

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 13th May 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: THE DIFFICULTIES OF SOUL-WINNING
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3, JAMES 5:20 (NLT)

INTRODUCTION:

In its simplest form of definition, Soul Winning is rescuing the perishing and saving the dying. The soul winners' message is the gospel. Which according to our study from previous weeks is the 'good news'. This week we are continuing our study on personal soul winning, with our focus on exploring "The difficulties of Personal Soul-Winning".

1. THE DIFFICULTIES OF PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING

A. The Difficulties with Ourselves

- ❖ Laziness – Romans 12:11, Ecclesiastes 10:18, Matthew 25:30
- ❖ Variableness
 - We're on fire today; tomorrow we're dead as a door nail! 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - We need to be steady (consistent in our walk with the Lord)!
- ❖ Unprepared in both our mind-set and with our actions – Ephesians 6:15
 - No prayer
 - No tracts
- ❖ Fear – expressed in various forms
 - The Fear of Saying the Wrong thing.
 - The Fear of Being Mocked
 - The Fear of Rejection
 - ✓ Most of the time we don't know what kind of fear it is!
 - ✓ We tell ourselves that with the Lord on our side we have nothing to fear, but we go on fearing, and secretly despising ourselves.
 - We need the perfect love that casts out fear! – 1 John 4:18
 - We need the boldness of the Holy Spirit – Acts 4:31

B. The Difficulties with the Sinner

- ❖ It is impossible for a sinner to understand the things of God – 1 Corinthians 2:14, John 3:3
- ❖ The sinner is naturally at enmity with God – Romans 8:7

Q: How do we tackle the sinner's difficulty of understanding and accepting the things of God?

C. The Difficulties with our Message John 14:6, Acts 2:38, Romans 10:9-13

- The Gospel tells the sinner they are going to hell
- The Gospel tells the sinner they are helpless
- The Gospel tells the sinner that all the good they have done, does not help them
- The Gospel tells the sinner that all the self-improvement they have done, does not help them.

Q: How do we balance the difficulty of our message with us sharing about the love of God?

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D. The Difficulties with Our Adversary – 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, Ephesians 6:12;

- Satan will cause resentment in the sinner.
- Satan will focus the sinner's attention on the unpleasant features of the Gospel message.
- Satan will produce external opposition among relatives, friends, etc.
- Satan will create difficult and embarrassing situations
- Satan will make sure the sinner sees the failures of some other Christian.
- Satan will by numerous means try to discourage the soul-winner.

Q: What are the ways in which we can prevent the difficulty posed by Satan?

CONCLUSION:

Our study today highlights a number of difficulties that could affect our personal soul winning, yet the lord considers us to be in a unique place for a unique time. He still wants to use you to represent Him where you are: be it at work, at home and wherever you find yourself and often where you might consider a comfortable environment.

The best way to show that you love someone is to tell them about the love of Jesus. It's not just enough for us to know Jesus, we need to do everything possible to bring others to Him.

We must talk to God about people before we talk to people about God – DL Moody.