

AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

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Soul Winning The Do's

1. Randomly knocking on doors and going out to the street corners to share Christ may get a few results, but true soul winning results come from the biblical way of doing it.
2. In the word of God, the bible tells us that it is God that wins the soul and not our method. We are to share Christ, but not forcefully, or abruptly. When people are not called by God unto salvation, they are not able to make a true decision for Christ, but they make an emotional decision instead. This decision, based on feelings, will not stand the test of time.
3. It's important that we maintain the correct posture when we are sharing Christ with others. We must be strategic and wait for the Spirit of God to open a door into the hearts and minds of those we desire to win. If we do not exercise patience, we may blow a future chance we could have had to really win someone to Christ.

1. **Live it!** – Your lifestyle is your most effective witnessing tool. You cannot reach people if you are not living what you are preaching in front of them. We all have faults, but just make sure your faults don't speak louder than your message. Mt 5:16

2. **Know it!** – The worst witness is the uninformed witness. You cannot lead anyone anywhere, if you don't know how to get there yourself. You have to know what you are talking about. Even if you don't know the bible cover to cover, you have to know what you believe. Col. 4:6

3. **Pray 4 it!** – Most people ask questions, or have situations happen to cause them to seek out Christ. No one comes to Christ unless his Spirit draws

them, so you must know when his Spirit is drawing the person so you can be effective. Most of the time, people will come to you when the time is right for them. Joh 6:44 So we must be ready at all times to lead them to the very thing that changed us.



That all peoples may know Him

Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Col. 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

John 6:44 No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.



The Don'ts

1. **Worse off than them** – You don't have to have everything together but it's good to have SOMETHING together when you are exemplifying Christ. All heaven and no earth is a dangerous combination. Jesus chose 12 successful men to push his agenda through and he expects no less than that from us. We should be able to show that God can do what he promised through our own lives and not just hearsay. Heaven is our goal, but heaven on earth is a promise! **3John 2**
2. **Don't "oversale" Christ** – Listening is key. Be sensitive to the Spirit and allow them time to talk to you about themselves before you talk about yourself and what you are going thru. You don't want to sound like a "cult"

religion. They are always talking and don't want to hear anything you have to say. That's not like Christ. He loves us and he listens. Showing love always involves listening and when it comes to winning the lost, it's good to allow a person to confess their faults for the sake of healing. **Jas 1:19**

3. **Don't argue to win** – If someone is arguing about the word of God, then usually you won't win them over. They are usually not being drawn by the Spirit. Questions are different. But if they don't believe, they can't receive. Don't waste time trying to force the word on people. They either receive it, or leave it. But you have to move on and not take it personally. You can't save them anyway, so it's never your loss.
4. **Lying doesn't help** – Be honest when you are witnessing to someone. Don't try to make God bigger than he is by lying about stuff. He doesn't need your help. Tell the truth and shame the devil! The truth makes us free and your true testimony is a powerful

witnessing tool. Let them know the real deal about the Kingdom of God. Don't cover for people, but let them know that people are always capable of straying away if they allow themselves to, but the Kingdom of God is perfect and we all are striving for that. **2Co 4:2**

5. **Forget the perks?** – You can't sell Christianity, but you can show the benefits. No one wants what you don't want. So, learn and enjoy the benefits of Christianity so you will have reason to share it with others. **Ps 68:19**

SUMMARY

The best place to witness is where you are! People around you at work, at school, family and neighbors should be your first conquests. Door to door and street preaching are no longer safe so, it's better to start with those you know. We can spread the Gospel effectively through the internet, social networks, and email. We can talk to those we come in contact with from time to time, but the best way is to be prepared at all times so that God can place people in your path so you can share his truth with them. **Prov 11:30**

3John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest **prosper** and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

James 1:19 ¶ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

2Cor. 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not

walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Psa. 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

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