

OYC – **PRAYER** Plan for **FINDING** a **FAITHFUL** seeker

It is VERY EASY to find a seeker to do the One Year Challenge through these three gentle, patient steps.

Step 1 → **PRAYER** - Nothing happens except by prayer (*Watchman Nee*)

- ⇒ Take a **MONTH** to pray over this list – **ADDING** names as the Lord shows you more people
- ⇒ Post this list in one of **three KEY places** so that you can **see it every day.**
 1. On your **bathroom mirror**
 2. Taped to the **dashboard** in your **car** or
 3. In your **Bible** that you use for **daily prayer time.**

As you pray over this list every day, the Lord will soon **DOUBLE** the people on your list. You will be **SURPRISED** at how many people come to mind. In addition, as you pray for these people, you will find your **FAITH & LOVE** growing.

<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>
Pray over Family members who are NOT strong Christians.	Pray over Co-Workers who are NOT strong Christians.	Pray over Church visitors/ Neighbors who are NOT strong Christians.	Pray over Friends/ Acquaintances NOT strong Christians.	Pray over OLD friends with whom you have lost contact who are NOT strong Christians.

Step 2 – **STUDY** the **TIPS** – write the email

- ⇒ Print out the OYC Tips, read them **carefully** and **write notes** on what points helped you the most.
- ⇒ Re-listen to the OYC Tips cd. - *You will be shocked at how many details GREATLY help you.*
- ⇒ Pick **3 people** whom you will write a gracious email about the OYC – using the OYC Tips - You will get 2-3 “Yes”

Step 3 → SLOW DOWN the process How you **START** → Determines how you will **FINISH!**

You will probably get 2 or 3 “Yes” responses to your emails.

At this point, if you will take a few days to a few WEEKS to talk about this idea with the each person who says “Yes”. By SLOWING DOWN – at this point – will GREATLY INCREASE your chance of the person STAYING with the OYC.

This “CAUTIOUS” approach on your part will give even greater respect to this person. You want to give them honor by saying that this is TOO IMPORTANT for both of you to just JUMP into it.

This kind of “CAUTIOUS” approach greatly INCREASES the interest level, faithfulness and commitment of the “Seeker”. It is called the *Law of Attraction*. As you back up a bit before the final launching, they will be drawn forward and will become MORE interested.

By this time, many of you have had OYC people DROP OUT on you. Thus, your “CAUTIOUS” approach is NOT manipulation. You sincerely prefer to have the person be SURE they are SERIOUS before you commit a year of your life to them.

There are usually 4 key steps to process through with your OYC seeker – AFTER they have committed to do the OYC w/ you.

You will make a few **VARIATIONS** of this plan to fit their soul and schedule.
The key principle is to use the law of attraction to INCREASE your chances of success. Have

1. Ask them to take a **WEEK** to **FIRST** read their Bible daily → **BEFORE** TV or INTERNET.

Most people wake up and turn on their TV. What an empty life. ☹️ If you can get them to agree to read their Bible BEFORE the NOISY distractions of the day kick in – they will find it very EASY to read faithfully.

Also, PLEASE:

- Make sure they have a bible with **commentary ON** the **page** like a Life Application Bible
- Make sure they understand how reading the Bible on the **toilet** is the BEST time.
- Make sure they understand the simple **daily** process of:
 - **Underlining** lines they liked AS THEY READ
 - Going back and putting a **star** by **ONE LINE**.

Most people do NOT KNOW how POWERFUL & EASY it is to find one verse if they will underline as they read.

By asking them to do this BEFORE you both commit the OYC, they will take this more seriously and have a much greater chance of success.

2. Ask them to do this with you in a **ONE MONTH TRIAL** – BEFORE you both **commit** to the whole year.

Giving both of you a Trial period will greatly increase your credibility, the respect they feel from you and their understanding that you do NOT want to invest a year of your life in them if they are NOT SERIOUS.

3. Ask them to **ONLY email you** on **Tues. & Thurs.** – while **you email them Five Days** a week.

Take the weekend off. Also, by only asking for emails from them two days a week, you will find out during the trial period if they are serious. They are WELCOME to email you MORE than two days a week, but the two days a week is their firm commitment which you will hold them to. Use the phone on Tues. & Thurs.- if they don't do email.

4. Plan some **FUN / FRIENDSHIP** time every **4-6 weeks**.

They will persevere because of your FRIENDSHIP. Make sure you keep some laughter and time to just talk and catch up on life.