HOW CAN I BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS?

A. Be Saved yourself (and have assurance of it) (Luke 6:39 - The blind can't lead the blind)
B. Be Spirit-filled (Eph. 5:18)
C. Be Close to Jesus (John 15:1-8, 16)
D. Be Compassionate - See people through the perspective of Jesus (Mt. 9:36-38)
E. Be Burdened - Have a deep realization that all men without Christ are lost and doomed.
The Doom of the Lost
1. Luke 16:19-31 -
   -- eternal conscious torment
   -- eternal unfulfilled desire (v. 24)
   -- eternal memory (v. 25)
   -- eternal hopelessness (v. 26)
   -- eternal loneliness (v. 19-21)
2. Mt. 8:12 - outer darkness
3. Mt. 13:42 - furnace of fire
4. Mt. 25:41 - everlasting fire
5. Mt. 25:46 - everlasting punishment
6. Mk. 3:29 - eternal damnation
7. Rev. 11:7 - bottomless pit
8. Rev. 20:10 - lake of fire and brimstone
9. Rev. 21:8 – second death
F. Be Bold
How to Overcome Fear: (John 7:13)
1. Remember His presence is with you (Mt. 28:20; Acts 18:9-10; Heb. 13:5-6)
2. Pray for boldness (Acts 4:29, 31; Ps. 34:4)
3. Trust God for results, not yourself (I Thes. 2:2)
4. Know the adequacy of the Gospel message (Rom. 1:14-16; Heb. 4:12)
5. Memorize approach questions and a soul-winning plan (I Pet. 3:15)
6. Be more concerned about winning souls than winning friends (Gal. 1:10)
7. Don't be afraid of:
   a. Making a mistake (the greatest mistake you can make is to say nothing)
   b. Doing more harm than good
   c. Being asked questions (If you don't know the answer, assure them that the Bible has one, and promise to get back with them)
8. Begin! (“In soul-winning, more than half the battle is won by beginning. Nobody would be walking today if they hadn't made their first attempt as a baby.”)
G. Be Prepared (I Pet. 3:15)
Always carry tracts, a pocket New Testament, and have a plan of salvation memorized.
H. Be Focused
Keep your message focused on Christ (John 16:14) and what He did on the Cross to pay for our sins (John 3:30; I Cor. 1:23).
I. Be Personal (Acts 22:3ff) Be willing to share what Christ did for you.

Your Testimony
Call to remembrance the events that led to your salvation. Then write out your testimony and memorize it so you can be ready to tell it to others.

You can use this outline to write your testimony:
1. Before I trusted Christ (what I was before)
2. How I trusted Christ (what I realized)
3. Since I trusted Christ (what He has done in my life)
J. Be Prayed-up (James 5:16) “All who attempt to win the lost must speak to God for men before speaking to men for God.”
K. Be Armed (Eph. 6:10-18) There are three enemies which fight against soul-winning:
   1. The World (opposition from people)
   2. The Flesh (laziness and selfish pleasures)
   3. The Devil (attacks from the Adversary)
L. Be Steadfast (I Cor. 15:58)
### The Basic, Essential Elements of the Plan of Salvation

#### 5 Facts that any unsaved person needs to understand & believe in order to be saved.

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<td>3:10,23</td>
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<td>Lies; Stealing; Adultery; anger; Lust; Bitterness; Pride; Selfishness etc.</td>
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* Facts #1 & 2 point to man's need for salvation (the necessity of salvation)
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