

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## *If You Are Trying to Win A Friend or Loved One to Christ*

Trying to win a friend or loved one to Christ can be one of the most difficult and frustrating tasks in all the world; but it can be so rewarding if we succeed! Proverbs 11:30 states, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.” All Christians should seek to win souls. The Great Commission commands Christians to do so— ...And he said unto them, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). Fulfilling this commission included teaching those in our own families and among our personal friends.

There are good and bad ways to go about this task. Sometimes a Christian is so close to the one he or she is trying to win to Christ that the proper perspective is lost and more harm is done than good. There are some things we need to keep in mind which will help us in trying to win a lost loved one to Jesus. Consider the following thoughts—

1. Your Christian example and influence are important. Always set a Christian example consistently (Matthew 5:14; Philippians 2:15). If you are easily persuaded to forsake Bible study and worship, you ruin your opportunity to save this soul.
2. Be willing to call on the elders or preacher for assistance in teaching this one. These men often have had more experience and success at winning souls privately than you may know. They are not your enemies, but are your best friends in this work. Sometimes the prospect objects to discussing the Bible with the preacher because of a deep fear of his objections being answered and he will be called upon to make a decision. Not seeking their counsel could set your efforts back, especially if you are not experienced or have not yet succeeded.
3. Do not be critical of the church, its work, the brethren, the preaching or bible classes in front of this prospect. Such behavior will discourage this one from obeying and he or she may use these negative comments as tools of Satan to avoid ever obeying the Gospel. Besides, to talk in such a way is sin (Ephesians 4:29-31).
4. Do not be so anxious to see this person baptized that you would be willing to by-pass the process of the necessary steps and length of time needed for the seed (the Word) to be properly planted in this person’s heart and begin to germinate. He or she needs to have time (Romans 10:17). Sometimes we become impatient and expect instant results. Such is not realistic, nor is it promised by the Lord (Luke 8:11-18; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9). Obeying the Gospel requires faith, commitment and self-sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2; Luke 9:23-24).
5. Expect your friend or loved one to become angry or cry, on occasion, when the conscience is pricked. This is a normal reaction by many. It means they are thinking; he or she is giving serious consideration to what is being taught. God’s Word is working in them. This is not time to apologize for the truth, but to reinforce it (John 8:32; Acts 7:51-54; 2:37-38, 41). Putting the old man of sin to death is a painful matter, and pain is to be expected.
6. Do not be offended on behalf of this one and do not compromise the truth he or she hears. Sometimes a non-Christian would not think to be offended if a weak brother or sister had not suggested it to them! To do such a thing is to betray Christ and the Gospel. Let the Word of God (the Gospel) run and have free course in their heart. Let them wrestle with themselves and the truth. Do not try to stifle it (2 Thessalonians 3:10. After all, if they are ever saved, it will be by the truth of the Gospel and by nothing else (Romans 1:16).

7. Remember, that often, one who argues and fights the most may be closer to obeying the truth than you may realize. In sales, a prospect who has no reaction to the salesman usually does not buy. It is the prospect who objects and argues most who is closest to giving in and making a purchase. Do not (you) give in at this point and ruin the sale (i.e., the conversion of this precious soul).

8. Pray for this one to have a heart open and receptive to the truth (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

9. Follow Peter's inspired commands on this subject (1 Peter 3:1-7).

—Stephen P. Waller

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Dale Raney**. Dale & Barbara Raney were former members of Eisenhower, but were currently attending the Tanglewood congregation. Dale passed away on January 14th at MCH from pneumonia and the Covid 19 virus. A memorial service was scheduled. Dale was 88 years old. Keep the Raney family in your prayers.

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Caimee Anne Mooney** was taken to the doctor's office last week due to a breathing problem. Her diagnosis was bronchitis. Caimee is doing lots better now. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

**Barbara Raney** was diagnosed with the Covid 19 virus along with her daughter, Lisa Jarma. Both are being treated but it was reported that they are improving. Remember these two in your daily prayers at this sad time.

**Hannah Weakland** underwent an out-patient surgery to have the plate in her arm removed on Thursday, January 28th. Continue to keep Hannah in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Jackie Rex** had three doctor appointments last week; one was in Lubbock. She has received a good report so far; just has a problem with walking.

**Andrew Durfee** (a friend of Hannah Weakland's) is doing much better now as he deals with the Covid 19 virus and his father is showing improvement as well.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; June Deavers; Doug Dowell; Kim Drake; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Tom Siler; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Luke Wells; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

Which gospel is the only one to record the healing of the two blind men who followed Jesus to the house where He was to stay? (a) Matthew (b) Mark or (c) Luke

## Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Solomon is the author of Psalm 127, which begins, "Unless the Lord builds the house; they labor in vain who build it"

**Events** Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

## Thank You

To my church family! What a blessing to have you in my life! The cards and calls always make my day better!  
Jackie Rex

## Office News

We will have a Potluck Luncheon in the annex today following our morning service then followed by our evening service in the Auditorium.

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home will be here March 2nd. They are requesting **Chicken Bouillon Cubes**. They also accept monetary donations.

## Food for Thought...

Folks are generally about as happy as they make up their mind to be.

Cast All Your Cares on Him. He Cares for You.

For many, the relief of having survived the traumatic 2020 was short-lived. 2021 has already brought its share of drama, suggesting the possibility of another difficult and challenging year. The stress of a global pandemic, political strife, division in the country and economic heartaches is real and impossible to escape entirely.

But what a joy and comfort it is to know that we do not face hard times alone. Our Lord is our source of strength, comfort and hope. The God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-5) is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and the foundation of a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). So really, what do we have to fear?

As the Word says, let us cast ALL our care on Him. Bring your worries, fears, stresses, troubles, doubts and hurts to God and let Him carry them. After all, they're too big for us. But God can handle our toughest situations with a strength and power that is vast beyond our imagination.

Be at peace, even in the midst of a stormy year.

God's got this.

—Jon K. Smith

## January 31, 2021

	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Jaxon Straw
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Richard Siler
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Joshua Weakland

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Jacob Carson

Tom Sorenson

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547— *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Scot Straw 288-4533— *Table:* Tom Sorenson 638-9447 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

### **Sunday AM**

“Joys of Truth”

(II John 1:12-13)

### **Sunday PM**

“Change in Attitude”

(I Thessalonians 5:16-22)

### **Our Records**

Bible Class... 38

Morning Worship ...70

Evening Worship ...53

Wednesday...47

Contribution... \$3,965.00