



The Four Levels of Anointing for Soul Winning - A Baseball Analogy from Jesus to You! by Karen Sue Nyquist

1. Comparing Soul Winning to Playing Baseball

a. Baseball analogies - Jesus is our coach, the Bible is our rule book, God is the umpire. God wants us to sign up for "Team Jesus," with like-minded Christians who want to win souls. There is a specific path that we are to run on, keeping our eye on the prize, which is reaching more people for Jesus. We wear a uniform which is comparable to the whole armor of God. We put on our baseball cap (the helmet of salvation), our team jersey (the breastplate of righteousness), our belt (the belt of truth), our shoes (our feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace), our baseball mitt (the shield of faith), and our batting and throwing arm (the sword of the spirit). With our armor on, the Bible says we should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:10-18).

b. Life pitches us opportunities to witness to others

c. We're up to bat, and we either swing, means we witness to someone, or we don't and miss an opportunity. We are not responsible for the person's salvation, but for the work we do in reaching out to them. If the person responds positively, we have hit the ball!

d. First, the demonic team tries to discourage us from even signing up for Team Jesus, the evangelizing team. **Second, it tries to cancel the game** by telling us we are too busy this week, etc.

e. Third, the demonic team tries to catch those souls we just witnessed to and take the word of God out of their heart, or prevent it from growing and them from producing fruit (Matthew 13:1-23).

2. Running Around the Bases and Back to Home Plate - Each base and home plate is a benchmark showing a) growth in our walk with the Lord and b) higher levels of anointing for soul winning.

3. Starting at Home Plate - Home plate is where we hit the ball, we get saved ourselves.

4. Running Toward and Reaching First Base - The "First Love for Jesus" Anointing -

Coach Jesus is calling out us to, "Run! Run to first base!" First base is where we established our first love for Jesus Christ. We were so in love with Him, we wanted to share Jesus with all our loved ones. Our enthusiasm for Jesus was often contagious and people came to the Lord because they saw our first love. What does Jesus say to many of us now? **"Nevertheless, I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works"** (Revelation 2:3-5).

—> Prayer: Heavenly Father, we ask that we will receive again our first love for Jesus, then receive the "First Love for Jesus" anointing" for winning souls. We pray that as we witness to others, they will so feel our love and enthusiasm for Jesus that both will be contagious. As we lift up Jesus, He will draw them to Himself. Thank You, in Jesus' name, amen!

5. Running Toward and Reaching Second Base - The "Witnessing in Love for Others" Anointing

- Coach Jesus is calling out to us to, "Run! Run to second base!" This is where we love others' souls so much that we feel an urgency to share the gospel with them.

—> Prayer: Heavenly Father, we ask that we will receive the "Witnessing in Love for Others" anointing. That we will have such an urgency to share with others that it will be burning in our hearts (Jeremiah 20:9). We ask also that we will be full of the Fruit of the Spirit, so others can feel our genuine love for them, our peace in our relationship with You, and our joy as we are sharing with them. Thank You, in Jesus' name, amen!

6. Running Toward and Reaching Third Base - The "Evangelism with Signs and Wonders" Anointing

- Coach Jesus is calling out to us to, "Run! Run to third base!" While Jesus' disciples were sharing the gospel and praying, they were also healing the sick and casting out demons. **—> Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray that we will receive the "Evangelism with Signs and Wonders" anointing. We ask that we will have opportunities to pray for others as we are witnessing and that as we do, we will also be moving in healing, deliverance, and all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, even dream interpretation, for Your gospel is a gospel of power! Thank You, in Jesus' name, amen!**

7. Running Toward and Reaching Home Plate - The "Glory Evangelism" Anointing,

Flowing in God's Presence and Power - Coach Jesus is calling out to us to, "Run! Run home!" When playing ball, we put all our focus on being able to run into home. Reaching home



plate is another level of anointing, called the “Glory Evangelism” anointing. It is God’s glory surrounding us and flowing out from us. The Bible says, “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God” (Romans 8:19). Why? Because, in these end times, with most of America and the world not saved, this kind of anointing is desperately needed. Even many who do get saved are still suffering with diseases or being tormented by demons. The world needs Jesus and it needs us to be anointed for glory evangelism. Billions of people need this and our time is running out. - **Who had the glory anointing?** Jesus just spoke to the guards and they fell to the ground (John 18:6). Paul anointed pieces of cloth, which when touched by others produced healing miracles and deliverances (Acts 19:11-12). As Peter walked past those who were sick and lying on the ground, His shadow touched them and they were healed and delivered (Acts 5:15-16). Kathryn Kuhlman just called out healings that the Holy Spirit was doing. —> **Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray we will receive the “Glory Evangelism” anointing, with the glory of God flowing through us, revealing to the world the sons of God. As we do so, people will see Your love and power in action. We know this is Your will. Help us stop limiting You so You can work through us as You desire. We’ll give You all the glory. Thank You, in Jesus’ name, amen!**

What Does Jesus Say About Winning Souls?

1. **Saving the lost was Jesus' highest priority, that is why He left heaven and came to earth.** - “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Jesus was even witnessing to the thief on the cross while He was dying in excruciating pain (Luke 23:39-43).
2. **Without Jesus, people will experience God’s wrath.** - “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ... And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 41, 46).
3. **If we are truly following Jesus, we will be working on winning souls.** “Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men’” (Matthew 4:19).
4. **There are many people who need saving, but not enough workers.** - “Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers into His harvest**” (Luke 10:2).
5. **Jesus has commanded us to go.** - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; and **lo, I am with you always**, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 18:19-20).
6. **Jesus will be there with us, helping us win souls.** - “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature... And they went out and preached everywhere, the **Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs**” (Mark 16:15, 20).
7. **Jesus will give each of us eternal rewards for all we do to win souls.** - “And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work**” (Revelation 22:12).

“I Surrender All” - By Judson W. Van DeVenter Verse 1

All to Jesus, I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

“People Need the Lord” - By Steve Green 1st Chorus

People need the Lord,
People need the Lord,
At the end of broken dreams,
He's the open door.
People need the Lord,
People need the Lord,
When will we realize,
People need the Lord?