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**IDEAS FOR CHURCH GROWTH**

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**Part 1**

1 Timothy 3:1, “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good ***work****.*”

**SOUL WINNING**

1. Five to thrive

 A. Sunday school

 B. Sunday morning preaching

 C. Sunday night preaching

 D. Wednesday night Bible study

 E. A weekly soul winning time

2. Schedule personal and public times to go soul winning.

 A. Personal - You need it for you.

 B. Public - You need it for others.

3. Build soul winning programs to meet your people’s needs.

 A. Thursday Morning (Complete Times)

 10:00 – 12:30 PM - Ladies’ Joy Club Soul Winning Meeting

 B. Thursday night (Complete Times)

 6:30 – 8:30 PM - Teenage Soul Winning (bus)

 6:30 – 8:30 PM - College and Career Soul Winning (bus)

 7:00 – 8:30 PM - Adult Soul Winning

 C. Saturday Morning (Meeting Times)

 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Soul Winning Rally

 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Spanish Soul Winning Meeting

 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Ladies’ Rose Club Soul Winning Meeting

 2:00 - 5:00 PM - America for Christ

 D. Sunday Afternoon (Complete Time)

 3:00 – 4:30 PM - Men’s Soul Winning Meeting

4. It’s better for someone to go out 30 minutes then to not go at all. If you can get them to start going they will get bit. (Taste of the Lord and see that he is good.)

5. Build adult soul winning teams.

6. Each soul winner can train a soul winner.

7. Use a map with street names to prevent cross over soul winning.

8. Provide regular training especially before a spring or fall campaigns.

9. Design a professional looking tract in color.

10. Make tracts available in a visible, easy accessible place. We have a tract rack that holds 7,000 tracts, we keep it full all the time. Tracts or rubber band in bundles of 10.

11. Several times a year we have a “Children’s Tract Attack” event. Two of these times are always scheduled during our fall and spring Sunday school campaigns.

12. Soul winning Rally Order of Service

 A. I call everyone in out of the hallways.

 B. Brother Patrick will come and lead us in an exciting bus song.

 C. I come back and read the announcements. The announcements are bright, brief and brilliant. The announcements include:

 1.) Birthdays this week

 2.) Anniversary is this week

 3.) Activities this week

 D. Brother Patrick will come and lead us in another song.

 E. I come back and give a Bible challenge or soul winning tip.

 F. Need a partner, meet in the burgundy chairs when we dismiss.

 G. Need an assigned a place to go, stop by the church office on your way out.

 F. Need a visit to make, this is the “Visitors Follow-up Table” in the hallway.