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TO WINNING AT LIFE

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

AT YOUR WISEST



*“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and
he who wins souls is wise.”*

Proverbs 11:30

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A Peculiar Proverb

- It's two key phrases are rarely (*"tree of life"*) if ever (*"wins souls"*) used elsewhere in Scripture.
- *"Win souls"* does not refer to traditional evangelism, but to attracting or taking captive with ideas, influencing others to righteousness.



Soul-Winning Methodology

- Persuasion—a verbal witness (I Peter 3:15)
- Example—an attractive lifestyle (I Peter 3:1-2)
- Invitation—a simple offer (John 1:41-42)

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A Peculiar Proverb

- The benefits of soul-wining are usually attributed to the convert; here they are attributed to the soul-winner: They are wise!

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Soul-Winning Wisdom

1. TO INFLUENCE A PERSON TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
FULFILLS THE HIGHEST PURPOSE FOR WHICH WE
WERE RE-CREATED.

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Soul-Winning—Reflecting Glory

- We express God's heart. John 3:16, Luke 15:4, II Peter 3:9
- We extend Christ's purpose. Luke 19:10, Matthew 4:19
- We tell the Bible's story. II Timothy 3:15, II Corinthians 3:2
- We complete the church's mission. Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Matthew 24:14

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Soul-Winning Wisdom

2. TO INFLUENCE A PERSON TO RIGHTEOUSNESS EXERTS THE 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

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Soul-Winning Wisdom

3. TO INFLUENCE A PERSON TO RIGHTEOUSNESS OFFERS THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL TO BEND THE FUTURE.

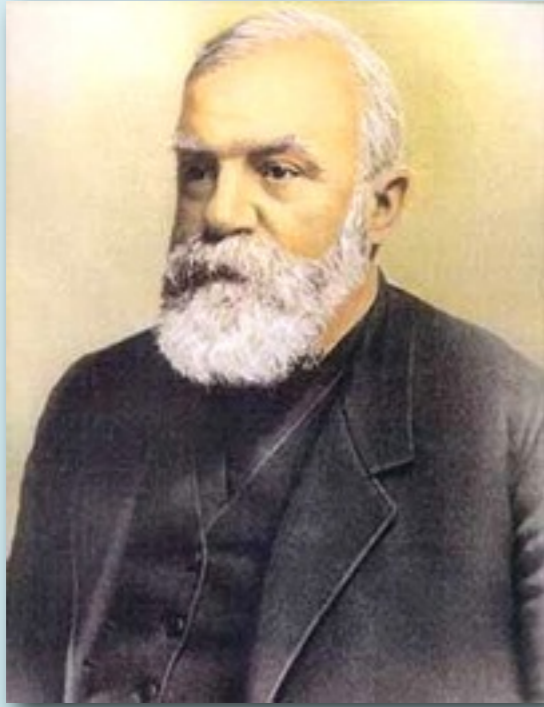
“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile”

Romans 1:16 (NLT)

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D.L. Moody



Billy Graham

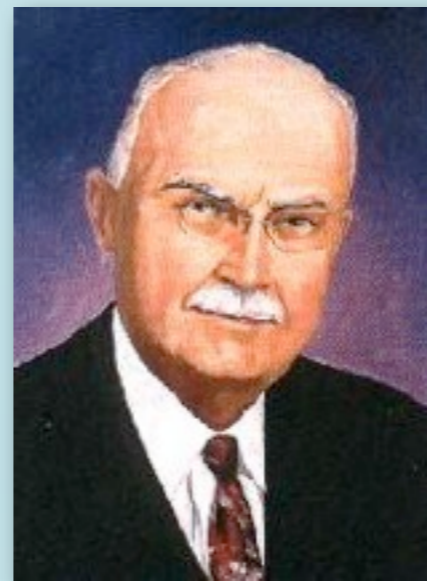


F. B. Meyer

Edward Kimball
A simple invitation
can change history



Billy Sunday



Mordecai Ham



J. Wilbur Chapman

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“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

Daniel 12:3

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A Wise & Winning Strategy

- **Identify**
- **Intercede**
- **Invite**

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