

Qualifications For Soul Winning

Introduction

- A. The importance of soul winning is constantly stressed in the Bible. It is an encouragement to realize that we can be a part of the plan of God in our attempts to bring the gospel to non-Christians.
- B. There are a number of qualifications for soul winning that are quite necessary and others are in the area of encouragement and help.

I. The Qualification of the New Birth.

Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), Verily, warily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Not by works of righteousness which we haws done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:3

Observation: It goes without saying that a soul winner must be born again himself. It is very difficult to share an experience which one has never had. The new birth will not only provide the content of one's testimony it will also be his motivation.

II. The Qualification of the Assurance of Salvation.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. I John 5:13

Observation: It is the will of God that we have the assurance of being a child of God. The Christian who does not have this assurance is not very well equipped to help other people.

III. The Qualification of Belief in the Bible.

I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:14-16

Observation: Paul believed the Bible and therefore knew the non-Christian was lost. He also recognized, as an item of belief, his debt to God and man to give out the Word. His confidence in the gospel, was partly based on what the Bible taught and what he had seen happen in his own life and the lives of those to whom he preached. To be soul winners we must share this belief.

IV. The Qualification of Trust in God and His Enablement.

So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My month, it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. I Cor. 5:20

Observation: The Christian is an ambassador and has been given the Word of God. We have the ability and the right to lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

V. The Qualification of living in Fellowship with God.

God is faithful, by than ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. I Corinthians 1:9

Observation: When we live in fellowship with God we are not only motivated to witness to others, we have the enablement of the Holy Spirit and His fruit in our lives. This experience of God's grace makes it much easier to speak out for God.

VI. The Qualification of a Desire to be Used by God.

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward, but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. I Corinthians 9:16,17

Observation: Many people are not soul winners simply because they do not desire to be used by God in this manner. There are Christians, we must grant, which do not know the privilege nor the blessing they could have - if they would pray, prepare and speak out for God.

VII. The Qualification of Compassion for the lost.

But when He (the Lord Jesus) saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36

Who can have compassion on the ignorant mad on them that are out of the way, for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. Hebrews 5:2

Observation: Here is where all of us fail. The Lord Jesus Christ had compassion on the lost and we are told in Hebrews that the servant of God must have compassion. This makes the difference in so many areas of our Christian life.

VIII. The Qualification of Obedience.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (make disciples) all nations Matthew 28:18,19

Observation: Every Christian is responsible to go. We must sincerely endeavor to win people to Jesus Christ. We cannot profess to be obedient to God and neglect this commandment.

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