CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF) Friday, 20th May 2022

THEME':PERSONAL SOUL WINNINGTOPIC:THE OBLIGATIONS AND THE REWARDS OF SOUL-WINNINGTEXT:PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3, JAMES 5:20

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 Obligations and Rewards of Personal Soul-Winning".

1. THE OBLIGATIONS OF PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING

Obligation: it's a duty, contract, or promise that compels one to follow or avoid a particular course of action.

- ✤ Indebtedness Romans 1:14 (AMP)
 - In the medical profession a man who discovers a cure for a disease is required by the ethics of his profession to make it known.
 - That means he is debtor to all mankind because of the cure he has found.
 - Around us is a world of sinners, lost and undone.
 - We have the answer: the Gospel of Jesus.
 - Therefore in such a case we are debtors to everyone who does not know Jesus!
- **Q**: What do we really mean by a sense of duty when it comes to Personal Soul-winning?
- Command Mark 16:15
 - This verse is all-inclusive.
 - That means every person who is born into the family of God, is commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature.
 - There are many ways to spread the Gospel
 - ✓ By Giving
 - ✓ By Praying
 - But these things do not release us from our obligation to share the Gospel.
 - The command to witness does not necessarily mean we have to go to a third world country to win souls.

Q: What is the implication of not following the above command?

- ✤ Appointment John 15:16
 - God has appointed us to serve Him.
 - God has ordained us to share the Gospel.

Q: What difference does it make to know that we have been appointed to go and bear fruit?

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✤ Example – Acts 8:1-4

Personal soul winning is not a 20th century invention.

Q: Why does God have His people scattered everywhere?

Love

- This is the mightiest of all obligations! 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NLT), Acts 18:5
- Love is a compelling force 2 Corinthians 8:8
 - We acknowledge our indebtedness, accept our appointment, and admit our example set before us and still keep silent.
 - But if love takes over it will drive us.
 - ✓ It is possible for us to be soul-winners because of a command, indebtedness, and not have love.
 - \checkmark In that case our witness will be cold, forced and outright formal.
 - ✓ We may be gifted in our approach, good at our presentation and enthusiastic in nature, but the lack of love will leave all our talents ineffective.

Q: What precisely are the things which makes love the mightiest of all obligations?

CONCLUSION:

Our study today speaks very clearly about the obligation we have as believers towards Personal Soul-Winning. But as much as we are obligated to share the gospel it is also important that we ensure that our message is expressed from a heart that has a demonstrable understanding of the love of God.

The love of God is a compelling force which works for the person sharing the gospel of Christ and those the message is been shared with. Love has the power to melt that heart which is considered to be too hard. Love makes all things possible and conquers all, it has the ability to penetrate where everything else might have failed.