


TOP TEN MOST WANTED LIST²

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This idea is as simple as it sounds:

- A. Make a list of the ten people you would most like to see come to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- B. Do everything you can (appropriately) in your lifetime to attract them to Christ.
- C. Keep praying until they come to know Christ.

Why have a top ten most wanted list?

- A list of ten makes your prayer specific and allows you to concentrate your prayer efforts.
- Heaven and Hell are real destinations.
- This can be a life-long ministry as part of your obedience to the Great Commission.

Who should you choose?

- The non-believers you love the most.
- Your worst enemy or your toughest competitor.
- Your family members or relatives.
- Your neighbors.
- Your classmates.
- Your workmates.
- The most irritating person you know.
- The loneliest person you know.
- Domestic or international leaders in business, politics, sports, entertainment, etc.
- Any other people you might think of.

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What should I do?

The following are some brainstorming ideas/suggestions...

- Pray regularly for their salvation...as God brings them to mind.
- Seek out ways to have a conversation with them or work side-by-side in service to them or others.
- Send an occasional book, note, email or link to an online resource as appropriate.
- Call or write to offer support during tough times or on special occasions for them.
- Fast for them...as God leads you.
- Determine their needs and perhaps perform a random act of kindness to meet their need, in Jesus' name.
- Love them (use your imagination!).
- Use your small group to identify and pray over each other's "Top Ten Most Wanted List" (some names may appear on several "Top Ten" lists).
- You don't need to spend a penny or may be led to invest hundreds...that's up to you and God.
- When a person on your list comes to love Jesus, take their name off of the list and replace it with another name.
- If a person has not come to love Jesus, keep their name on the list until they do.

Remember:

There are no minimum requirements and this is one ministry which you can remain totally anonymous, if you wish. Anything you do for the names on your list is more than would have been done had you not placed their names on your list. Keep praying for your Top Ten and keep seeking ways of attracting them to Jesus Christ.

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How to Pray for the People on Your Top Ten List:

As you pray for the people on your list, ask God to work in their lives and to give you wisdom on how to effectively reach out to them. In praying for them, keep in mind the following three areas:

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Ask God to:

- Draw them towards Himself.
- Open their eyes to the emptiness of life without Him.
- Help them to see their sin and their need for forgiveness.
- Remove the confusion they have about Him and the life He offers.
- Help them grasp the meaning and importance of the cross of Christ.
- Open the person's heart to God's love and truth.

You

Ask God to:

- Help you to live a consistent and attractive Christian life.
- Make you authentic and honest as you deal with life's ups and downs.
- Give you wisdom in knowing how to approach the relationship.
- Expand your knowledge so you will be ready to define and defend the Gospel message.
- Grant you appropriate boldness and courage.
- Use you to help lead this person into a relationship with Christ.
- Make you dependent upon the work of the Holy Spirit in the person's life, not your gifts and skills.

Together

Ask God to:

- Cause depth and trust to grow in the relationship.
- Open doors for spiritual conversations.
- Guide those conversations in pace, frequency and content.
- Share testimonies (where/when appropriate) of God's work with your pastor, congregation and others you know.

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