

The Motivation and Importance for Soul Winning

Introduction

A. The Christian has been blessed with all spiritual blessings. Some of these gifts and provisions from God are to enable us to live successfully and some have been designed so that we may be a good witness and win people for Christ.

B. Soul winning is one of the privileges God has given to the believer. In His loving kindness He has not only made it possible for us to be forgiven, to be accepted, to have assurance, to be successful in living the Christian life. He has made it possible for us to be used in His service.

C. Every Christian should be concerned about soul winning. It is an important part of the will of God for every believer.

I. Soul Winning is important Because of the Commands of God.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (disciple) all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28:18-20

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. I Peter 3:15

Observation: These verses point up our responsibility. We have been given task to perform. The Great Commission includes every Christian. Because of these commands we must put soul winning high on the list of our priorities for prayer, preparation and activity.

II. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Plan of God.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Thess. 2:13,14

Observation: These verses clearly indicate how soul winning fits into the plan of God. He wants to use us to glorify Himself by reaching people through us.

III. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Calling of the Christian.

Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen
Isaiah 43:10

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I Peter 2:9

Observation: God has called us out of darkness so that we may show forth His praise. We have been made His witnesses. This calling should manifest itself in how we live and speak for God.

IV. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Office of the Christian.

And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 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. II Cor. 5:18-20

We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. II Cor. 6:1

Observation: The Christian is one to whom God has given a ministry - the ministry of reconciliation. We are ambassadors, workers together, with God. One important way we carry out this work is speak to people for the Lord and to bring them the Gospel.

V. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Promise of God.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come a gain with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Observation: These promises indicate how soul winning among Christians is held in high esteem by God Himself. He promises to bless our efforts to win souls and to reward us for it in eternity.

VI. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Needs of Mankind.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God . . . For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 3:10,23; 10:13,11

Observation: People must hear the Gospel before they can believe. Due to the Fall of man and our sin - we have lost the knowledge of God. One of our greatest privileges is to take the Word of God to people.

VII. Soul Winning is Important Because of the Enablement and Gifts of God.

But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me, and ye also shall bear witness . . . John 15:26,27

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

Observation: The Holy Spirit indwells the believer so that we may live and speak for God. It is important to see that God Himself is our resource in this work. We must surrender ourselves to Him and trust Him to open opportunities and use us as His witnesses.

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