

Tools for Personal Work

The lasting effect of a revival meeting often depends largely on the training of the personal workers. Since the responsibility of counseling is of the utmost importance; we would like to make certain suggestions that will benefit you in preparing your counselors for this monumental responsibility.

First, have male and female counselors ready. It is always the best policy to have men deal with men and women with women.

Second, begin preparation of your personal workers about a month before the meeting. Organize your counselors in a priority order of your choosing. Your best counselors should know that they will be the first ones called to deal with those that come forward. Also, please instruct them to listen carefully to Brother Harper during the invitation, he will clearly state “I need two male counselors” etc. At that point the personal workers should make their way to the front.

Third, instruct the personal workers to be familiar with Bible verses dealing with salvation, unconfessed sin, victorious life and other specific decisions. This will prevent them from appearing unprepared.

Fourth, Give each counselor a copy of the enclosed sheet entitled “*Tools for Personal Work*”. It contains the Romans Road, the Four Steps to Victory, and verses for Christians who are out of fellowship with the Lord.

Fifth, It is best if the counselors could take those that respond to another room outside of the auditorium. This allows the counselor time, in an undisturbed setting, to make sure that the person responding understands. This should not be a process that is rushed by the need to conclude the service.

Sixth, Brother Harper will typically conclude his portion of the invitation after one verse of the invitation. Pastor, please extend the invitation as long as you see fit. No one knows the heart of a congregation like the Pastor.

Last, make sure your counselors have good follow up material to give those making decisions especially new converts. Also make sure the counselors know how to fill out decision slips so that a record for follow up can be kept for each decision. If you read decisions slips after every service make sure the method of getting the decisions slips to the pastor is a smooth one so as not to interfere with others that are being counseled.