

Bring Them with You
Ecc 4:9-10
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of bringing our loved ones to God.

Intro: 1. We bring our families with us for numerous occasions and special events.
2. We should also want to bring them with us into the heavenly home.

I. Leave Evil behind Together

A. away from the temptation & sin.

1. Man is commanded to abstain from not just sin but also the appearance of sin (**1 Thess 5:22**, “all appearance of evil” KJV).
2. Be the friend who lifts up his friends (**Ecc 4:9-10**).

B. away from evil companions (**1 Cor 15:33**)

1. If you do not depart from wicked companions they can hinder you (**Num 33:55**).
2. The Bible is clear about the problems of wicked friendships (**Pro 13:20b, Eph 5:7**).
3. The best friendships are Christian friendships (**Ps 119:63**)

II. Bring them with you...

A. Coming to Truth

1. We should be those who bring others to Bible truth (**Pro 13:20a**)
2. Wise friends lead their friends in wisdom, and the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (**Pro 1:7, Pro 9:10**).

B. Coming in obedience to God

1. Friends encourage Friends in faithfulness (**1 Sam 20:17**).
2. Faithful friends strengthen faithful friends (**Rom 1:12**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. We should do what we can to bring others to a better way of life

1. The Christian life is the best life (**Jn 10:10**).
 - a. We can guide people away from the lifestyle of the wicked (**Pro 24:1**).
2. True joy and fulfillment is found only in the Christian life (**Ps 36:7-8**).

B. We should want to bring others to the source of eternal life.

1. We bring are families to God (**Eph 6:4**).
2. There is only one way to bring our families to God, by obedience to the Gospel (**Rev 20:15**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Christian should do their best to bring others with them to Heaven.
2. This is what God desires and so should we.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9