

Proverbs 11:30, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”



Overcoming fear is usually the biggest hurdle when it comes to winning others to Christ. This fear can be the fear of simply talking, feeling as if you won't know the right words to say. It may be fear of rejection, having someone speak rudely. Everyone wants to be liked, but no one wants to be despised or rejected. Sharing the Gospel for the first time can be described as stepping out of your comfort zone. You may feel discomforts whether you are an outgoing person or you are a shy person.

The more you overcome this fear, the better it gets. But at times, you may still be tempted with fear.

Why? The devil is the author of fear and it is his goal to keep you silent. But keeping silent is sin. A sin of omission, not doing what God tells us to do. Sharing the Gospel is not optional for a Christian.

The easiest form of sharing the Gospel is the use of Gospel tracts. You can place this in the envelope with your bill payment. But don't forget to pray over that tract first before you place it in the mail.

While you are at a restaurant or through a drive through, you can hand someone a tract. But don't forget to pray for that person as you drive away.

Many times I will ask someone if I can give them something to read for later. Very few people will reject. I have gotten a few rejections and a few sneers, but overall many 'thank you' responses. I will never know how many people have gotten saved due to tracts that I have personally handed out. But I know that I am not just following God's command, I am personally being used by the Holy Spirit to assist in the leading of others to our blessed Savior. That's a job worth doing diligently!

There are many other blessed times, when I get the opportunity to open up the Word of God and actually show someone how to be a Christian. These memories will not be soon forgotten because your soul will literally light up with joy along with theirs.

I personally believe that winning souls is much more than just leading them to a saving knowledge of Christ. It is also training them in the Word so they are no longer babes in Christ. It is helping them to become a witness for Christ as well.

This takes time, work, study and patience. They may have questions you never dreamed of, things that are stumbling blocks in their path of faith. You may have to study God's Word to find the answers. You may also have to help them dig out the boulder and heave it to the side. You will need to be patient with them as they fail and fall, encouraging them to not give up, seek forgiveness and move forward.

It may feel as if you are a parent training a child at times. But God has called us to help one another. You may have to help them be diligent in reading God's Word daily. You may have to help them pray. You may have to make time to fast and pray for them. You may have to help them memorize scripture. You may have to help them be faithful to church attendance. You may have to help them to not be offended by others in the church. Remember Satan's goal is to get them out of church and out of God's Word. Your enemy is mad! You may be called to work hard to help them. You may shed many tears for them. You may get discouraged and think you are failing. But if God has called you to train them, you can do it. The best coach in all the world is right by your side and He will never fail you. Just trust in Him and move forward.

Remember,
you may be
the only Bible
that others
read.

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