

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

### THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

*Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

#### Study 17

#### SOUL WINNING

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

*Daniel 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 for ever and ever.*

The devil wants us to believe that soul winning is a gift given to only a few Christians. This is simply not true. God wants ALL Christians to be soul winners.

#### 1) SOUL WINNING IS NOT LISTED IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

*Romans 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:*

*5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*

*6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

*7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;*

*8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27 ¶ Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

*28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*

*29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*

*30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?*

*31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

#### 2) SOUL WINNING WAS COMMISSIONED TO ALL IN THE CHURCH ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASSIONS IN THE SCRIPTURES.

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*20 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.*

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

*Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

*46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*

*47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

*48 And ye are witnesses of these things.*

*49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

*John 20:19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

*20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.*

*21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

*22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

*Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusa-*

lem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 ¶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### **3) THE REASON JESUS CAME TO EARTH WAS TO SAVE SINNERS.**

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Matthew 18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

### **4) ALL CHRISTIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE JESUS.**

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

### **5) DESIRE TO HAVE A SOUL WINNER'S LIFE NOT JUST A SOUL WINNING TIME.**

Philippians 1:27 ¶ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Conversation (def) lifestyle, manner of life

- a) Have a set time to go soul winning
- b) Pass out Gospel tracts all throughout the day
- c) Always carry a New Testament with you
- d) Pray to see souls saved daily

### **6) SOUL WINNING NEEDS TO BE LEARNED.**

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Titus 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Take time to learn if it is important.

- a) By going with an experienced soul winner
- b) By reading good books on soul winning
- c) By winning people to Christ during church services
- d) Practice, practice, practice

### **7) BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET OUT OF ROUTINE CONCERNING SOUL WINNING.**

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

Once you get out of routine, it will be hard to get back on track. Don't allow yourself to stop soul winning. Remember excuses do not alleviate responsibility.

### **8) WE ALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL THE LOST HOW TO BE SAVED.**

1 Corinthians 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

### **9) WE ARE CLEAR FROM ALL GUILT IF WE WOULD SIMPLY WARN THE LOST.**

Ezekiel 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my

mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 *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.*

19 *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.*

## **10) THE TRUTH THAT HELL IS REAL SHOULD MOTIVATE US ALL TO BE SOUL WINNERS.**

*Luke 16:19 ¶ There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*

20 *And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,*

21 *And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.*

22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*

23 *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

24 *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

25 *But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*

26 *And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

27 *Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:*

28 *For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*

29 *Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.*

30 *And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.*

31 *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

## **11) EXAMPLES OF SOUL WINNING IN THE BIBLE.**

*John 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.*

26 *Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.*

27 ¶ *And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?*

28 *The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,*

29 *Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

30 *Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.*

31 *In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.*

32 *But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.*

33 *Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?*

34 *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

35 *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

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

37 *And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.*

38 *I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*

39 *And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.*

40 *So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.*

41 *And many more believed because of his own word;*

42 *And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.*

*Acts 8:26 ¶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

*27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,*

*28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.*

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

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

*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.*

*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:*

*33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.*

*34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?*

*35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

*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?*

*37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

*38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

*Acts 18:24 ¶ And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.*

*25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.*

*26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

*27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:*

*28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.*

## **12) ONCE YOU BECOME AN EXPERIENCED SOUL WINNER, TRAIN OTHERS.**

Reproduce yourself! Christ did when training the disciples. He gave us a pattern with which to follow.

## **13) BE A RECRUITER FOR SOUL WINNING.**

Invite new people to come out soul winning just like you invite people to church.

## **14) HOW MANY PEOPLE GO SOUL WINNING DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.**

## **15) GOD EXPECTS US ALL TO BEAR FRUIT.**

*John 15:1 ¶ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

*2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

*3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

*4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

*5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

*6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

*7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

*8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

*16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*