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## Pride

### The One Reason Why People Do Not Get Saved

When one goes soul winning in transit (at bus stops and on the street) he gets about 15 refusals for every one acceptance of the tract he is handing out. Just today I was nearly assaulted by a drunk who happened to be with another 2 men when I offered them the gospel. He cursed God and threatened me. But that is rare, and I only make mention of it so you understand how people can hate God.

Very few people ever get saved when I go soul winning; however, *I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over **one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Luke 15:7).***

I often wondered why that was so, that so few ever got saved. I heard a message one time by a pastor that the reason people do not get saved is because of pride.

We all understand the pride of many rich people. Their faith is in their possessions and their money. They become lifted up with pride because they feel good about their method of making that money. They usually flaunt it in their cars, homes, clothes and many other things to tell the world that they are wealthy and successful. It is very difficult to get a wealthy man saved for these reasons, and rarely will you ever find a wealthy man waiting for a city bus. The wealthy have become harder to reach. It is a philosophy adopted by the wealthy that there is no God because you are a god



There is nothing wrong with wealth, but when it stands in the way of salvation it can be detrimental for a soul that has died. Rich people often neglect the plan of salvation in lieu of their monetary belongings because they become proud of their ability to make money.

yourself. You then do not need to be saved.

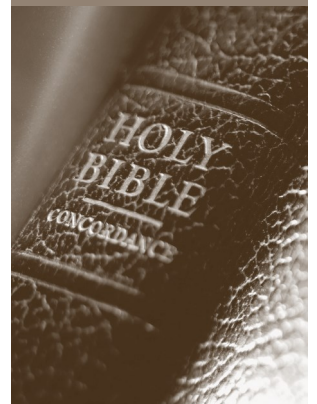
But it is not only the rich that are full of pride. Surprisingly enough, many many poor Americans have become prideful about themselves because of concupiscence, crime and other reasons. It seems the poor who are not prideful are the ones who try to maintain standards and abide by laws.

There have been many poor people to whom I have presented the gospel who utterly refuse it. Very often these are the women who are half-dressed, men who don't hold jobs or sport ghetto clothing and tattoos, and people who have broken the law on several occasions. At least a wealthy person can fall back on his money as it says in the Bible *money is a defense (Ecclesiastes 7:12)*, but what can

a poor person fall back on? He has nothing. The only hope for the poor is Jesus Christ.

The most we can do is go soul winning as often as possible and try to reach as many as we can—rich, poor and in-between.

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