

## Win The Lost — 9/01/24

**TEXT — 1 Corinthians 9:16-17** *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.*

**INTRO — Song by Leon Ellis**

As we look all around us  
We see all of the fields are white,  
Ripened unto harvest  
and so quickly comes the night;  
Christians must get busy, There is work to do!  
Here's an urgent task awaiting you.

**Chorus**

Souls are crying, men are dying  
Won't you lead them to the cross!  
Go and find them, help to win them,  
Win the lost at any cost.

**Proverbs 29:18** *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

### I. Go and Find Them

- Go means to start – there must be initiative- followed by effort
- Go means you are looking for the lost.
- Go means you are concerned for their soul.
- Go means somewhere you are not.
- Go doesn't allow for any excuses
- **Go is not a matter of can or can't but will or won't**

**Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Look in the highways and hedges.

The book of Acts of the Apostles is filled with preaching and teaching the Bible resulting in thousands of souls saved.

### II. How Can We Reach The Lost?

I learned soul-winning from Dr. John R. Rice. It was a great help and a great place to start. I also read Jack Hyle's "Personal Soul-Winning How to Do It."

The plan was to go door to door and witness to someone who answered the door. Lead them to Christ, get them to promise to attend

Sunday, and walk down to the front expressing their newfound faith followed by baptism.

It was helpful and a great challenge to try to reach the lost cold turkey. Still, it is a good plan but there are additional ways to reach the lost that can be effective.

**1. Witnessing must be a way of life not just a weekly two hour period of time.**

**1 Corinthians 4:1-2** *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

**2. Witnessing may involve a greater commitment of time.**

Getting to know a person and gaining their trust. Teaching them through a Bible study.

**Philippians 1:20-21** *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

**3. Witnessing may involve helping a person with life issues.**

**4. Witnessing may involve inviting someone to church.**

**5. Witnessing will mean that not every person will follow through.**

**Isaiah 55:11** *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

**6. Witnessing involves the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Romans 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.*

**7. What commitment are you willing to make?**

**Luke 9:62** *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

**8. Witnessing is not easy**

**9. Witnessing involves consistency.**

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**10. God promised us power.**

### III. The Fruit of Witnessing

**A. A soul is saved from hell**



## **B. We are blessed**

**John 15:1-11** *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 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. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 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. 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. 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. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

## **C. God is glorified**

### **D. The church is strengthened**

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**CONCL** – The saying he who hesitates is lost. But if we hesitate, **they** will be lost. **Ecclesiastes 11:4** *He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.*