

## Revivals And Church History :: How To Preach Without Converting Anybody (Charles G. Finney)

### How To Preach Without Converting Anybody (Charles G. Finney) - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:43

Preach on every doctrine that centers the attention on man rather than Jesus. Teach every doctrine that makes man the center of God's attention rather than God the center of man's devotion. Tell people only what God will do for them.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: How To Preach Without Converting Anybody (Charles G. Finney) - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:44

Avoid preaching about the necessity of a radical change of heart, through the truth revealed to the heart by the agency of the Holy Spirit.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:45

Let your supreme motive to be popular with all people, then, of course, your preaching will be suited for that purpose, and not to convert souls to Christ.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:45

Avoid preaching doctrines that are offensive to the carnal mind, so that no one should say to you, as they did of Christ, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?"

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:46

Make no distinct points, and do not disturb the consciences of your hearers so that they may become truly alarmed about their souls.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:46

Avoid all illustrations, repetitions, and expressive sentences that may compel people to remember what you say.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:47

Avoid all heat and enthusiasm in your delivery, so that you never make the impression that you really believe what you say.

-Charles G. Finney

### Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:47

Make appeals to the emotions, and not the conscience, of your hearers.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:48**

Be careful not to testify from your own personal experience of the power of the gospel, so that you never should produce the conviction upon your hearers that you have something which they need.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:48**

Do not stir up uncomfortable memories by reminding your hearers of their past sins.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:49**

Denounce sin in a general way, but make no reference to the specific sins of your present audience.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 7:50**

Do not make the impression that God commands your listeners here and now to obey the truth. Do not let them think that you expect them to commit themselves right on the spot to give their hearts to God.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 9:19**

Give the impression that they are expected to go away in their sins, and to consider the matter at later time of their convenience.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 10:13**

Preach salvation by grace; but ignore the condemned and lost condition of the sinner so that he never should understand what you mean by grace, and know his need of it.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 10:14**

Preach the gospel as a remedy or a cure, but conceal or ignore the fatal disease of the sinner.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by disciplejosh (), on: 2005/2/16 11:32**

Excellent, quotes, Robert. Keep 'em coming. If I take them time to 'think on these things', there is alot of truth in them and help to remind us all of the true aim of why some of us are what we are. To lift up Christ, not ourselves. To declare the truth and nothing else.

Appreciate you, brother.

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 11:34**

Hi Bro. Josh,

Your ministry is also a great inspiration to me. Praise God.

God Bless,

-Robert

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 11:36**

Preach Christ as an infinitely friendly and good-natured being. Ignore those scathing rebukes of sinners and hypocrites which so often made His hearers tremble.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 11:37**

Do not rebuke the worldly tendencies of the church, so that you should never hurt their feelings, and finally convert some of them.

-Charles. G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 13:11**

Admit, either obviously or casually, that all men have some moral goodness in them; so that sinners should never understand that they need a radical change of heart, from sin to holiness.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 13:12**

Say so little of hell that your people will think that you do not believe in its existence yourself.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 14:11**

Make the impression that, if God is as good as you are, He could not send anyone to hell.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 14:12**

Make no disagreeable reference to the teachings of self-denial, cross-bearing, and crucifixion to the world, so that you should never convict and convert some of your church members.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 14:13**

Do not rebuke extravagance in dress, so that you should never make an uncomfortable impression on your vain and worldly church members.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 15:32**

Encourage lots of church socials, and attend them yourself.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 15:33**

Aim to make your hearers pleased with themselves and pleased with you, and be careful especially not to wound the feelings of anyone.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 15:33**

Make sure you avoid preaching to those who are present. Preach about sinners, but not to them. Say "they," and not "you," so that anyone should never take your subject personally, and apply it to their own life, Securing the salvation of their soul.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 16:36**

Never tell people that they must cease from serving self and serve God and do His will.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 16:49**

Never tell them that repentance is man's ability and responsibility to turn from his sin to God! Teach them to delay turning away from all known sin toward God.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/2/16 17:05**

Good stuff.. is this on a sermon or something? OR a book you read? Are all these quotes from the same source?

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:18**

Hi PreachParsley,

They are all quotes from his sermon after the same topic.

God Bless,

-Robert

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:20**

Preach predestination in such away that results in fatalism and apathy on the part of all people. Make each person believe that God has already determined who shall be saved, and nothing can change His will. You never want anyone to think that their actions can make any difference.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:21**

Preach that man is totally unable to obey God. Teach him that no one can turn to God, but he must wait upon God to turn (change) him. Make sure that no one realizes his true responsibility requiring him to repent in order to be saved. You never want anyone to know that man can turn from sin to God but the real problem is that he will not!

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:22**

Preach that every one is born a sinner and a criminal. Teach that every baby is born guilty before God. You never want anyone to consider the fact that man is born morally innocent. You do not want anyone to know that he becomes a sinner because, in his rebellion, he has refused to love God with all his heart according to the light and has selfishly sought his own happiness above all else.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:22**

Preach that a person can be saved without making Jesus his Lord.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:23**

Teach that holiness is just an option and not a requirement of the gospel. Teach them that they can be Christian without becoming true disciples.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:24**

Teach Christians that sin is a normal and natural part of their every day life and that they can never truly expect to ever overcome sin through the power of Christ.

-Charles G. Finney

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/2/16 17:24**

Preach that no Christian needs to do anything. Teach them that they are safe and heaven bound even if their lives are disobedient and rebellious.

-Charles G. Finney