HOW CAN I BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS?

- A. Be <u>Saved</u> yourself (and have assurance of it)
- (Luke 6:39 The blind can't lead the blind)
- B. Be <u>Spirit-filled</u> (Eph. 5:18)
- C. Be <u>Close</u> to Jesus (John 15:1-8, 16)
- D. Be <u>Compassionate</u> See people through the perspective of Jesus (Mt. 9:36-38)

E. Be <u>Burdened</u> - Have a deep realization that all men without Christ are lost and doomed. *The Doom of the Lost*

- 1. Luke 16:19-31 -
 - --eternal conscious torment
 - --eternal unfulfilled desire (v. 24)
 - --eternal memory (v. 25)
 - --eternal hopelessness (v. 26)
 - --eternal loneliness (v. 19-21)
- 2. Mt. 8:12 outer darkness
- 3. Mt. 13:42 <u>furnace</u> of fire
- 4. Mt. 25:41 everlasting fire
- 5. Mt. 25:46 everlasting punishment
- 6. Mk. 3:29 eternal damnation
- 7. Rev. 11:7 bottomless pit
- 8. Rev. 20:10 lake of fire and brimstone
- 9. Rev. 21:8 second death

F. Be Bold

How to Overcome Fear: (John 7:13)

- 1. Remember His presence is with you(Mt. 28:20; Acts 18:9-10; Heb. 13:5-6)
- 2. <u>Pray</u> for boldness (Acts 4:29, 31; Ps. 34:4)
- 3. Trust <u>God</u> for results, not yourself (I Thes. 2:2)
- 4. Know the <u>adequacy</u> of the Gospel message (Rom. 1:14-16; Heb. 4:12)
- 5. Memorize approach questions and a soul-winning <u>plan</u> (I Pet. 3:15)
- 6. Be more concerned about winning souls than winning friends (Gal. 1:10)
- 7. Don't be afraid of:
 - a. Making a <u>mistake</u> (the greatest mistake you can make is to say nothing)
 - b. Doing more harm than good
 - c. Being asked <u>questions</u> (If you don't know the answer, assure them that the Bible has one, and promise to get back with them)
- 8. <u>Begin!</u> ("In soul-winning, more than half the battle is won by beginning. Nobody would be walking today if they hadn't made their first attempt as a baby.")

G. Be <u>Prepared</u> (I Pet. 3:15)

Always carry tracts, a pocket New Testament, and have a <u>plan</u> of salvation memorized.

H. Be Focused

Keep your message focused on <u>Christ</u> (John 16:14) and what He did on the <u>Cross</u> to pay for our sins (John 3:30; I Cor. 1:23).

I. Be <u>Personal</u> (Acts 22:3ff) Be willing to share what Christ did for you.

Your Testimony

Call to remembrance the events that led to your salvation. Then write out your testimony and memorize it so you can be ready to tell it to others.

- You can use this outline to write your testimony:
- 1. <u>Before</u> I trusted Christ (what I was before)
- 2. <u>How</u> I trusted Christ (what I realized)
- 3. <u>Since I trusted Christ</u> (what He has done in my life)
- J. Be <u>Praved-up</u> (James 5:16) "All who attempt to win the lost must speak to <u>God</u> for <u>men</u> before speaking to <u>men</u> for <u>God</u>."
- K. **Be** <u>Armed</u> (Eph. 6:10-18) There are three enemies which fight against soul-winning:
 - 1. The <u>World</u> (opposition from people)
 - 2. The <u>Flesh</u> (laziness and selfish pleasures)
 - 3. The Devil (attacks from the Adversary)
- L. Be <u>Steadfast</u> (I Cor. 15:58)

The Basic, Essential Elements of the Plan of Salvation

5 Facts that any unsaved person needs to understand & believe in order to be saved.						
	5 VITAL CONCEPTS A LOST PERSON NEEDS TO KNOW		AN EXPLANATION OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION	ROMANS ROAD	JOHN'S ROAD	Revelation ROAD
Fact # 1	SIN	Lies; Stealing; Adultery; anger; Lust; Bitterness; Pride; Selfishness etc.	You have <u>sinned</u> against God.	3:10,23	3:19-20	21:8
Fact # 2	JUDGI		There is a <u>price</u> for sin. Your sin must be punished.	6:23	3:36	20:11-15
Fact # 3	CROS	S	Christ <u>died</u> and <u>paid</u> the penalty for you.	5:8	3:16-17 (10:11)	5:9
Fact # 4	GIFT		Jesus lives, and wants to freely <u>give</u> you eternal life.	6:23	10:28 (14:6)	22:17
Fact # 5	BELIE	VE	If you will <u>trust</u> (accept, rely upon; put your faith in) Christ alone, you will be saved!	10:9-13	1:12 (5:24)	3:20

* Facts #1 & 2 point to man's <u>need</u> for salvation

* Facts #3 & 4

* Fact # 5

point to God's <u>provision</u> for salvation points to man's <u>reception</u> of salvation (the <u>necessity</u> of salvation) (the <u>arrangement</u> of salvation)

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