the hand of the one who has made a commitment to Christ and say something like this: "God bless you, brother/sister. Every morning as you begin the day, thank God that He is willing to live in your heart, enabling you to live the life He wants you to live. Take time every day to read something from His Word. Talk to Him in prayer as you would a friend. Tell others

about what He has done for you, and you will find that relationship with Jesus will grow more wonderful every day!”

Before leaving the home, introduce the gift Bible and Amazing Facts Bible Lesson Series, if the person is not already enrolled in a Bible study program. Arrange for regular weekly visits. If it seems advisable, if it is not too early, invite him/her to come as your guest to the Prospects’ Class or New Believers’ Bible Class. If he/she accepts you should offer transportation and possibly include an invitation to Sabbath dinner.

During the worship service you should sit together with your prospect. At the end of the service when the doors of the church are opened you should invite your prospect to walk forward in response to the invitation to make the decision to accept Christ publically and to join the church. You should walk forward with the prospect and if appropriate volunteer to be a spiritual guardian.

How To Lead a Soul to Christ III

A. Introduction

1. If you have 10-15 minutes to speak with someone and it might be the only chance to talk to them that you ever had, What would you say?
 - a. Would you talk about the weather?
 - b. Would you concentrate on facts about the family...how long had they been in the neighborhood? ...Did they like the city or state better than where they lived before?... etc.
 - c. Would you seek to establish common ground before determining interests similar to yours, such as hobbies, sports figures, types of vacations, etc.
 - d. Would you focus on the terrible times in which we live?
 - e. Would you give a brief study on the on the Sabbath, Mark of the Beast, or 2300 days?
 - f. Or would you tell them what Christ has done for you, tell them of the plan of salvation and then give them a chance to accept Christ?

B. An Easy Way To Get A Visit Started

1. Use the community survey sheets if you are going door to door. If not, you will have ready access through other modes of contacts from developing expertise on how to secure prospect.
2. After an exchange of pleasantries, use F.O.R.T.
F – FAMILY “How Is Your Family Doing?”
O – OCCUPATION “What work do you do?”
R – RELIGION “What is your religious background?”
T – TESTIMONY “Share your testimony”
3. After sharing your testimony then say: “It is really a privilege to talk about Christ. By the way, do you know Christ in a personal way? Have you ever accepted Him as your personal Saviour and Lord? If the answer is “no” then say: Would you mind if I took a few minutes to share Christ with you?”
4. Introduce and share the Roman Road to Salvation.

5. Stress the following:

The only definite time man has for salvation is the present moment. Life could be cut short; therefore, delay is foolish and dangerous. People often procrastinate because they think opportunity will continue while they pursue the pleasures of sin. Procrastination is ultimately equivalent to rejection. The choice and decision need to be made now. "Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians." They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians." SC, p. 48.

C. Pray For a Decision Now

1. At this point invite the prospect to bow in prayer and accept Christ as his personal Lord and Savior through the prayer of acceptance.
2. If the prospect is ready for a decision he will bow with you. If not, then inquire what stands in the way.
3. When the way is finally clear, bow together in prayer. This signifies the decision is between the interested person and God.
4. If the individual is not accustomed to praying, have him repeat after you,
5. Sample prayer: *"Dear God, I come to you just as I am. I know the Bible is true and reveals Your will. Help me to surrender my heart and life. I accept Jesus Christ as my personal Lord. Amen!"*
6. It is good to have the new convert affirm his decision by writing in the flyleaf of his Bible, "On this _____ day of _____. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, to make God's will my will and to dedicate my life to His service. Ask him to sign to memorialize his decision.
7. After you have shared the Roman Road to Salvation and the person has prayed to receive Christ... "I'm so happy you have received Christ. I would like to visit you again in one or two days. I have something to share with you that I know will be helpful. If it's alright, I'll stop back about the same time or is there another hour that works better for you?" (Sometimes it is expedient that you enroll the prospect immediately).
8. Briefly stress the provision for growth: Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship and Witnessing.
9. On your next visit enroll the prospect in the Bible Lesson Study Course. Set up subsequent visits. Leave a copy of "Steps To Christ".
10. Bring the prospect to church for a public profession and introduction to the Pastor.

D. The Simplicity of Salvation According to the Biblical Examples

1. Acts 8:26-39 Phillip and the Eunuch
 - Baptized with one Bible Study
2. Acts 16:25-34 Paul and the jailer
 - A few hours evangelistic meeting results in quite a number of baptisms

3. Luke 18:1-10 Christ and Zaccheus
 - A dinner appointment and a visit brought salvation.
4. Luke 23:39-43 Christ and the thief on the cross
 - Salvation from a 22 word verbal exchange.
5. Salvation does not have to be complicated. Individuals can receive Christ very quickly, if the Holy Spirit has prepared their hearts.
6. CT, 258: “Present the gospel in its simplicity. Follow Christ’s example and you will have the reward of seeing your students won to Him.”