

29. HINDRANCES TO SUCCESSFUL SOUL-WINNING

Bible Reading: Romans 10:1-15.

Aim: To re-motivate us to the seriousness of soul winning. What things hinder Christians from being successful soul winners?

1. Getting sidetracked to something else: eg. making money (Matthew 13:22), not following Jesus (Matthew 4:19), losing your vision of eternity (Proverbs 29:18).
2. Not praying 'Ye have not because ye ask not.' James 4:2. We must pray to become better soul winners. Some results of prayerlessness are laziness, no zeal, and no love for souls.
3. Not following the Roman Road plan. Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:13.
Use the STOP Tract!
a) When Christians don't use it they fail as soul-winners.
b) They then conclude that they don't have the gift of soul winning.
c) They then give up on soul winning.
4. Not following up those contacted. Be friendly, spend time with new and young Christians to encourage them. Don't fear failure or rejection. Have a home Bible study with them.
5. Not doing soul winning wholeheartedly. Have a special time to do soul winning each week eg. Sunday 3-5pm. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10.
Not sowing means not reaping. Ecclesiastes 11:1-4.
6. Fear of what people will think. Proverbs 29:25. The worst that can happen is that the person may not want to see you again. This frees you to go see someone else.
7. Sin in your life. II Peter 2:19. Sin brings us into bondage, and hinders the Holy Spirit from powerfully working through us. Confess sin to God continually.
8. Not loving God or people enough. "the love of Christ constraineth us." II Corinthians 5:14.

Conclusion: If you know someone you want to tell the gospel to, let me know, and we'll go together so you can learn from the preacher how to do soul winning. Ask God to give you a burden for soul winning. This is why we exist as a church.