

WINNING AT WHAT MATTERS MOST
If You Are Not Winning Souls Than You're Not Winning!
Part One: Preliminary Issues
Message Three: The *Resistance* to Soul-Winning
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INTRODUCTION:

Prov. 11: 30, 31:

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. ³¹ If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

Here are some principles that we will reiterate on a regular basis throughout this series:

1. **The U-Haul Principle:** You will never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul; the only thing you can take to heaven is other people.
2. **The Horseshoes Principle:** “Almost” only counts in horseshoes; the hardest people to reach are the “good” and “religious” people. Remember that being “almost” saved is the same as being lost!
3. **The U-Turn Principle:** People won't u-turn unless you turn! That is, people won't repent unless you live what you say.

This series looks like this:

Part One: Preliminary Principles

Part Two: Presentation Principles

Part Three: Problem Principles

Part Four: Power Principles

PROPOSITION: There are no fewer than seven reasons people resist soul-winning.

I. LACK OF PREACHING ON SOUL-WINNING CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING. Romans 10:14, 15.

II. DISTORTED THEOLOGICAL ASSUMPTIONS CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

A. Calvinism versus Arminianism.

B. Deference to the Clergy.

C. Misapplication of Spiritual Gifts.

D. The Belief that “Those Who Have Never Heard” are Not Accountable.
Acts 4:12.

1. False Belief: Some People are “Innocent.”

a. Ignorant People are Innocent People.

b. God is Too Loving and “Fair” to Allow “Innocent” People to Go to Hell.

c. Innocent People are “Saved” People.

d. Saved People Go to Heaven.

e. Therefore, Those Who have Never Heard will Go to Heaven.

2. The Hard Truth: Only Those Who Call on Jesus (Literally) Will Be Saved.

a. None of Us is “Innocent”

b. God is “Just,” not “Fair”

c. While Ignorance may Seem Like an Excuse, There is No Excuse for Ignorance

i. Revelation Level One: Creation (Romans 1:16-25).

ii. Revelation Level Two: Conscience (Romans 2:12-16).

iii. Revelation Level Three: Christ (Romans 3:10-24).

d. God is Just and Right in Condemning Those Who Die Without

Christ

III. FEAR CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

- A. The Fear of Rejection.
- B. The Fear of Failure.
- C. The Fear of Success.
 - 1. God will not call you to do anything He has not equipped you to do.
 - 2. Rejection is not to be taken personally.
 - 3. Whether people get saved or not is God's business, not yours.

IV. PERCEIVED LACK OF COMPETENCE CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

V. LACK OF TRAINING FOR SOUL-WINNING CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

VI. APATHY CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

VII. SIN CAUSES PEOPLE TO RESIST SOUL-WINNING.

- A. Sin Diminishes a Christian's Conviction.
- B. Sin Diminishes a Christian's Compassion.
- C. Sin Diminishes a Christian's Credibility.
- D. Sin Diminishes a Christian's Confidence.

APPLICATION: Seven steps to break down your resistance to soul-winning:

- 1. Listen closely to this series and attend as much as possible.
- 2. Learn and maintain correct interpretations of the Bible.

3. Overcome your fear of soul-winning.
4. Develop skills in soul-winning, and “practice” what you “preach.”
5. Attend as many training opportunities as you can, and continue to search the scriptures to “learn” more about soul-winning.
6. Ask God to give you a heart-felt burden for lost people.
7. Confess and turn from the sin in your life.