

The Great Imperative

Welcome To Harvest Community Church

Series: Soul-Winning 101

Text: Proverbs 11:30

There are two priorities of every Christian, two commitments that we are to be dedicated to fulfilling in our life.

1. The Great **Commandment** **Matthew 22:37-40**
2. The Great **Commission** **Matthew 28:19-20**

Soul-Winning is simply about **people** coming to Christ. It is about bringing people to Jesus and not seeing them lost to the devil. Soul-Winning is not about people joining a certain church or denomination, it is about making **disciples**.

Jesus came because people needed to be saved from their sins and to be born again into the **Kingdom** of God. All of us have sinned; all of us are undone, lost, ruined sinners who cannot save themselves. We need to **know** this and help others realize this.

Being saved is not about immediate outward change but an **inward** change of the heart. Whoever becomes born again becomes a child of God. **John 3:3**

Being a soul-winner means that we are those who cause people to realize their need for Christ as a personal Savior, to **lead** them to receive Him, **confess** Him, depend on Him and commit themselves **wholly** to Him with a heart of faith.

Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13-14, 1 John 1:9

Three Significant Truths Every Christian Needs to Grasp

1. **Every** Christian ought to win souls
2. Every Christian ought to have a holy **passion**, a tearful compassion and urgent fervor and zeal for the lost.
3. We must have a divine enablement, the **power** of the Holy Spirit to work miracles in saving souls.

Reasons I Must Win Souls

- We are **commanded** to. Soul-Winning is the main business of the Christian. It is the nearest thing to the heart of God. Soul-Winning is not something we are **gifted** to do, it is something we are equipped to do. Winning souls is both the privilege and **responsibility** of every child of God.

Soul-Winning is not about making converts but about making **disciples**.

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus took three years to mentor 12 men.

This involves more than just having people repeat a prayer, this must be followed by baptism and teaching. Remember, newborns are not left alone to grow.

- Jesus' love for us and others **compels** us to win souls. **John 3:16, John 14:15,21**
- The promise of **heaven**. **John 14:1-3, Luke 15:10**
- The reality of **hell**. People will perish without Christ. **John 3:14-15, 2 Peter 3:9**
 If you saw someone choking or in a burning building, you would try to help them. **Romans 6:23** Try to imagine the heat and torment of an eternity separated from God. There is also hell on **earth**, many experience pain and agony and the difficulty of everyday living apart from God. One reason to share the Gospel is for the benefits it brings in our present world. (Peace, safety, wisdom, help, assurance...)
- What He did for **me** **John 4:29**

The Benefits of Soul-Winning

1. Lives are **changed**. **James 5:19-20**
2. Soul-Winners are **wise** because they realize the absolute value people have to God. **Proverbs 11:30**
3. Soul-Winners are **partners** with God. **2 Corinthians 6:1**
4. Soul-Winners will **shine** **Daniel 12:3**
5. Soul-Winners are happy and have true **fulfilment** **Psalms 126:5-6**

A Biblical Pattern of Soul-Winning – Psalm 126:6

- a) Goes forth- The first part of Gospel is **Go**. The main reason many Christians do not win souls is they simply don't get at it. What is the most beautiful part of those who spread the gospel? Is it the mouth? Is it the kind and loving spirit? The most beautiful part of a soul-winner is their **feet**. **Isaiah 52:7, Nahum 1:15, Romans 10:15, Ephesians 6:15**
 Walking comes before **talking**, soul-winning begins with the feet, not the mind, intellect or mouth, not wealth or influence. What good is a mouth without feet to carry it?
- b) The **broken** heart for the lost. **Acts 20:31, Jeremiah 9:1, Jonah 4:9-11**
 We must never grow cold against the lost.

- c) Take the seed of the Word of God. **Romans 10:16-17, Luke 8:11-15**
- d) Shall come again – this is the certainty of results. **Matthew 13:23**
- e) Rejoicing bringing sheaves with him – the soul-winner's reward. **Hebrews 12:2**