

## **II. THE CREDENTIALS WHICH WE NEED TO HAVE TO BE A SOULWINNER**

### **A. The person who would win others to Christ must make some spiritual preparation in his life.**

#### **These must include:**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ life (II Cor. 5:17; I Pet. 1:23).

Unless a person has been saved and has experienced the new birth in Christ he has no testimony to share with others. Paul could tell others about the Lord because he had met the Lord.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ life (Rom. 12:1).

Soulwinning requires a submission of one's self to God's will and a willingness to live a sacrificial life for the Lord. Paul's life was a surrendered life (Phil. 1:21) and God used him to win others.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ life (II Tim. 2:21).

Having a clean life means dealing with sin in your life. This means confessing all secret sins and having one's thought life brought under subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ (II Cor. 10:5).

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ life (Eph. 5:18; Zech. 4:6).

A Spirit-filled life is a life controlled by the Holy Spirit and it is manifested by obedience to God's Word. For the believer to be Spirit-filled he must be free of any known, unconfessed sin in his life.

5. An enlightened \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 119:130)

The soulwinner must know what Scriptures to share with others to lead them to Christ. Scriptures included in the so-called "Roman's Road" are essential for salvation.

6. A burdened \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 126:5,6; Rom. 9:2).

When Billy Sunday was asked the secret of soulwinning success, he reportedly walked over to a window and looking at the masses on the streets said, "They are going to hell! They are going to hell! They are

going to hell!" Then he said, "If there's a secret to my winning souls it's because I really believe that men without Christ are going to hell!"

7. A compassionate \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 9:36).

Winning others to Christ requires compassion for those who are lost. To really love others is to care and when we care it is shown. Someone has said, "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care."

8. A stirred-up \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:16,17).

The apostle Paul couldn't stand by with an apathetic and indifferent attitude while others were steeped in idolatrous beliefs. He didn't say, "We all have our own beliefs and I'm not going to knock anyone's religion." He was stirred-up in his spirit to share the truth with those who were deceived by the devil.

**B. The person who would win others to Christ must make some personal and practical preparations in his life.**

**These must include...**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ appearance (Isa. 52:11; Rev. 19:8).

Having an untidy appearance will turn people off for the Lord. For this reason a soulwinner must display a neat appearance with hair combed, shoes shined, and clothes nicely pressed. Care should be taken to avoid body odor and bad breath.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ disposition (Prov. 18:24; Dan. 6:3).

A friendly attitude will open the door oftentimes to share the gospel, but a grouchy disposition can assuredly close the door to winning others. A smile will usually gain the attention of others.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will (Joshua 1:7; Rom. 8:31; Prov. 29:25).

People who lack courage and determination will not accomplish very much. God uses those who will have the courage to trust Him and exhibit determination to fulfill His calling.

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ ear and heart (Rom. 12:15; I Cor. 9:22).

Listening to the problems of others and showing interest and compassion will oftentimes win a person's confidence and lead to an open door for salvation.

5. An \_\_\_\_\_ purpose (I Cor. 2:2; Acts 20:24).

Soulwinners must stay on track and look for opportunities to share the Gospel and win others to Christ.