

LESSON 6

YOU SHOULD BE A SOUL-WINNER

Proverbs 11:30: ". . .he that winneth souls is wise".

2 Timothy 2:2: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

We have a responsibility to pass on to others what we have received. We have received Christ and His salvation. We should tell others of Christ and the way of salvation. Mark 16:15 tells us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Every Christian can and should witness for Jesus Christ. Jesus also promised us the power when the Holy Spirit came, He would give us power to be witnesses for Christ. (Acts 1:8) A witness is simply one who tells what he has heard, seen and experienced.

IS IT IMPORTANT?

The work of winning souls is the greatest job on this earth. The eternal souls of men, women, and children depend upon our telling them. If we don't tell them of Christ and His desire to save them, they will perish in hell forever. So, let's consider the A B C 's of soul-winning.

1. APPEARANCE (A)

Many would not think this to be important, but it is. The unsaved person has many ideas about Christians, so we should be the best representatives of Christ we can. Don't forget, the neighbors are watching the appearance of you, your family, your yard, and even how you keep your house. Be a good example.

2. BEHAVIOR (B)

When you go to homes to visit, remember these few things. Always be nice to people, regardless of the circumstances you might find. Try to win the persons confidence and friendship even before witnessing to him. Talk about things that interest him.

3. COMPASSION (C)

This may be the most important of the three. Always be mindful that when you witness to a person, he or she will live forever either in heaven or in hell. Before you go, be sure to pray and ask God to help you. The Holy

Spirit will guide and help you in witnessing. We never go alone, for He is with us always.

ONCE IN THE HOME

When in the home, and after a casual conversation, you might begin to witness by asking a question like this. "May I ask you a question? Can you complete this sentence; I am going to heaven because... _____"

Or you might ask; If you were to die today are you 100% sure you would go to heaven?"

Or you might say; Has anyone ever shown you from the Bible how to go to Heaven?

Unless they are saved, they will usually have a diversity of answers. "I hope so," "I don't know," "No," etc. Then you might say this, "Do you mind if I show you from the Bible how you can be saved and know it?" Most people will allow you to do it. Now is when you open your New Testament (use a small Bible). Try to sit beside the person you are talking with, so they can see what you are reading. Ask if they have a Bible and let them look up the references with you.

You would then start with Romans 3:23, and read aloud to him, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Be sure to include yourself.

When explaining how all have sinned, he must be convinced that we are all sinners, which would include him. Regardless of how good or bad we are, we are all still sinners.

Since we are all sinners, God must judge us. Read to him Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Explain that because we are sinners, we must die. The Bible says there is a hell when all unsaved people will go. Revelation 20:15 tells us that this hell or lake of fire, is the second death. So the wages of sin is more than physical death, but eternal existence in the lake of fire, the second death.

Then read him Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Even though we are sinners and deserve to go to hell, Jesus died for us so we could be saved. He died in our place as our substitute. He shed His blood for us to wash away our sins. Christ is the only answer and hope for a person's needs.

Then tell him what God expects him to do, read him Romans 10:9, 13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.....For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We must believe that Jesus died for us, was buried and arose from the dead after three days. Call upon the Lord in prayer to save him. God will do what He has promised, for God cannot lie.

Now quickly review what you have told him. Make sure he realized that he is a sinner, that he deserved hell, but Jesus died for him, and he must call upon God to save him and confess Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Rejoice with him after he prays. Give him the assurance that God did save him, because God cannot lie. You should read him a few verses from Bible to show him why he can now know he is saved. (for these, see Lesson #1, Assurance of Salvation) Encourage him to come to church with you the very next service. Also encourage him to go forward at the invitation to make his salvation public. See Lesson 2. Explain how this is done and why?

Every Christian should and can be a soul-winner. Go with your Pastor or Sunday School teacher on visitation. Learn from others. Witness in your neighborhood and to your family.

Write and memorize Acts 1:8

1. Which is probably the most important of the ABC's of soul winning to you and why?

2. What is the first thing a person should realize about himself before he can be saved? (Romans 3:23)

3. What are we to confess in order to be saved? (Romans 10:9)?

4. Have you witnessed to someone since you have been saved?

WRITE DOWN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR THE NEXT CLASS!

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