

HOW DO I LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST?

KEY TEXT

ROMANS 1:16

A clear, biblical guide to personal soulwinning

THE MISSION THAT MATTERS

Soulwinning is not winning an argument, pressuring a decision, or displaying our Bible knowledge. It is lovingly and clearly giving another person the gospel of Jesus Christ so that he or she can understand the message and personally believe. We witness; God saves.

01

What is biblical soulwinning?

Biblical soulwinning is personal gospel witness. Christ commands His people to carry the good news to others, and love compels us to speak because every person is a sinner who needs the Saviour. The soulwinner's task is to present God's message faithfully, plainly, patiently, and prayerfully. Our confidence is not in eloquence, personality, or a method. The gospel itself is 'the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth' (Romans 1:16).

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Speak the truth clearly, open the Scriptures, answer honestly, and urge the hearer to consider Christ.

GOD'S WORK

God uses His Word and the witness of believers. Conviction and salvation are not produced by human pressure.

THEIR RESPONSE

Each hearer must personally believe on Jesus Christ. No one can believe for another person.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

ROMANS 1:16

02

Prepare before you speak

Preparation does not mean memorizing a sales speech. It means knowing the gospel, walking honestly before God, praying for the person, and being ready to use Scripture. A prepared witness can speak naturally without changing the message.

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Pray for courage, compassion, wisdom, and an open door. Confess known sin. Remember that the person before you is a soul, not a project or an argument to defeat.

PREPARE YOUR MESSAGE

Know the main gospel truths and several clear passages. Be ready to explain sin, judgment, Christ's death and resurrection, grace, and personal faith in Christ.

WHAT MESSAGE MUST I SHARE?

Keep the message complete, clear, and centered on Christ.

03

Begin with man's sin and need

A person cannot understand salvation without understanding what he needs to be saved from. All have sinned and come short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). Sin is rebellion against the holy God, and its wages are death. The gospel is good news because the bad news is real.

ALL HAVE SINNED

No one is righteous by nature or personal merit. Every person stands guilty before God.

SIN HAS WAGES

Romans 6:23 calls death the wages of sin. Sin earns separation and judgment, not eternal life.

WORKS CANNOT ERASE GUILT

Morality, religion, baptism, charity, and good intentions cannot pay the debt of sin.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

ROMANS 6:23

04

Explain Christ's finished work

The centre of the gospel is what Jesus Christ has done for sinners. He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He bore the judgment sinners deserved and lives as the sufficient Saviour.

HE DIED

Jesus Christ bore our sins and shed His blood. Salvation rests upon His sacrifice, not ours.

HE WAS BURIED

His burial confirmed the reality of His death. The gospel is rooted in an accomplished event.

HE ROSE AGAIN

The risen Christ conquered death and is able to save those who come to God by Him.

05

Show that salvation is received by faith

Eternal life is God's gift. It cannot be earned by works, ritual, reform, or religious effort. The sinner must personally believe on the Lord Jesus Christ - relying upon Him and His finished work.

GRACE EXCLUDES EARNING

Ephesians 2:8-9 teaches salvation by grace through faith, not of works. A gift cannot also be earned as a wage.

FAITH RESTS IN CHRIST

Acts 16:31 is direct: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Saving faith rests in Christ.

CHRIST ALONE. GRACE ALONE. RECEIVED BY FAITH.

HOW DO I GUIDE THE CONVERSATION?

Speak naturally, listen carefully, and keep opening the Scriptures.

06

Ask, listen, and open the Bible

A wise witness does not begin by assuming what the other person believes. Ask simple questions, listen without interruption, and discover where the person's confidence rests. Questions such as 'What do you believe a person must do to be saved?' or 'What are you trusting for eternal life?' can reveal confusion and create a natural doorway to Scripture.

LISTEN WITH RESPECT

Do not treat every answer as an invitation to attack. Listening shows care and helps you address the person's actual belief rather than an argument you imagined.

EXPLAIN FROM SCRIPTURE

Use clear passages and explain their meaning in ordinary words. The authority is God's Word, not your confidence, experience, church background, or personality.

"Understandest thou what thou readest?"

ACTS 8:30

A simple conversation path

- Ask permission. "May I show you from the Bible how a person can receive eternal life?"
- Discover their understanding. Ask what they believe and what they are trusting.
- Present the whole gospel. Explain sin, its consequence, Christ's death and resurrection, grace, and faith.
- Check understanding. Ask the person to explain the message back in his or her own words.
- Invite a personal response. Ask whether the person is ready to believe on Christ.
- Allow honesty. A sincere "not yet" is better than a pressured profession that is not understood.

What must I avoid?

- Do not argue merely to win. Truth must be defended, but pride can bury the message under conflict.
- Do not rush. Slow down when the person does not understand sin, grace, or faith.
- Do not manipulate emotion. Fear, music, public pressure, or repeated pleading cannot create saving faith.
- Do not add another condition. Baptism, church membership, turning over a new leaf, and good works are not the price of eternal life.
- Do not promise an easy life. The gospel promises forgiveness and eternal life in Christ, not freedom from every earthly trouble.

What about asking someone to pray?

There is no special sentence whose repetition guarantees salvation. A person may call upon the Lord and express faith in prayer, but the prayer itself is not the Saviour. Do not tell someone that he is saved merely because he repeated words. Direct his confidence to Jesus Christ and to the promise of God received by faith.

WHEN SOMEONE IS READY TO RESPOND

Invite faith without pressure, then help the new believer begin well.

07

Invite the person to believe on Christ

After the gospel has been explained, ask a clear and honest question: 'Do you understand that you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins and rose again, and that salvation is God's gift received by believing on Him?' Then ask whether the person is ready to trust Christ. Do not force an answer, manufacture certainty, or make the decision for him.

UNDERSTAND

The person should understand the basic gospel: personal sin, Christ's finished work, and salvation as God's gift.

BELIEVE

The person must personally rely upon Jesus Christ rather than works, religion, reform, or a prayer.

CONFESS HONESTLY

A genuine response does not need performance. Encourage honest faith, not words chosen merely to please the soulwinner.

If the person believes

- Point to God's promise. Assurance should rest upon Scripture, not the intensity of the moment.
- Encourage daily Bible reading and prayer. New life needs nourishment, instruction, and fellowship with God.
- Connect the believer with a sound local church. Christians are meant to learn, worship, serve, and grow with other believers.
- Teach baptism in its proper place. Baptism follows salvation as an act of obedience and public identification; it is not the cause of salvation.
- Encourage a first witness. The new believer can simply tell someone what Christ has done and what he now believes.

If the person is not ready

Do not become angry or push harder. Leave the door open. Offer a clear passage to read, answer future questions, continue praying, and follow up naturally. Faithfulness means giving the truth in love, not manufacturing an immediate decision.

The soulwinner's final check

- Was the gospel complete? Sin, judgment, Christ's death, burial, resurrection, grace, and faith.
- Was Christ central? Or did the conversation centre on me, my church, or my method?
- Was the invitation clear? Did I ask for personal faith without adding works or ritual?
- Was the response free? Did I allow the person to answer honestly without pressure?
- Will I follow up? Love continues after the conversation, whether the answer was yes, no, or not yet.

FINAL REFLECTION

Will I faithfully tell someone?

The world needs the gospel clearly spoken by believers who love Christ and love souls. Pray for one person. Seek an opportunity. Open the Scriptures. Explain the gospel faithfully, and leave the results with God.

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