

21. WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD DO SOUL-WINNING

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:3-21; Proverbs 11:30

I. WHAT IS SOUL-WINNING?

Soul Winning is starting a conversation with an unsaved person, and sharing God's plan of Salvation with him, from the Bible, so that he clearly understands HOW he may receive Christ as his Saviour, and have eternal life. It is leading a person to Christ.

II. WHY SHOULD WE DO SOUL-WINNING?

These reasons must be firmly grounded in our minds, and we must teach them to every person that we disciple as soon as possible.

1. God commands us to. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature". Mark 16:15.
2. That is why Christ came. 'The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost' Luke 19:10
3. We must ALL appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive REWARDS for faithfully serving Christ. II Corinthians 5:10.
4. Because of HELL - "knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men". II Corinthians 5:11. Hell is HOT, Heaven is SWEET, and JESUS SAVES". See Luke 16:19-31; Mark 9:42-48.
5. THE LOVE OF CHRIST Compels us. II Corinthians 5:14.
6. People are BLESSED by being saved, and by becoming a new creature. II Corinthians 5:17.
7. God has given us the MINISTRY (Job) of Reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18. This job is to bring God and man together.
8. We are AMBASSADORS for CHRIST. II Corinthians 5:20.
9. So Christ will say to us: "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21.
10. Soul - Winners are the BEST Christians. Matthew 4:19.
11. Soul - Winners will shine as the stars forever. Daniel 12:3.
12. So that we won't be ashamed before Christ. 1 John 2:28.
13. There is a great need, but few labourers (Soul winners). Matthew 9:36-38.
14. JESUS was a soul - winner. John 4; Luke 19:10.
15. Not to have BLOODY HANDS. Ezekiel 3:17,18.
16. We have very little time to do soul-winning (John 9:4). We can't do S.W. in heaven, only on Earth.
17. Soul - Winning and Disciple - making is the only hope to save Australia from sin, judgment and bad government. Ezekiel 22:30.
18. We'll PERISH without a VISION of Soul Winning and Disciple Making. Proverbs 29:18.
19. Soul - Winning glorifies Christ. When people get saved, they praise God.
20. Soul - Winners are WISER, know the Bible BETTER, and have LESS FEAR.
21. GIVE (the Gospel), and it shall be given unto you. Luke 6:38.

Look after God's interests and He'll look after yours.

22. To plant and build Soul-Winning churches all over the world.
23. To HURT SATAN and to make heaven rejoice. Luke 15:3-7.
24. It's a PRIVILEGE that angels don't have. Acts 10:3-8.
25. Those you win to Christ will thank you in heaven, and love you always.
26. God gives greater opportunities for service (in this life and the next) to those who are faithful in little things such as Soul-Winning. Matthew 25:21.
27. It's great to see God use you.
28. If we don't win them to Christ, the world or cults will win them for Satan.
29. "WOE is unto me if I preach NOT the gospel". 1 Corinthians 9:16; Luke 12:47.
30. Soul-Winning is the most exciting way to spend your life.
31. You set a MULTIPLICATION CHAIN going that may have millions of people in it. 2 Timothy 2:2
32. JESUS is COMING SOON!!
33. Soul-Winning increases your love for people and for God.
34. Example of Christians in the past e.g. martyrs. Revelation 17:6.
35. It is the BEST WAY to MAKE FRIENDS.
36. It makes you HAPPY and brings UNITY in your church.
37. You may win a great person to Christ.
38. Today, with modern technology such as international air transport, a missionary can fly to the mission field overseas in 24 hours. He can link up with national workers in third world countries to train them, and provide them with tracts, Bibles, books and medical clinics to win thousands of spiritually hungry people to Christ. He can be vaccinated against malaria and other tropical diseases that killed thousands of missionaries last century. We can print and distribute vast quantities of literature to win and train millions of people for Christ and Bible truth.
39. The wealth that we have in the West can be used to multiply the gospel and to build many churches in the Third World.
40. Developing countries are very open and hungry for the Gospel. We should take advantage of these open doors in Africa, India, China, Philippines, Eastern Europe, and South American countries to saturate these countries with literature, the gospel and true Bible doctrine.
41. Our life's goal should be great usefulness to God by doing Soul-Winning.
42. You may die tomorrow and have no more chances to do Soul-Winning.
43. You may be surprised by the prosperity that will come to you by Soul-Winning. Ecclesiastes 11:6.

Bad Consequences of Churches that Quit Soul-Winning.

I. Personal Consequences.

1. You are making a conscious decision to deliberately disobey God. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15).
Those who don't do SW because they are ignorant, are less blameworthy than those who know how to do it and don't do it. Stopping SW is not ignorance, but a deliberate decision to disobey God.
2. When you deliberately disobey God by quitting SW, your heart will become cold, hard, guilty and indifferent to the needs of others. (Zechariah 7:8-13). God wanted Israel to show His love to the world, but Israel stopped their ears. So God stopped His ears to their cry when they fell under God's judgment.
3. You Grieve the Holy Spirit by quitting SW. (Ephesians 4:30). We are not programmed to carry guilt. We have three choices when faced with guilt: a) Confess it to God, b) Transfer the guilt to others by blaming them, c) Close your ears to the Holy Spirit's voice and sear your conscience.
4. You lose the sense of God's presence in your life, you become unstable and double minded with one foot in the world and one foot in church.

II. Ministry Consequences.

5. You are no longer a part of God's great program: "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,.." (Luke 24:46). When we fall in line with God's program, we become a SW church. (Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10). Christ passed His program onto all churches today. The centre of a church is SW or it will be something else, such as music, drama, etc.. If you go SW, everything else comes together, such as Bible study, follow up, more young men training to be preachers, prayer, zeal, rebuking sin, hating worldliness and false religion, etc.
6. Those who quit SW become critical of soul winners, soul winning, running buses, standards, holy living, and accuse us of legalism. They quit soul winning, so they attack soul winners.
The mark of spirituality is: a) Not a big crowd. You can get a crowd by carnal methods, b) Not a lot of money, but c) Changed lives.

III. Community Consequences.

7. No Lighthouse in the community. People need to know that someone still believes the Bible and its standards of holiness. When you quit SW, there's no true prophet in your community.
8. Old Landmarks get removed. We must show the community how far they have removed from the Bible.
9. World missions will die as non-SW churches lose their vision.
10. Our children won't know how to win the lost, so they depart from SW and Bible standards.
We can't pass on to the next generation what we don't know.

Conclusion: Remember the consequences of turning back.