



Albany's Capital Park

the Soulwinner

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ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Inner City

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The Foundation of the Christian Life

The Four Posts of the House

My former pastor preached a message about 15 years ago that I never forgot. It was one of the most helpful messages I ever heard him say from behind the pulpit. He said that one should liken his Christian life to a house with four posts. Each one of those posts is a duty to God. As long as each of the posts are in order and active, the house will never fall. But as soon as one or more of the posts is inactive, there is potential for the house to fall. And if all four posts are missing, the house will surely fall. So, what are those four posts?

The illustrations below are all linked to something that can help you in that area, or that post. Let me look at them one at a time.

The Bible is God's love letter to us, and it contains many instructions on how to obey and please God. When we obey God He can keep us and bless us in ways we never thought possible. The Bible gives history, prophecy (foretelling the future), commandments, explanations and instructions about man and God, and it also contains the very words that Jesus said when he was here. There is no way we can know God unless we are reading the Bible. In doing so we are better equipped to answer people's questions when we are soul winning.

Prayer allows us to talk to God and communicate with him on a daily basis. We can ask for things we need and if it is in his will he will give it to us. It is the answered prayer that gives us the hope of God that he finds it fit to bless us. We feel more of God's presence. Prayer also gives us a chance to glorify God for his miracles in the Bible (and in our lives), to thank God for the things he has given us and for his care for us, and to confess our sins to clear our conscious and to have a clean slate on a daily basis. We should also pray for others and their needs.

Church is where we go to hear from the pastor the Word of God to make our lives more congruent with God. Church gives us a chance to fellowship with believers, give a tithe to God, participate in helping others, and participate in the ministry.

Soul winning is the last post of the house. It is actually the most important thing you can do for God in your lifetime—win someone to Jesus. The other three posts are there to make this one better. Soul winning allows us to give back to God something only we can do for Him and He does not do for Himself. It invites us to care about one another's souls and not just the physical body. We can actively participate in a soul being saved from Hell.



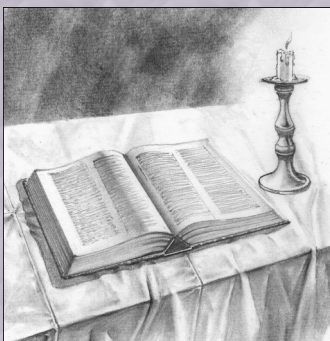
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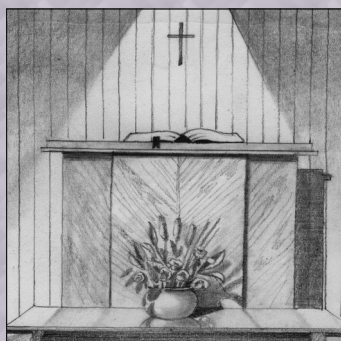
The Door to Sambucca



The four posts mentioned here have many things attached to them, but they provide us with a basis for which to keep the house from falling and to maintain our Christian life. You will find that as you make the posts to the house important o your life, your relationship with God will be closer.



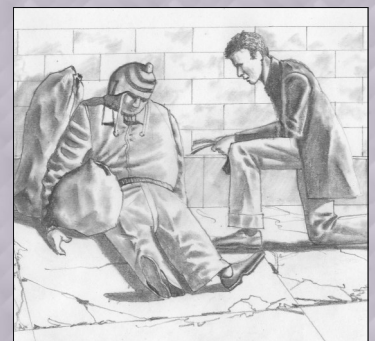
Reading the Bible every day helps us to understand God's commandments as well as His love for us. It brings us closer to the truth of the history of the world.



Going to church on a weekly basis allows us to hear from the Bible message what the pastor has for the people. There are many other aspects of church that we should be involved with also.



Praying every day, as Daniel is shown here, allows us to make our requests to God for things that are beyond us. It also gives us a chance to thank god, glorify Him and pray for others.



Soul winning on a weekly basis helps us to understand the condition of man with his God. It gives us a chance to fulfill the great commission and give the greatest gift we can give back to God.