



TRUSTING GOD

Soul-winning
Prov. 11:30

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he that winneth souls is wise.

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Review

When asked if they have a personal responsibility to share their faith with others, 73% of born again Christians said yes. When this conviction is put into practice, however, the numbers shift downward. Only half (52%) of born again Christians say they actually did share the Gospel at least once this past year to someone with different beliefs, in the hope that they might accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

<https://www.barna.com/research/is-evangelism-going-out-of-style/>



Why should a believer have a personal responsibility to share their faith?

DISCIPLESHIP IS COMMANDED BY CHRIST

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

- A. Churches are to Evangelize – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”
- B. Churches are to Edify – “...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”
- C. Churches are to Educate – “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...”

Why is the church commanded to do these three things?

DISCIPLESHIP IS CONNECTED TO CHRIST

A. The Source of Fruitfulness is Christ – “**I am the vine**, ye are the branches...”

B. The Strength of Faithfulness is Commitment

- A believer's commitment is solely to Christ as one must be attached to the vine in order to bring forth fruit.
- In order to bear fruit, one must stay attached to the vine = meet qualifications.
- Personal holiness is an imperative for fellowship (abiding)
– Amos 3:3

Last week we considered 2 Tim. 2:20:

A CHURCH HAS MUCH DIVERSITY

2 Tim. 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

A. The Realm of Dignity – “...in a great house...”

B. The Reality of Diversity – “...vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.”

A CHURCH MEMBER MULLS DECISIONS

2 Tim. 2:21 **if** a man therefore purge himself from these, **he shall be a vessel unto honour**, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

A. A Church Member has the Option to be a Vessel unto Honor

B. A Church Member has the Opportunity to be a Vessel unto Honor

- “meet” = useful, profitable

A CHRISTIAN MAKES DISCIPLES

A. The Sanctification of the Soul-winner

- The soul-winner must be “clean” and “sanctified.”
 - The sanctified believer flees: “Flee also youthful lusts...”
(Grow up!)
 - The sanctified believer follows: “...: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, **with them** that call on the Lord **out of a pure heart.**” (Growth process!)

B. The Separation of the Soul-winner

- In order to be useable for God, the believer must be a “vessel unto honour.”

Tonight we will consider motivation for being a soul-winning:

I. THE APPEARANCE REQUIRED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Heb. 9:27 And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but **after this the judgment**:

Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

2 Cor. 5:10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;** that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

- We should want to be a soul-winner because of the appearance at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

II. THE ACCOUNTABILITY RESPONSIBLE AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Rom. 14:12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

Mt. 12:36 But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

37 For **by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

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- The accountability for which we will be responsible is pictured in Job 26:1-4

1. How hast thou helped him that is without power?

2 Chron. 14:11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with **them that have no power**: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For **there is no power but of God**: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Eccl. 8:8 **There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit**; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

2 Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; **but of power**, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Tim. 3:5 Having a **form of godliness**, but **denying the power** thereof: from such turn away.

2. How savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

Isa. 40:29 **He giveth power to the faint**; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Rom. 5:6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ which strengtheneth me**.

3. How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom?

Ex. 18:19 Hearken now unto my voice, **I will give thee counsel**, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

Prov. 8:14 **Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom**: I am understanding; I have strength.

Prov. 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but **in the multitude of counsellors there is safety**.

Prov. 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but **he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise**.

Prov. 19:20 **Hear counsel**, and receive instruction, **that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end**.

Prov. 24:6 For **by wise counsel** thou shalt make thy war: and **in multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

Isa. 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, **the spirit of counsel and might**, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

4. How hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

1 Chron. 16:24 **Declare his glory among the heathen**; his marvellous works among all nations.

Psa. 22:22 **I will declare thy name unto my brethren**: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psa. 66:16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and **I will declare what he hath done for my soul.**

Psa. 73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: **I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.**

Jn. 17:26 And **I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it:** that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Acts 20:27 For **I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.**

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is **the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you,** that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.



5. To whom hast thou uttered words?

The first four questions deal with quality, not quantity.

Psa. 96:3 **Declare his glory** among the heathen, his wonders **among all people.**

Col. 4:3 Withal **praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

6. Whose spirit came from thee?

Options = world, flesh, devil, or Holy Spirit

Gal. 3:5 He therefore that **ministereth to you the Spirit**, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Rev. 16:13 And I saw **three unclean spirits** like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

1Cor. 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save **the spirit of man** which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God**.

Eccl. 3:21 Who knoweth **the spirit of man** that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

Zech. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but **by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts**.

III. THE AFFINITY REVEALED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

1 Jn. 4:17 **Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:** because as he is, so are we in this world.

Jn. 13:15 For **I have given you an example**, that **ye should do as I have done** to you.

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but **be thou an example of the believers**, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Eph. 5:2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Conclusion

1 Thess. 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were **ensamples to all that believe** in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For **from you sounded out the word of the Lord** not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also **in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad**; so that we need not to speak any thing.

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ALL THE TIME...EVERYWHERE!