## Useful Verses for Biblical Soul Winning



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When witnessing, it is wise to highlight all necessary verses in your Bible.

Use four colors, one for each category: the WORD, the BLOOD, PAUL'S GOSPEL, and ETERNAL SECURITY.

The soul winner must have a working knowledge of how to present these correctly.

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#### THE LIVING WORD

(Highlight Word verses in blue)

The soul winner needs an authority on which to stand. The 1611 King James Holy Bible is axiomatic, or self-evident. The Scriptures need to be rightly divided (2 Timothy 2:15).

It is a soul winner's job to allow the Scriptures to speak for themselves without the soul winner interjecting any personal bias or opinion.

Begin your witness encounter here:

What does God say about himself?

1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. You've heard of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; but where is the Son mentioned in this verse?

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. We now know that the WORD was and is God.

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," We now know that the Word was made flesh? The Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great was the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.". Jesus says, "I AM THE TRUTH."

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Jesus says, "thy **WORD** is truth." Is this a contradiction? No. The conclusion is they are synonymous.

1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. Soul winners, stay close to the words of God and never let anyone steal them from your heart. They are essential! Being born again...by the Word of God...' When proclaiming them we must allow the words to do a work in peoples' hearts. Do not attempt to "seal the deal" or rush a profession of faith.

With seven short verses and a brief explanation, the soul winner has explained that Jesus is God who talks to humanity through His **WORD** via the Holy Spirit. What is written can also be trusted because the words are **TRUTH**.

#### THE GOOD PERSON TEST

(Highlight Negative verses in red)

DO NOT let the person "rabbit trail" by engaging in philosophic, religious, or scientific debate. Guide the conversation to the "Good Person Test" by using the moral law (10 Commandments) to bring about the knowledge of sin. It is a matter of the heart, not the intellect.

• A good place to begin is by asking, "Do you consider yourself good enough to go to heaven?" Never ever ask someone if they are saved!

Many people think they are saved because they "did the thing" that their church required such as: repeating a prayer, asking for forgiveness, asking Jesus into their heart, sacraments, water baptism, 'changing their ways', etc.

None of these are a biblical means of salvation, and they do not grant spiritual birth. Ye must be born again! The apex of the issue is: in whose righteousness do we trust, our own or the Lord Jesus Christ's?

Proverbs 20:6 "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?"

A person proclaims their own goodness when they answer with: I'm good enough to go to heaven, I hope I am, I think I am, I'm not sure, I'd like to think so, I haven't done anything that bad, or any other answer other than them trusting **ALONE** in what the Lord Jesus Christ did for them at the cross.

These proclamations show that the person trusts in their own righteousness and has not put their faith in the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

Romans 10:3 "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

If the person proclaims their own goodness, give them The Good Person Test:

- Have you ever told a lie? The charge against us would be "Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus 20:15
- Have you ever stolen anything, no matter when or the value? The charge against us would be "Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15
- Have you ever used the Lord's name in vain? That is to use it in a low way, without due honor. We wouldn't use our own mother's name as a cuss word out of respect. Why do we use the Holy name of God in such a manner? The charge against us would blasphemy. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7
- Have you ever looked upon another with lust? The charge against us would be adultery. Jesus says in Matthew 5, "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
- Have you ever murdered anybody? Have you ever hurt someone with harsh words or made fun of them? Jesus said in Matthew 5 that even if you're angry with your brother without a cause you're in danger of the judgment.

Romans 3:10-12 "(10) As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Familiarize yourself with the Ten Commandments and how to use the Moral Law while witnessing.

Exodus 20:3 Exodus 20:4

Exodus 20:7 Exodus 20:12

Exodus 20:13 with Matthew 5:27-28

Exodus 20:14 with Matthew 5:21-22

Remind of Jesus' words in Matthew 5, that even if we've looked at another with lust, we've committed adultery in our hearts.

Exodus 20:15 Exodus 20:16 Exodus 20:17

A person might correctly argue that we are no longer under the Old Testament. The ceremonial law was given to Moses and fulfilled at the death of the Lord Jesus Christ; however, the Moral Law is eternal. The words of the Apostle Paul regarding the Moral Law are as follows:

Galatians 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

Without the knowledge of the Moral Law we wouldn't see our need for a Savior. The Law brings about the knowledge of sin.

Return to the book of Romans and explain the consequences of sin.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death;"

Only highlight the first half of the verse in red. We are only focusing on the negative verses right now.

The "wages of sin" can be understood when a judge sentences a criminal to death for serious crimes. In like manner, we will die as a result of sin.

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

- After death, if God were to judge you by the Ten Commandments on Judgment Day would you be innocent or guilty?
- Heaven or hell?

Conviction does not manifest itself in any particular way. A person who agrees they are a sinner and headed for judgment may appear stoic, scared, broken, or guilt-stricken. Being confronted with personal sin and convicted by the Holy Ghost is often the most vulnerable moment of a person's entire human existence. Tread lightly with love and compassion.

James 4:6 "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

If a person is flippant about their sin and couldn't care less, use your discretion as to whether or not to continue with the encounter. Jesus came to save sinners. A person who resists the Holy Spirit and denies they have sinned sees no reason to be saved.

- Here is wisdom for the soul winner. At this juncture, give a courtroom scenario. The imagery helps the mind to better understand the legal implications of the cross. This helps remove any last-ditch efforts to justify oneself with any false hopes, such as:
  - 1. I'll ask for forgiveness.
  - 2. I'll repent of sins and/or change my ways, or some variation, etc.
  - 3. I've done more good than bad.

...all of which are common responses.

- The courtroom scenario: Imagine, if you will, that you're in a courtroom. There is a righteous judge on the throne (God), the Ten Commandments are His laws, and you and I are there as lawbreakers.
- If the accused were to say, Judge, I admit I've broken the law; however, will you forgive me? He will reply, "Justice must be satisfied. Time or Payment!" Simply asking for forgiveness does neither.
- If one were to say, Judge, I admit I've broken the law; however, since then I've stopped breaking the law, and I've changed my ways. The judge will reply, "You should stop breaking the law, but you already broke it, and the debt remains on your record. The passage of time does not mitigate. Time or a Payment!"
- If one were to say, Judge, I admit I've broken the law; however, I've done more good things than bad. He would reply, "So what! We are not here to review your good deeds, but instead, to review your debt to the law. Time or a Payment!"

Revelation 20:11-15 "(11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the seas gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And whosoever was out found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

• In God's courtroom when you are sentenced you will either do the time for your crimes in hell for eternity (eternal law, eternal punishment) or you will need a payment for them. To avoid doing the time for your sins, where will you find a fine payer?

# THE GOOD NEWS OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

(Positive Gospel verses in green)

Finally, soul winner, you can exclaim the good news!

Why is Paul's gospel of such importance?

Romans 11:13 "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:"

Galatians 1:8, 9 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (9) As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach unto any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

This is a strong admonition. Ponder on the many false gospels with which you'll encounter. For bonus points, find their origin in the Scriptures. Most come from a failure to rightly divide the Scriptures.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Explain that God saves us from hell when we BELIEVE the good news. Reiterate that it is not work on our part. Salvation is a transaction that takes place in the heart, similar to an understanding or an agreement.

Here is the continuation of the courtroom scenario:

- Let's go back to that courtroom. If the judgment demands time or a payment, and someone paid the penalty on your behalf, he could legally let you walk away free because the demands of justice have been met.
- We broke God's laws, so He came down into His creation as a man, the Lord Jesus Christ, and wrote a check for your personal sins with His Blood. He took upon Himself God's wrath for you, as a substitute (propitiation), so you wouldn't have to endure it in hell. He was judged and tried as if he were you.
- In a court of law, if someone has been tried, they cannot be tried a second time. The legal term for this is called double jeopardy. If Jesus was judged and tried as a substitute on my behalf, I cannot be tried for sin. My sinful record was laid to his charge, and his righteous record was imputed (credited) to me as a FREE GIFT.
- The 'standard' to get into heaven is righteousness, and on our own merit we have none. We could never make it on our own power. If the Lord Jesus Christ gives us His righteousness, whose righteousness do we possess?
- Before he laid down His life, he cried aloud "IT...IS...FINISHED!" Paid in full.
- All he asked YOU to do is agree that YOU'VE sinned and thereby have offended a righteous God, understanding the consequences of sin is eternal hell fire. BELIEVE in your heart that he loved you enough to die for you, was buried, and rose again from the dead on the third day. It is His BLOOD that buys our pardon. RECEIVE the free gift of salvation.
- Do you understand the good news and what He wants us to BELIEVE?

1 Corinthians 15:1-14 "(1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, (Reference Galatians 1:8-9) which also ye have <u>received</u>, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first that which I also <u>received</u>, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures;"

How did he die? By crucifixion. It is the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that buys our pardon. Soul winner, don't you ever forget the Blood, the Blood, the BLOOD!

Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

Grace can easily be explained as a free gift that one freely receives, of which they did not deserve, contribute to, or earn.

Here is a simple illustration. A Christmas present beneath a tree has your name on it. However, if you do pick up the gift and take it, you have never RECEIVED the gift.

Ephesians 2:8,9 "(8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

• How is the gracious gift of salvation received?

Romans 6:23 Highlight the second part of the verse with your 'positive' color. "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:9-13 "(9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture saith whosoever believeth on him. Shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

IMPORTANT: Be wary of the "sinner's prayer." Trusting a prayer for forgiveness does not save; however, if the person believes the gospel and trusts Christ as Savior in their heart, they should "call upon the name of the Lord." I've said many prayers with broken and contrite sinners as they transferred their trust from self toward the Savior and trusted Him to save them.

Be a humble servant, loving one another, willing to carry the gospel wherever you go, apt to teach others, and give God all the glory and praise. We are great sinners but he is a great Savior!

#### ETERNAL SECURITY

(Eternal security verses in purple)

Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." When God gives the gift of eternal life, he does not change his mind about it.

Ephesians 1:13-14 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, (14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory. We are sealed eternally.

1 John 5:11-13 "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

We will know we have eternal life when we receive it.