

SOUL – WINNING

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Lesson #2

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Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Mat 4:20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

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

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

THE FUEL OF URGENCY

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

1. Urgency is an attitude of the mind and of the heart. This senses a need for action and which is persistent until the need is satisfied.
2. Jesus as our example showed great sense of urgency. “I must be about my Father’s Business” (Luke 2:49). “I must work needs go through Samaria” (John 4:4). “...The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up” (John 2:7).
3. A soul winner cry is “**I Must**” not **Maybe** or **Possible**, but when a man says “**I Must**” he is sat on fire by the passions of his desires.

4. The Apostle Paul was a consistent active soul winner turning men from darkness to light. He made statements like “I must also see Rome. This was not the voice of a desire of a traveler or a sightseer. But an urgent desire to bear witness to Christ in the capital of the known world.
5. It was the evangelistic urgency that caused John Knox to cry, “Give me Scotland or I die!” John Wesley expressed the same consuming urgency with, “The world is my parish!”

SOUL WINNING MUST BE DRIVEN WITH A BURDEN

Mat 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the laborers *are* few;

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF A SOUL WINNER

1. **Understanding the value of one Soul:** John 4:1-42 shows that Jesus set out to win one sinful women, and frequently He had an audience of one person only. In Matthew’s Gospel, there are recorded sixteen private interviews by our Lord. In John’s Gospel there are seventeen such interviews which demonstrate the value of one soul. In Luke 15 we read of one lost sheep, one lost coin and one lost son.
2. **A Soul Winner must be willing to go out of your way. To be an effective soul winner it will cost you time and even some money.**

John 4:4 tells us that He went through Samaria. He was willing to put Himself to some inconvenience in order to win one poor, sinful woman to Himself. Too often we are preoccupied with our affairs and we pass by those to whom God is giving us a glorious

opportunity of ministering. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us how to minister to the needs of the hurting and the lost.

Luk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,

Luk 10:34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and **set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**

Luk 10:35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and **whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.**

3. Communicating with Souls is a soul winners Job:

a. Communication has to do with conveying thought from one mind to another. If there is no comprehension of thought, there is not communication.

b. The proper way to communicate with souls is found in Acts 8:26-38, concerning Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch.

Act 8:28 (The Ethiopian Eunuch) Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Isaiah the prophet.

Act 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, **Go near**, and **join thyself to this chariot.**

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, **Understandest thou what thou readest?**

Act 8:31 And he said, **How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.**

Act 8:32 The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Act 8:35 **Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.**

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, **See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

4. **Compassion**: Compassion is the door latch which opens opportunity for evangelism.

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- a. School students, housewives, professional men, blue-collar workers, your neighbors, friends are fainting because of the void in their lives. It's a vacuum and void only filled by Jesus Christ.

5. **Consistency**: Being a soul winner you must be consistent. A farmer never will see a crop if he throws a little seed here and a little seed there and next month he throws some more seed, what kind of a crop do you think this farm will have?

Act 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2Co 9:6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

- a. Soul winning is a life style not done just every once in a while, but consistently you are sowing seed and confronting new souls with the gospel.

6. **Overcoming Conflict**: Conflict is inevitable when the message of righteousness meets the forces of hell. Stephen was stoned; James was thrust through with the sword. Peter was imprisoned, Paul beaten, yet Paul said: "But none of these

things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus (Acts 20:24).

Co 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

- a. Today there are still conflicts: Some from without and some from within. When you take this gospel to a lost world, Satan and his forces don't give up ground without a battle.
- b. Through aggressive soul winning churches began to thrive, and new churches come into being.