

Scriptures about Soul-winning

Soul-winning is commanded.

“And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

Luke 14:23

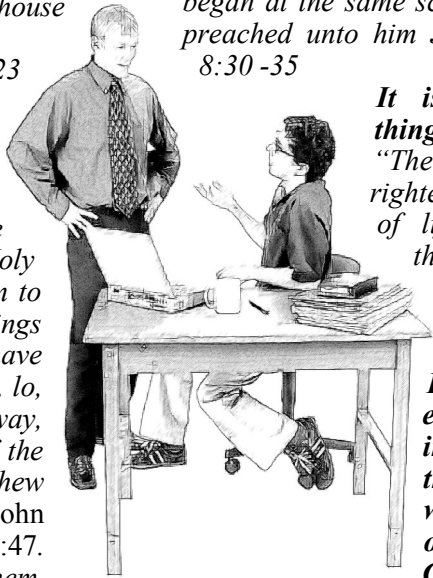
“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20 Also: John 20:21, Luke 24:47.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

It is essential.

“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” James 5:20
“And Philip ran thither to him,

and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.” Acts 8:30-35



It is the wise thing to do.

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”

Pro. 11:30

It produces eternal blessings for those that witness to others about Christ.

“And he that reapeth

receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.” John 4:36

Also: Daniel 12:3, John 15:16, 20: 21, I Thess. 2:19.

“It has been estimated that probably 95% of all church members have never led anyone to Christ!”

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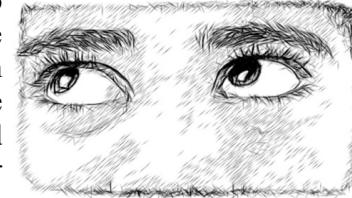
The Unwanted Watchman

Bill Brinkworth

Ezekiel had a daunting task that many preachers and obedient Christians also have today. He was to watch over the people God appointed him to minister to and to warn them of what God would tell him (Ezekiel 3:17). To make the prophet’s mission even more difficult, God told the watchman that the people he would deliver his message to would be rebellious against God (Eze. 2:3, 3:7), would be shameless in their involvement in sin, and would be stubborn in changing their ways (Eze. 2:4). His task, as is ours, was to be the “delivery boy” of the Word of God no matter what happened. What they did with the Truth was up to them, but Ezekiel was to preach God’s Word to them.

God knew how hard it would be for Ezekiel to continue giving

God’s commandments to a people that did not want to do God’s will and way. God knew many would not stop in their determination to do their “own thing”. He knew those resisting His commandments would hurl hurtful, degrading words at the prophet, would give him demeaning looks (Eze. 2:6), and eventually jail him for his persistence in trying to help them (Eze. 3:25); but still the man of God was to continue to be faithful in warning the people of their inevitable judgment of God for their sins.



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I Tried to Tell Him!

D. L. Moody

I went down to the corner of Clark and Lake Streets one day, and saw a man leaning up against a lamp-post. I went up to him and asked, “Are you a Christian?”

He cursed me, and told me to mind my own business. He knew

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Ezekiel's message to the people was somewhat different than what every child of God is responsible to give to those they encounter today. Still, all we have an opportunity to speak with should be made aware of God's warnings to those that violate His will.

Since few read the Word of God for themselves and will not know God's commandments without reading it, it is our responsibility to tell as many as possible what His truths are. Most of us would not be saved (Romans 10:9) and would not have God's promise of Heaven if someone had not planted a seed of God's Truth or attempted to tell us what the Bible said. We also have the unselfish responsibility to tell others (James 5:20, Mark 16:15, John 4:36, Luke 14:23).

Not everyone that hears what God's Word says will happily repent on being told what God says in His Word about their lifestyle, sin, or actions. The first time we heard God's Truth, we most likely did not heed God's commands, nor will it always be obeyed by others.

The prophet, Ezekiel, was warned three things could

happen to another soul, because of the prophet's responsibility in telling others what God's Word said. These principles can also apply today when a Christian does or does not warn his neighbors of what the Word of God says. They include:

☞ When there is an opportunity to tell others about the consequences of their sin, and we do not, their blood can be on our hands! Their demise from sin could have been averted if we had told them, and we may be held accountable!

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Eze. 3:18 (Also: Eze. 3:20, II Cor. 2:16, Heb. 13:17).

☞ If we warn others of their involvement in wickedness, and they do not cease their involvement in sin, they may even die! We, however, will not be held accountable.

"Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Eze. 3:19

☞ If a person is warned and they do heed and refrain from

their sin, he may not face chastisement, and we will not be liable, as they were warned.

☞ *"Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul."* Eze. 3:21

It may not be popular when a person is warned that they will not go to heaven unless they trust Christ alone for their salvation. Nor will many be receptive when we tell them what the Bible warns about the iniquities of adultery, drunkenness, lying, cheating, disobedience, or any other sinful behavior. Warning others about what God says about their involvement in sin may earn us their unkind words or cross looks, as it did Ezekiel, but it will be doing what the Lord requires of us. If we do not tell them, who will?

To learn more what the Bible says about witnessing to others read:

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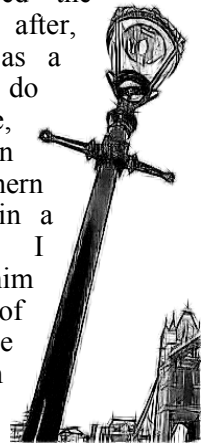
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me, but I didn't know him. He said to a friend of his that afternoon that he had never been so insulted in his life, and told him to tell me that I was causing much harm to the cause I pretended to represent. Well, the friend came and delivered his message. "Maybe I am

doing more hurt than good," I thought to myself. "Maybe I'm mistaken, and God hasn't shown me the right way."

That was the time I was sleeping and living in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, where I was then President, Secretary, janitor, and everything else. Well, one night after midnight, I heard a knock at the door. There on the step leading into the street, stood the stranger I had made so mad at the lamppost. He said he wanted to talk to me about his soul's salvation. He said: "Do you remember the man you met about three months ago at the lamppost, and how he cursed you? I have had no peace since that night. I cannot sleep. Oh, tell me what to do to be saved." We just fell down on our knees, and prayed, and that day he went to the noon prayer meeting and openly confessed the

Saviour. Soon after, he went to war as a Christian man. I do not know where, but he died on some Southern battle-field or in a hospital, but I expect to see him in the kingdom of God; all because I told the man what he needed to hear!



"The yoke of Christ does not fit on a stiff neck."

"To be glad instruments of God's love in this imperfect world is the service to which man is called." — Albert Schweitzer