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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Inner City.

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the **SOUWINNER** *One soul at a time*

Door-Knocking

Homes With Different Socio-Economic Levels

Just today, September 28, I handed a church tract to two people sitting on a bench on my way to the bus stop. I asked them if you died today are you 100% sure you are going to Heaven? They both said no. I then gave them the plan of salvation and they both got saved! Although I prefer this kind of soul winning (in-transit), there is another kind of soul winning that has its own set of benefits: **door knocking**.

The one word that comes to mind when I think about door knocking is **families**. It is a chance for the soul winner to greet entire families and even temporarily become a part of the family. If the occupant of the house is willing to let the soul winners in, you can literally meet the whole family around the kitchen table and win everyone to the Lord. Then you can invite them out to church to meet your family.

Make sure you have a partner or more than one when you go to people's doors and in their homes. There are potential liabilities surrounding this kind of thing and a partner can serve as a witness if you are falsely accused.

As it is with soul winning on the street, you will find many many occupants angry and bitter at God. They will not bid you Godspeed. Some are of other religions and will not let you in. Sometimes people do not want to let you in for safety reasons but will get saved at the door.

In the book of Acts, the disciples did a lot of door knocking: *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart (Acts 2:46)*. They all had something in common; they were all concerned about souls. This was an act of obedience to Christ who said, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15)

Depending on the neighborhood you go to, you will find different kinds of people from different socio-economic backgrounds. Many of the more wealthy people will resist the gospel and expect a fair shew of diligence when you are at their door. It is hard to impress them. But sometimes they will listen and even get saved and furthermore they may even invite you in. But they are a hard people to win to Christ because they have every thing they need. They do not need Christ (so they think).

The poorer neighborhoods on the other hand are often more open to the gospel. They are looking or something form God. Sometimes they are looking for a material blessing, but you're only there to bring them a spiritual blessing. But if they get saved and serve God, God can show them mercy and maybe help them find a better job.

Going door-to-door soul winning can be very satisfying, but sometimes people will refuse just like they do in-transit. Some people feel they do not need God and will refuse your offer for a tract or to come in to present the gospel. Some people re-

fuse kindly and may just not be ready and you should stop back again in t he future.

Pay close attention to children. Mast churches have a Sunday School program for bus kids and you should encourage the kids to come. Depending on the neighborhood, church my be all they have at a chance to learn some character. Middle class kids learn character at home. Working class and poor kids can learn it at church as well as home.



(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) There is much to be said about door-knocking as a form of soul winning. Many times, an entire family can be reached when the person who comes to the door invites in the soul winners. It is often the transfer of the gospel from one family to another. Depending on the neighborhood, you can reach an expanse of socio-economic levels of families from poor to working class to middle class to wealthy.

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