

Comfort Zone Visitation (excerpt)

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Church record keeping is very important for many reasons. But it makes easy work for Satan to derail our appreciation for the souls behind those numbers. In subtle ways we begin to go after quotas totals etc; even the salvation decisions. Gradually we loose the understanding; the value; the joy of salvation. No longer do we fathom Heaven's joy described in Luke 15:7,10; paid for, in full at Calvary.

Effective Prayer Walking and Prospecting require your heart visualizing Calvary and what it means for salvation. As you read Isaiah 52:14 – 53:12, can you see the cat 'o nine tails tearing the body to buy salvation for whosoever? And the long spikes. Also those needle sharp thorns in His crown.

Do you see Heaven to be so wonderful and hell so terrible that God saw each soul so cherished with no other hope, He'd suffered just for one soul? I do, and maybe you do too, believe that 'whosoever' says that Jesus went to Calvary for EACH and every one to be saved. And what about that one soul being yours?

This all helps you and I to know the value of just one soul saved; that value was SET by Heaven's ransom that was paid on the Cross. Secondly, that value is MADE PERSONAL when we accept that value; that ransom price, as it paid for our own eternal salvation. What's the value of a soul saved? Look to the Cross and then look into your own heart.

Your personal burden and actions in your Prayer Walking and Prospecting:

- reflects your value of one soul saved;
- it reflects the value of your own salvation;
- it reflects your conviction of the Lord's soon return; and
- it tells you what kind of people you are going to go prospecting for.
- (read that last one again)

Now if you really want to fill your pews, and super fast, go down to your local clothing store and get a bunch of dummies (manikins) and seat them in your pews. As silly as it sounds, there are some real advantages. They'll never miss a service, you'll get no complaints out of them, and a score of other reasons. I wouldn't spread this too far but I think some churches have attendees that contribute not much more than dummies in the pews would.

But you know what? I somehow picture a street person walking in the back of my church during service and seeing all the dummies(manikins) filling the pews and leaving because there was no room for him. A little compassion, a home cooked meal, and some chatting would have revealed the street person had all the management skills of a store manager (probably a clothing store) but had lost his job, family, and hope in God's whosoever love.

Others will be waiting for you to lead the charge, so don't let them down before they get a chance to join up.