

**Obtaining Decisions for
Baptism in the Public Setting
Part 2**

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Mark Twain's Sermon for the Salesman:

- **“The famous humorist went to church one Sunday and heard a missionary speak. In his presentation, he makes a convincing emphasis on the importance of knowing when to stop.**

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- **“He was the most eloquent speaker I had ever heard,” wrote Mark Twain. “He made the dark condition of a pagan so easy to understand that it awoke in me the most deepest passion.**

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- **I decided to break a lifetime habit and donate one dollar in the proclamation of the gospel to my brothers in darkness.**

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- **While the missionary spoke, I decided to give \$5.00 and then \$10.00. Finally, I knew that it was my duty to the cause to give all of the money I had with me--\$20.00.**

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- **“The speaker’s appeal worked in me even more and not only did I decide to give all that I had, but borrow another \$20.00 from a friend who was sitting next to me.**

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- **Although now was the opportune time to pick up the offerings, the missionary continued to speak, and I fell asleep.**

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- **When the usher woke me up and held the offering plate in his hand, I refused to give; and I am ashamed to say that I even stole \$0.15 cents from the offering plate.”**

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- **1. Pray for God's leading in your life.**

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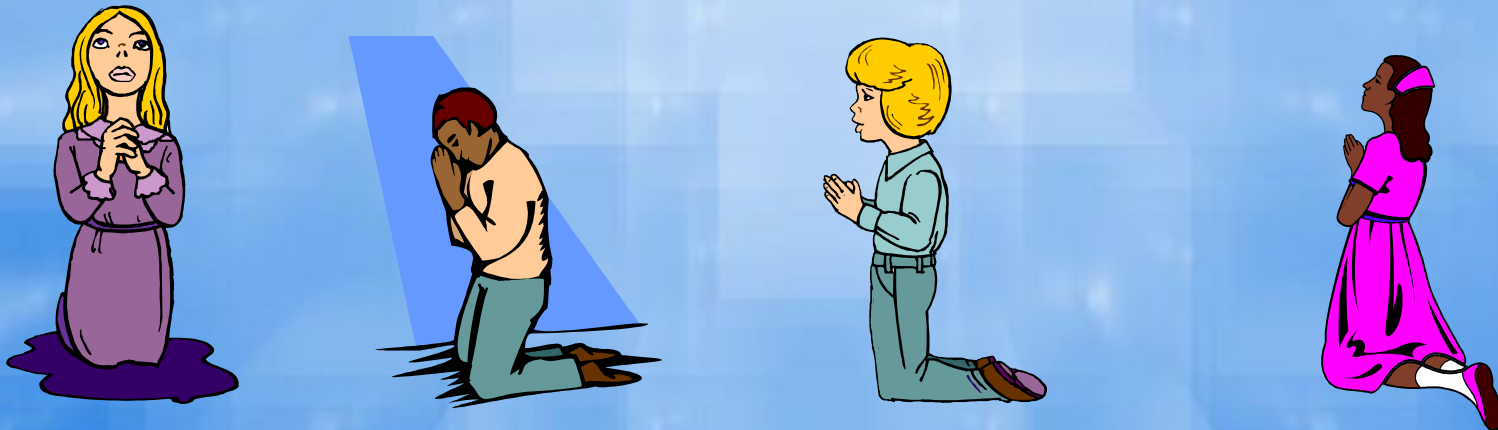
- **A. The night you intend to call for decisions for baptism, have your team members praying for you.**

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- **I. In my evangelistic meetings, the night I call for decisions, a group of church members pray for me and for those who will make a decision for the Lord.**

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- **II. The fact that a group of church members is praying for me gives me confidence.**



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- **B. There is power in prayer.**

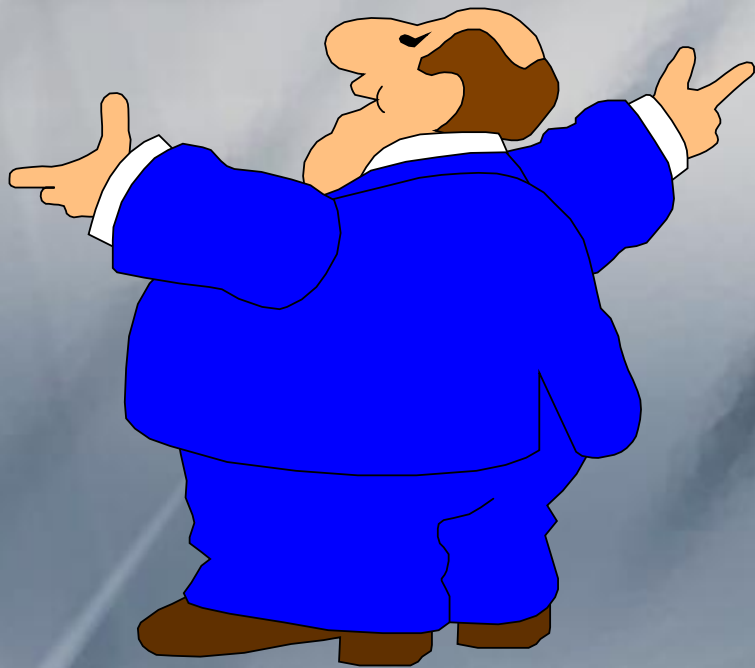
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- I. **“Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish.”**
Ministry of Healing, page 509

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- **II. “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”**
I John 5:14

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- **2. Be confident and have faith in God.**

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- **A. God Honors Faith—“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”**

Hebrews 11:6

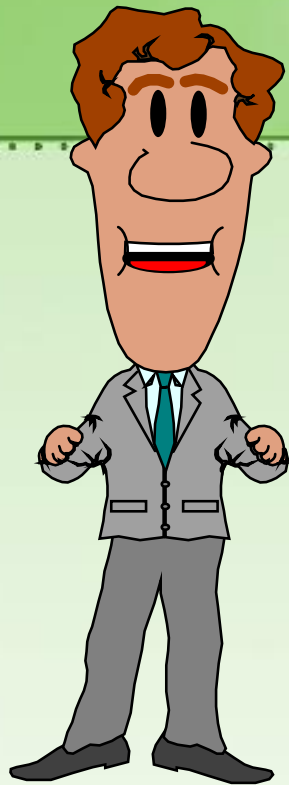
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- **B. As you make appeals for baptism, believe that decisions for the truth will be made.**
- **I. You have preached the truth night after night; now, claim God's promise:**

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- **II. “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please; and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”**
Isaiah 55:11

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- **3. As you make the call, be calm and relaxed.**

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- **A. You trasmit your state of mind.**

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- **B. If you are nervous, people will sense it and will influence their decision in a negative way.**



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- **4. The environment in which you make the calls will affect the outcome.**

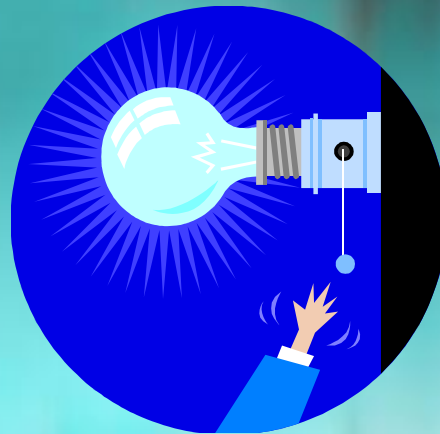
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- **A. Lighting plays an important part.**

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- **I. Do not change the lighting during the time you are making the appeal.**



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- **II. In my meetings one night, while I was concluding the presentation and building the environment for an altar call,**

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- **a dear lady thought there was not enough lighting in the auditorium and took it upon her to make the lights brighter.**

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- **This resulted in that most of the people who had responded to the appeal and were already standing, sat down again.**

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- **B. Music can be a major contributor in the calls.**

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- **I. Make sure the music selected for the call is conducive in moving people to decide for the truth.**
- **II. The music should be soft and without much beat.**

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- **III. Preferably,
use live
music.**

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- **a. In order for the music to be effective, it must synchronize with the call.**

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- **b. I have been in situations where the music is not ready to play when it is time to play it. Waste of time and a completely ruined call is the result.**

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- **c. You also need a short song of no more than one stanza and its chorus.**

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- **5. You can use different ways to get people to respond to calls.**

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- **A. Every night you want to call them to decide on the Bible truth presented by having them:**

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- **I. Raise their hands.**
- **II. Stand to their feet.**
- **III. Come forward.**
- **IV. Answer to the card call.**

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- **B. The night you make a call for baptism the people must make a clear and decisive commitment.**

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- **I. The best thing is to make a progressive call.**

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- **a. Ask them to indicate their desire to accept Jesus through baptism by standing.**
- **b. When you are ready to close the call, invite them to come forward so you can pray with them.**

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- **6. The night when I make an appeal for baptism, I usually have some people in the audience who have already decided for baptism. (This will not apply to the in-home setting.)**

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- ***A. Example of a call for baptism:***

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- **When closing my presentation I say, “Let us listen to the song Mary is going to sing. As she sings, let the spirit of God speak to your heart. At the end of the song, I will invite you to commit your life to the Lord through baptism.”**

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- **As Mary sings, I pray. When Mary is finished, the piano continues playing in the background and I proceed to say, “Tonight, I want to invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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- **Next Sabbath, we will have a baptism. I will extend this invitation to three different groups. If you have never been baptized according to the Biblical baptism—by immersion—this invitation is for you.**

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- **If you have been baptized according to the Biblical baptism, but have discovered new Bible truth and want to follow the Lord in obedience, this invitation is for you, too.**

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- **If you have been baptized according to the Biblical baptism, were part of God's commandments keeping church at one time, but have strayed and want to come to the Lord today, this invitation is for you too."**

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- **Then I say, “I want to pray for you, so stand right where you are.” As I get ready to close the call, I continue saying, “Come forward so that I may have a special prayer for you.”**

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- **B. Team members must be ready with decision cards, pens or pencils to distribute to those who responded to the altar call.**

Decision Card



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- **I. These cards are very important and practical when visiting the interests. It will tell you where they are in their decision and help you in the approach to prepare them for baptism.**

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- **II. When the interests complete the decision cards, they feel a sense of commitment.**

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- **7. Rely on the Holy Spirit.**



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- **A. You can do your best according to human efforts, but at the end, the Holy Spirit is the only one who can bring conviction to the soul.**

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- **B. “Without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ.”**

Testimonies, volume 8, page 22

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- **C. “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”
*John 16:8***

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- **D. “And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”**
Revelation 22:17