

## **How To Be an Effective Altar Worker**

1. **Most important time of the service is the altar.**
  - It is the climax of every service.
  - Preaching needs to draw souls to the altar for a response to the message.
  - Make the altar call special but simple, make it direct (stand, kneel, raise hands, which side to pray on).
2. **Designated people to be prepared to come pray with individuals.**
  - Whether you have a team of altar workers that rotate, someone needs to be prepared to pray with others.
  - Be ready to stop out quickly.
  - If you know the visitor than be willing to come pray with them. Ask them if they want to go forward and you will go with them.
3. **Every altar worker must be spirit filled.**
  - Must be led by the spirit to discern how you should pray.
4. **Pray with the same gender unless family.**
5. **Be specific in your prayer.** Ask the individual what you can pray with them about.
  - Salvation, healing, deliverance, baptism of Holy Ghost, encouragement.
6. **Be quick to discern their need.** You are not a counselor or therapist.
  - You may have to designate the pastor to come help you.
7. **Stay focused on the prayer of their need.** Use Scripture as your weapon!
8. **The altar must be taught that it is a serious place/ sanctifying / place of victory/ place of peace.** It is not a place of frivolity, a place to ignore, or a place to be afraid of. This is not a social gathering or a massage parlor.
9. **Follow-up after the altar service is imperative.**
  - Explain the altar experience. They might not understand how pray.
  - Encourage them write the date down and what God did for them.
10. **Know how to lead someone in the sinner's prayer and how to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**
  - Use the word of God and be bold.
  - Use the Roman Road for salvation.
  - Use Acts 2 for seeking for the Holy Ghost.