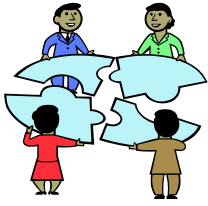


How to Win Souls in Spanish (and English)

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In order to lead a person to Christ, you must present the gospel and that alone. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ, that is the gospel. The gospel message carries with it, when spoken, the power of salvation. Persuasive words, clever analogies and personal testimonies alone do not produce a born-again believer. We must preach the simplicity of Christ and Him crucified if we want to have real results.

Learning and memorizing a routine keeps you on track and covering the several “pieces” or steps you should go through to lead someone to Christ. The first piece is the approach, which comes from the Rodney Howard Brown method. The second piece uses modified Evangelism Explosion diagnostic questions in order to determine if the person is born again. If the person is not sure or is relying on something other than faith in Christ, you announce the solution. In the third piece we attack the problem of sin and its penalty of death both physical and spiritual. The fourth piece presents the gospel message of the cross, burial and resurrection of Christ and asks if they believe it in order to allow them to confess their faith. The fifth piece is a prayer leading the person to call on the name of the Lord by confessing their sin, asking forgiveness, and receiving Christ into their heart.



Normally, if you can get past the first and second pieces without argument, you will be allowed to lead the person to Christ. If someone gets angry and or starts arguing, you may choose to end the presentation. People do not get argued into accepting Christ. The enemy is happy to distract you with such things so you won't get to the people who are ready to be saved.

If you would like to learn Spanish, this method is also presented in the textbook, *PIECES, Spanish for Christian Work*, by John St. Clair, Spanish Forum Publishing, Scottsdale, AZ

Pieza 1:

Hola. Me llamo _____. ¿Cómo se llama usted?

_____, ¿sabe usted que Dios le ama y que tiene un maravilloso plan para su vida?

[Esperar respuesta positiva ↓]

Pieza 2:

¿Me permite hacerle una pregunta? [Esperar respuesta positiva]

Pregunta Uno:

Si usted muere hoy, está seguro/a de ir al cielo? [Respuesta positiva → Pregunta Dos /

[Respuesta negativa ↓]

First Piece: - The Approach

Hi. My name is _____. What is yours? _____, do you know that God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life?

[This tests the waters to see if the person is receptive. If he/she appears to be receptive continue to the next piece.]

Second Piece:- Spiritual Diagnosis

[Finding out if the person is saved]

First Diagnostic Question:

If you died today, are you sure that you would go to Heaven?

[If they say they are sure, go to Second Diagnostic Question.]

[If they don't know or seem unsure, ask them if they would like to be sure.]

a. ¿Quiere usted estar seguro/a? [Respuesta positiva ↓]

b. Usted puede estar seguro/a por oír, creer y aceptar el evangelio. Es muy fácil. ¿Me permite explicarle el evangelio? Es muy simple y no lleva mucho tiempo. Como cinco minutos. [Respuesta positiva → Pieza 3]

Pregunta Dos:

Qué bueno que esté seguro/a. ¿Y por qué está seguro/a de ir al cielo?

[Respuesta correcta: → Gloria a Dios.

Terminar]

[Respuesta incorrecta: ↓]

Pieza 3

Nosotros tenemos un problema que no podemos resolver, porque todos somos pecadores. Yo soy pecador. ¿Reconoce usted que es pecador/a? [esperar respuesta]

La biblia dice que nadie es bueno, ninguno. Y la paga del pecado es muerte, pero el don de Dios es vida eterna en Jesucristo. ¿Sabe usted cómo recibir ese don? [Esperar respuesta]

—Es por oír, creer y aceptar el mensaje de Jesucristo. ¿Me permite explicarle el mensaje? Es muy simple y no lleva mucho tiempo. Como cinco minutos. [Esperar respuesta]

Pieza 4:

Dios mandó a su Hijo, Jesús, al mundo para morir por nosotros y pagar nuestros pecados. Murió en la cruz y después, fue sepultado. Al tercer día resucitó de los muertos y apareció a los apóstoles por cuarenta días. ¿Cree usted eso? [Esperar respuesta]

a. Would you like to be sure?

b. You can be sure by hearing, believing and accepting the gospel. It's real easy. Would you allow me to explain it to you? It's very simple and won't take long. About five minutes.

[If they say they are sure, proceed to Second Diagnostic Question]

Second Diagnostic Question:

It's wonderful that you are sure. And why are you sure?

[If the person answers that they accepted Christ or by the blood of Jesus or because I have put my trust in Him, the person is probably born again. If you think they are really not so sure about this, you may suggest a prayer to firm up their belief.]

[If the answer indicates trying real hard, being a good person or just that nobody's perfect, so He ought to just let me in on that basis, you need to go on and explain the sin problem and how that keeps us out no matter what we do on our own.]

Third Piece: The Sin Question

We have a problem we can't solve, because we are all sinners. I'm a sinner. Do you recognize that you are a sinner?

[They must confess to being a sinner in order to be saved.]

The bible says that nobody is good, not one. And the penalty for sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Do you know how to receive that gift?

[They are usually waiting to hear what that is.]

It is by hearing, believing and accepting the message of Jesus Christ. Would you allow me to explain the message to you? It is very simple and won't take much time. About five minutes.

[Since it won't take long, they usually let you present the gospel message.]

Fourth Piece: The Gospel Message

God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to die for us and pay for our sins. He died on the cross and then was buried. On the third day He rose from the dead and appeared to the apostles for forty days. Do you believe that?

[An affirmative response is crucial. Understand that in all this and especially with the kernel of the gospel, the power of God is at work. We are only a vessel presenting it.]

Pieza 5:

Ahora lo único que le falta es aceptar personalmente el mensaje. Vamos a orar. Repita después de mí...«Padre Celestial, ... vengo a Ti en el nombre de Cristo... Reconozco que soy pecador/a ...y que necesito tu salvación. ... Perdona ahora mis pecados ... los del pasado ... los del presente... y los del futuro. ... Te acepto a mi corazón. ... Me arrepiento de mis pecados... y voy a vivir por Ti el resto de mi vida. ... En el nombre de Cristo. Amén.

¡Bienvenido/a a la familia de Dios! Ahora tiene a Cristo en el corazón y es nacido/a de nuevo, y está seguro/a de entrar al cielo.

Fifth Piece: Calling on the Name of the Lord

Now the only thing left for you to do is to personally accept the gospel. Let's pray. Repeat after me..."Heavenly Father, ... I come to You in the name of Jesus ... I recognize that I am a sinner ... and that I need Your salvation. ...Forgive my sins now ... those of the past ... those of the present ... and those of the future. ... I accept You into my heart ...I repent of my sins ... and I will live for You the rest of my life. ... In the name of Jesus, Amen.

[Now you have led the person through all the steps necessary to be born again. And it is not you who did it, but the Holy Spirit working through you because you were obedient to follow His Word in preaching the simplicity of Jesus Christ.]

[In this last part of the fifth piece you can review any problems they presented with and how those are now submitted to the care of the Master. You can also give them an instruction sheet on how to begin their new life in Christ. You should also ask them if they feel any different after accepting Christ. The answer will build your confidence.]

Welcome to the family of God! Now you have Jesus in your heart and are born again, and you are sure to enter heaven.

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