

Soulwinning

The WHY behind the WHAT

God is not asking you to go to South America and eat rotted eggs and grubs for the rest of your life. He just wants you to go across the street to tell your neighbor.

Every Christian is a missionary - if only to the supermarket.

It is the Christian's business to populate Heaven and to depopulate Hell.

It is almost the easiest thing in the world to lead a child from five to ten years of age to a definite acceptance of Christ. - R.A. Torrey.

The only generation that can reach this generation is our generation.

Soulwinning is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread.

A soul winner is one who never gets used to the sound of marching feet on the way to a lost eternity.

Christ's last act before death was winning a soul, His last command was to win souls, and His last prayer was forgiveness for a soul.

They will not seek, they must be sought;
They will not come, they must be brought;
They will not study, they must be taught.

Look on soulwinning as a business, not an incidental matter; as work, not play; as time well spent, not wasted; as a privilege, not a borsome duty.

It is impossible to give the gospel to the wrong person when Jesus told us to preach the gospel to "every creature."

The monument you should want after you're dead is one with two legs going around the world - a saved sinner telling about the salvation of Jesus Christ.

The only alternative to Soulwinning is disobedience to Christ.

We visit a lot of people we never get, but we get a lot of people we never visit; but we would never get a lot of people we never visit if we didn't visit a lot of people we never get.

Christ invites you to come but commands you to Go.

This generation of saints is going to answer to God for this generation of sinners.

If your Christianity is worth having, it should be worth sharing.

I. God Created You For A Purpose - For His Glory

Isa 43:7 *Even every one that is called by my name:
for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

Glory - To abound with God's splendor

**To make God glorious
To make God honorable
To promote God**

II. God is Glorified When You Bear Fruit - Much Fruit

John 15:8 - *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

1 Cor 10:31 - *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

III. The Fruit of a Christian Is a Christian Who Is Going Soul Winning

Prov 11:30 - *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

IV. The Fruit of the Spirit Is the Fruit That the Holy Spirit Bears, Not the Christian

Gal 5:22-23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

V. God Saved You For a Purpose; the Same Purpose For Which Jesus Came to Earth

John 20:21 - *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

VI. Jesus Was Sent to Seek and to Save That Which Was Lost, and We Are Sent to Do the Same

Luke 19:10 - *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

VII. We Are to Be a Peculiar People

A. 1 Pet 2:9 - *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

The word peculiar deals with a directed people, or channeled.

God gave you a direction when you got saved.

B. 1 Pet 4:3-4 - *For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: (4)Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:*

What looks peculiar and strange to everybody is the fact that you don't do the things you used to do. You are not going the same direction.

C. You have found the purpose for which God created you.

VIII. God Comes Seeking Fruit on You and Me

Luke 13:6-9 - *He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and **he came and sought fruit thereon**, and found none.*

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

John 15:1-8 *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

IX. God Commands Us to Be Soul Winners

A. Jesus said He is with you when you go.

Matt 28:19-20 - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

20 *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

B. Jesus said to tell your friends of His salvation to you.

Mark 5:19 - *Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.*

C. You've been commanded to tell every person.

Mark 16:15 - *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

D. You're never supposed to wait and put it off.

John 4:35-36 - *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

36) *And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.*

E. Jesus saved you and ordained or empowered you to do what He has commanded you to do.

John 15:16 - *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

F. It is a shame to us that more people in our neighborhoods aren't saved.

1 Cor 15:34 - *Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

G. Paul said he was a debtor because He knew how to go to heaven

Rom 1:14 *I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.*

H. God says you are supposed to tell others about the gift you received.

1 Pet 4:10 *As **EVERY** man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

Isa 62:6 *I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,*

X. God will hold us responsible for witnessing to every person.

Ezek 3:17-19 - *Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel:*

therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18) *When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life;*

the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19) *Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

Ezek 33:7-9 - *So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel;*

therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8) *When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.*

9) *Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

A. A person gets saved when he says “yes” to Christ.

Isa 65:24 - *And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

XI. Soul winning is you confronting people, one on one. It is not living a good life in front of people.

The Bible speaks much of Confronting people:

1. **John 1:41** - *He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.*
2. **John 1:45** - *Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*
3. **John 4:28-29** - *The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, (29) Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*
4. **Matt 4:19** - *And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

XII. The fact that you are going to be held accountable should drive you to persuade and compel people to be saved.

II Cor. 5:11 - *Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

Persuade - To convince by argument

Rom 6:12-13 *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

13 *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:*

*but yield yourselves unto God, **AS** those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

Luke 14:23 - *And the lord said unto the servant,*

*Go out into the highways and hedges, and **compel** the to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Compel - To threaten or force out of necessity.

Salvation is a Person.

1. **John 14:6** - *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
2. **I Jn 5:12** - *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

GOD HAS TOLD US WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO SAY WHAT HE TOLD US TO SAY.

THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF MESSAGES AND METHODS.

2 Cor 5:18-20 - *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

1. **How would Jesus compel someone to come in?**
2. **How would Jesus persuade men?**

Matt 10:40 - *He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.*

1. **Consider Who you represent - Christ Jesus Himself.**
2. **Consider how you present Him Whom you represent.**

Rom 1:16 - *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.*

1. **You are God's mouthpiece.**
2. **He just needs someone to give the Gospel.**

The fact that Jesus could actually love someone like you enough to suffer your Hell should be enough to put you on the soul-winning track all the days of your life.

1. 2 Cor 5:14 - For the love of Christ **constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

CONSTRAIN, v.t. [L., to strain, to bind. See Strain.] In a general sense, to strain; to press; to urge; to drive; to exert force, physical or moral, either in urging to action or in restraining it. Hence,

1. To compel or force; to urge with irresistible power, or with a power sufficient to produce the effect.

The spirit within me constraineth me. Job 32.

I was constrained to appeal to Caesar. Acts 28.

For the love of Christ constraineth us. 2 Corinthians 5.

2. To tie fast; to bind; to chain; to confine. He binds in chains the drowsy prophet, and his limbs constrains.

3. To necessitate. Did fate or we the adulterous act constrain?

4. To force; to ravish.

5. To produce in opposition to nature; as a constrained voice; constrained notes.

XI. It takes four things for a person to get saved:

(God gives the first three)

1. The Faith - Rom 12:3 - For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

2. The Grace - Ps 84:11 - For the LORD God is a sun and shield:

the LORD will give grace and glory:

no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

a. John 1:17 - For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

b. James 4:6 - But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith,

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

c. Rom 3:24 - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

d. Eph 4:7 - But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

3. The Blood - Acts 20:28 - Take heed therefore unto yourselves,

and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,

to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood:

and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your

souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood,

we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood;

and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Rev 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

4. A Soulwinner. The only blank space and the only reason people don't get saved is because there isn't enough soul winning going on.

When a person stands before God, he won't be able to say, "God, you didn't give me enough faith, or grace, or your blood wasn't able to wash away all of my sin." They will be able to say that we never told them.

1792 - William Carey - I preach for a living and cobble shoes for expenses.

Our big purpose and our big work should be serving God Our big desire should be to do His Will Our secular vocation should be only to meet expenses.

A BIBLE PRESCRIPTION FOR REARING TEENS

Gen 25:19-28, Ps. 51:5, 58:3, Prov. 29:15, Rm. 3:23, Prov. 1:10~16, Eph. 5:11,

II Cor 6:17, Eph. 6:14, Ex. 20:12, Lev. 19:3, II Tim. 1:5, 3:14~15

*GOD COMMANDS THE PARENTS TO BUILD SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES IN THE TEEN AS WELL AS HONOR FOR THE PARENTS FOR DOING SO.

*A TEEN'S BELIEFS, CHARACTER, VALUES, AND BEHAVIOR ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE ETERNAL NEED OF GOD INSTILLED CONSISTENTLY IN THE HEART, MIND, SOUL, AND BODY BY THE PARENTS.

FIFTEEN THINGS THAT I'VE NOTICED AS BEING ABSENT IN A REBELLIOUS TEENAGER'S LIFE

1. READING
2. A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION
3. MOM AND DAD WORKING AS A TEAM (USUALLY ONE DOES ALL THE WORK)
4. PASTORAL LEADERSHIP (EITHER LACKING OR IGNORED)
5. GOOD PEER PRESSURE
6. QUIET HOME LIFE (TOO MUCH RACKET)
7. A CLEAN HOUSE
8. GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE
9. A WORK SCHEDULE
10. RESPECT FOR OTHERS
11. HOMEWORK
12. BUS ROUTE
13. HUGS
14. PRODUCTIVE SOUL WINNING
15. ANOTHER ADULT WHO SHOWS INTEREST

THREE ESSENTIAL PRESSURES

1. PEER PRESSURE
2. PULPIT PRESSURE
3. PARENT PRESSURE

WHAT THE PARENTS CAN DO

1. READ A CHAPTER A DAY IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS FOR WISDOM.
2. BUILD UP A BANK ACCOUNT OF COMPASSION.
3. WRITE DOWN PRINCIPLES FOR LIFE AND TEACH THEM IN A FAMILY DEVOTION TIME.
4. TEACH THEM TO RESPECT THEMSELVES AND EACH OTHER.
5. REQUIRE THEM TO HONOR THE OLDER PEOPLE.
6. KEEP THEM IN A STRICT ENVIRONMENT. (STRICT CHURCH, STRICT SCHOOL, AND STRICT HOME).
7. INVEST TIME IN THEM INDIVIDUALLY.
8. LET THEM KNOW YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REASON WITH THEM, BUT YOU CHOOSE TO REASON WITH THEM
9. ESTABLISH THE HOUSE RULES TOGETHER.
10. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO THEM EVERY DAY.
11. RARELY TALK DOWN TO THEM.
12. REWARD THEM SPARINGLY, BUT CONSISTENTLY. THIS WILL RAISE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORK.
13. GET INVOLVED IN SOME PART OF THEIR HOMEWORK
14. INSIST ON PERSONAL HYGIENE AND A CLEAN HOUSE.
15. NEVER CREATE A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT IN THE HOME.
16. WIN THEM OVER EVERY DAY
17. NEVER DEFEND THEM TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.
18. STAY THE PARENT AND DO NOT TRY TO BECOME THEIR BUDDY.
19. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT ANY OTHER HOUSE.
20. HAVE A MINIMAL NUMBER OF CARDINAL SINS.
21. THE PUNISHMENT MUST FIT THE CRIME.
22. THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWO MAJOR CONFLICTS BETWEEN 13 TO 19.
23. THE DIALOGUE INCREASES WHILE THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT DECREASES.
24. NEVER ALLOW THEM TO TALK BACK THE FIRST TIME.
25. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THEIR BAD CHOICES IN RELATIONSHIPS.
26. MAKE THE PREACHER, YOUTH DIRECTOR, AND PRINCIPAL HEROES TO YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY BECOME TEENS.
27. GO SOUL WINNING TOGETHER.
28. MAKE HOME LIFE FUN LIFE.
29. LIMIT THE TV TO SPORTS, NEWS, COOKING SHOWS, AND HOME REPAIR (BEST PLAN IS NO TV).
30. BE ABLE TO READ THEIR FACES AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW.
31. NEVER LET THE TEEN WORK DURING CHURCH TIME.
32. IF THE TEEN GETS INTO TROUBLE WHILE HOLDING A PART-TIME JOB - MAKE HIM QUIT
33. STOP ASSOCIATIONS WITH THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST THE PREACHER AND PASTORAL STAFF
34. TEACH THEM TO DRESS UP NOT DOWN FOR CHURCH.
35. TEACH THEM MODESTY
36. BE FAITHFUL TO ALL THE CHURCH SERVICES.
37. HAVE THE BOYS GET REGULAR HAIR CUTS AND THE GIRLS TO HAVE LONG HAIR.
38. IF THEY ACT LIKE A SIX-YEAR-OLD, TREAT THEM LIKE A SIX-YEAR-OLD; UNTIL THEY DECIDE TO ACT THEIR AGE.
39. WRITE LOVE NOTES.
40. TURN THEIR STUMBUNG BLOCKS INTO STEPPING STONES.