

MAKING LIFE
WORK
REAL SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

PART 3: BE WISE!

"THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A
TREE OF LIFE, AND HE WHO WINS SOULS
IS WISE." PROVERBS 11:30

**WINNING SOULS
IS THE SOUL
OF MISSIONS.**

A TREE OF LIFE

GENESIS: God creates the tree of life for man but sin cursed it into perpetual dormancy.

REVELATION: God restores the tree of life for the redeemed with perpetual access to its healing properties.

PROVERBS: God uses the righteous as a "tree of life" through the life-giving power of their words.

“ WINS SOULS ”

- Strong idea in the New Testament
- Vague idea in the Old Testament
- Phrase isn't used except in Proverbs

**ITS MEANING
TO CAPTURE A CITY;
TO INFLUENCE A PERSON TO THE
PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

HOW TO CAPTURE & INFLUENCE SOULS

THROUGH PERSUASION:
the irresistible guidance of a
reasoned opinion

“DIRECT YOUR KIDS ONTO THE RIGHT PATH, AND WHEN THEY ARE OLDER,
THEY WON'T LEAVE IT.” PROVERBS 22:6

PARENTAL INFLUENCE

**Both Parents
Faithful and Active:**

93% of children remain faithful to church as adults

**One Parent
Faithful and Active:**

73% of children remain faithful to church as adults

**Both Parents
Regular But Non-Engaged:**

53% of children remain faithful to church as adults

**Both Parents
Inconsistent:**

6% of children remain faithful to church as adults



GOD HAS GIVEN YOU INSIGHTS AND INFLUENCE—USE THEM TO WIN SOULS TO THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

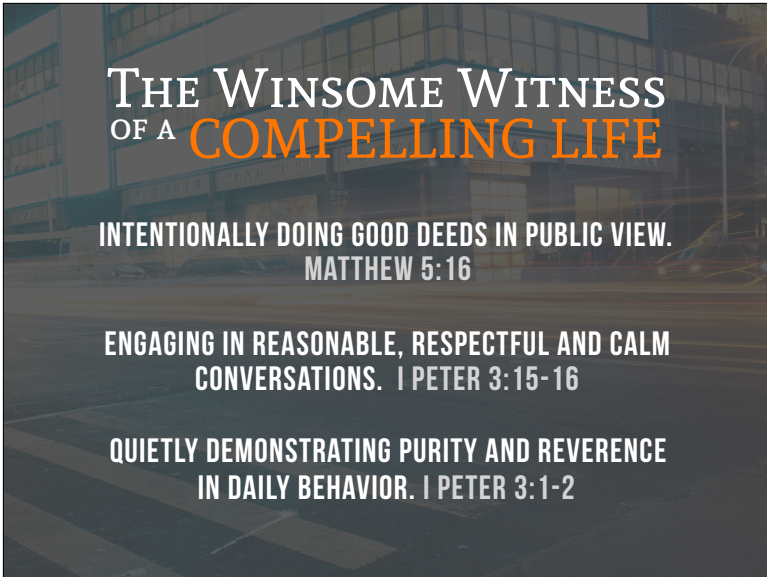


HOW TO CAPTURE & INFLUENCE SOULS

THROUGH EXAMPLE:
an attractive lifestyle

“FOLLOW THE STEPS OF GOOD PEOPLE.” PROVERBS 2:20

“THROUGH YOUR GOOD LIVES YOU WILL MAKE GOSPEL OF GOD OUR SAVIOR MORE ATTRACTIVE.” TITUS 2:10

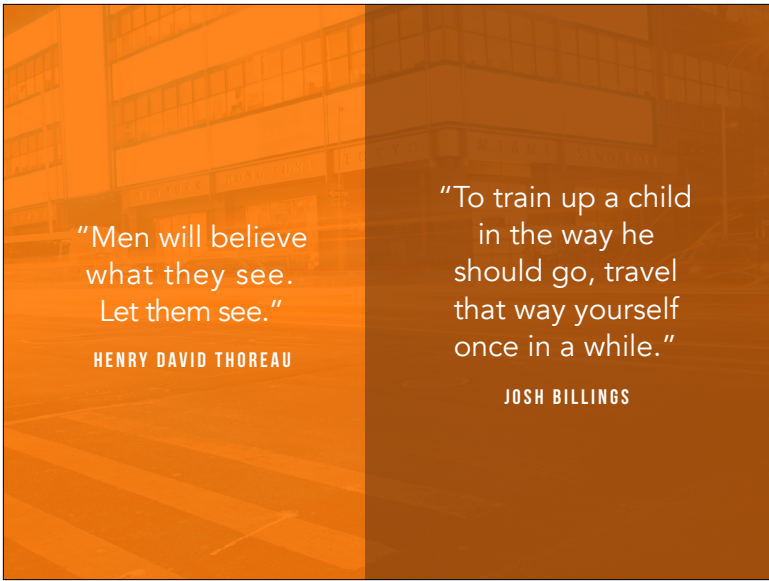


THE WINSOME WITNESS OF A COMPELLING LIFE

INTENTIONALLY DOING GOOD DEEDS IN PUBLIC VIEW. MATTHEW 5:16

ENGAGING IN REASONABLE, RESPECTFUL AND CALM CONVERSATIONS. I PETER 3:15-16

QUIETLY DEMONSTRATING PURITY AND REVERENCE IN DAILY BEHAVIOR. I PETER 3:1-2



“Men will believe what they see. Let them see.”

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

“To train up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.”

JOSH BILLINGS



HOW TO CAPTURE & INFLUENCE SOULS

THROUGH INVESTMENT:
leveraging worldly wealth for eternal gain

“DON'T WALK AWAY IF SOMEONE DESERVES HELP...WHEN THE MONEY'S IN YOUR POCKET.” PROVERBS 3:27-28

“USE WORLDLY WEALTH TO GAIN FRIENDS...THEN THEY WILL WELCOME YOU INTO YOUR ETERNAL HOME.” LUKE 16:9



**YOUR
MISSIONAL INVESTMENT
PLUNDERS HELL TO
POPULATE HEAVEN!**

THE WISDOM OF SOUL WINNING

#1

**INFLUENCING PEOPLE TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS IS WISE BECAUSE
OF THE JOY IT BRINGS ME.**

“CELEBRATE! I’VE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP! THERE’S MORE JOY
IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER’S RESCUE THAN OVER THOSE
WHO NEED NO RESCUE.” LUKE 15:5-6

THE WISDOM OF SOUL WINNING

#2

**INFLUENCING PEOPLE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
IS WISE BECAUSE IT EXERTS MY GREATEST
IMPACT ON ETERNITY.**

“REMEMBER THIS: WHOEVER TURNS A SINNER FROM THE
ERROR OF HIS WAY WILL SAVE HIM FROM DEATH AND COVER
OVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS.” JAMES 5:20









WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

STEP 1 **Investigate**—absorb the written missions material; come to the missions interactive

STEP 2 **Intercede**—pray, “God, what do you want me to do?”

STEP 3 **Invest**—engage locally, give globally

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