

Soul Winning

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God chose us to bring as many to heaven with us as we can. What a shame it would be for a Christian to live a full life on earth and never, or rarely, have won a soul to heaven.

“Well, I just can’t do it,” or “I am too shy to talk to anyone,” are not excuses that biblically excuse anyone from their God-commanded duty to witness. I never met a person who thought that it was easy for them to witness to strangers in the beginning. However, God always helped them, when they showed they were willing to obey His command.

I am sure it was hard for the members of the early church to win souls to Christ; but because they obeyed God, their church grew. After they witnessed to others, God blessed their church. There are too many bound for hell (Mark 7:13). Do not be a selfish Christian and not share eternity with anyone. Someone probably shared it with you. If they did not, you would most likely not be heaven bound. Soul winning is the biblical way to get the message of salvation to others. It still works today! Have you witnessed to anyone this week?

Talking Business

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A pastor was passing a big department store, and followed a sudden impulse to go in and talk to the proprietor on the subject of his salvation. Finding the owner, the preacher asked, “Mr. T..., I’ve talked beds, carpets, and bookcases with you, but I’ve never talked my business to you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so?”

Being led to a private office, the pastor took out his New Testament and showed the man passage after passage which showed the storekeeper his duty to accept Jesus Christ. Finally, the tears began to roll down his cheeks, and he said to the preacher, “I’m 70 years of age. I was born in this city, and more than a hundred ministers, and more than 500 hundred church officers have known me as you have in doing business with me. In all these years you are the only man who ever spoke to me about my soul.”

What a sad commentary to the many that talked with this businessman. Yet, many that have crossed our paths have never heard the Gospel from anyone, including us.



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Tell Them about Jesus!

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One of the blessings of reading the Bible is learning how biblical characters solved problems, got through hardships, and lived godly lives. Peter is one of those personalities that can



be a good Christian example to pattern ourselves after.

After Jesus left to return to His heavenly home, Peter, although sad and grieving, pushed forward to live for God. After his humbling experience when he denied Jesus three times (John 18), it seems that Peter learned an important lesson from that trial. From that time forward the Bible shows that Peter had a single-minded purpose. That purpose was to take any opportunity he had to tell others about Jesus.

In Acts 4, after being used to heal a lame man, the religious people were angered at what Peter had done. Soon they were questioning and grilling Peter. Instead of getting down to their level and having a big debate that accomplished little, he preached a subject he knew could have a positive influence. He preached about Jesus, and how he was the only way to heaven.

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Suppose

“Suppose”, A tract from the Great Commission Prayer League

Suppose someone were to offer me a thousand dollars for every soul I might earnestly try to lead to Christ. Would I endeavor to lead more souls to Him than I am endeavoring to do now for the money? Is my love of money stronger than my love of God or souls ...?

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

The best defense against daily temptations, is to have God's Word hidden in your heart. Read it daily! Having a problem faithfully reading the Bible? Subscribe to a daily e-mail link to read one chapter a day. Go to: <http://www.openthoumineeyes.com/blogsignup.html>

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Acts 3 found Peter among a crowd of people who wanted to get closer to him after God had used him to heal a lame man. Instead of taking any credit for the miracle, Peter took the opportunity to tell the crowd about Jesus.

Earlier in Acts 2, after having been used by the Holy Ghost to heal a man, some had accused Peter and the others of having been drunk. Instead of entering into a big debate in an attempt to defend himself, he again took the opportunity to tell the onlookers about Jesus.

In many of the circumstances Peter found himself, he quite often took the opportunity to tell others about Jesus. We too should likewise model his heart to tell others about Jesus, and how Jesus can change lives. The great commission (Mark 16:15) God gave each and every believer is to go and tell.

Daily each one of us comes in contact with people. If we would use our contact to point that one to the One who has all of life's answers, this world would certainly be a different place.

Our opinions are not always wanted and rarely change anything. Many of the world's solutions also do not always work. However, when one gets saved, they will have been born into the family of God. Their heavenly

Father can then help them with any problems they will have, if they go to Him.

Be like Peter, take every opportunity you can to point as many as you can to Jesus. He is the solution to every problem or trial anyone faces.

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When a person is saved, all his sins are forgiven. Although God will not remind us of our iniquities, the believer will be rewarded for what he did for

Christ after he was saved. Every Christian is expected to tell others the biblical way to heaven. Although, it is the commandment most neglected by Christians, it is the one most important! Here is some of what the Bible says about our personally winning a soul to heaven:

† It is the primary way that a lost person will ever hear about God's way to heaven. *"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou reatest? 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* How

will the spiritually lost be saved, unless a child of God tells them how?

† It will rescue a soul from spending an eternity in hell.



"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death ..."

James 5:20

† It should be done in every house, as did the early church. Door-to-door witnessing is still the way we are expected to witness. It is how the early church grew, and it is how today's church will grow.

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42

† It should be done by EVERYONE, not just the disciples, missionaries, pastors, and deacons!

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

† It is some of the Christian "fruit," a born-again believer should produce.

"Many Christians complain of the condition of the world today. If they really believed what they confess, they would be leading the lost to Christ; then the world would be changed!"

"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: John 15:16, 20: 11

† The lost need to be "compelled", as were the visitors in the parable of the Great Supper (Luke 14:16-24). "Compelling" is done one-on-one!

"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

† God commands it!
"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ... 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 ..." Matthew 28:19-20

† It is the wise thing to do.
"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Proverbs 11:30

† Many commentators say that a believer will receive a crown of rejoicing for their witnessing and winning a lost soul to Christ.

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"

1 Thessalonians 2:19

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"Jesus saves. Tell someone today!"