

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 1st July 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: THE OBLIGATIONS AND THE REWARDS OF SOUL-WINNING
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3

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 will continue our study on personal soul winning, with our focus on exploring "The Obligations and Rewards of Personal Soul-Winning".

1. THE REWARDS OF PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING

Should Rewards Be Considered? Yes/No

- ❖ Love should be the supreme obligation that constrains us to win souls.
- ❖ That being said there are still rewards waiting for the Christian who wins souls.

Some Rewards for Personnel Soul-Winning:

1. Fellowship with Christ – John 4:34-35, 6:38

- Soul winning was the work that Jesus took upon himself while he was in the flesh.
- He did not ask for our help when creating the earth.
- But He has invited us into partnership with himself in the work, which has cost Him the most and is dearest to His heart and if we suffer in the course of our witnessing, we are sharing His passion.
- The greater our suffering while doing His work, the closer we are with Him.
- When we are soul winning it assures us that Jesus is with us – Matthew 28:19-20

Q: What is the correlation (relationship) of Personal Soul Winning to our walk with the Lord?

2. Development of Character – 2 Timothy 2:2-5, Romans 10:14-15

- The work itself is a discipline, and discipline strengthens character.
 - Strong character does not come down the easy road, but has to be fought for.
 - An undisciplined person is a weak person.
 - Now personal soul winning involves a constant overcoming of obstacles.
 - A constant wrestling with problems, fears, weaknesses
 - That means soul winning builds up our spiritual fibre.
- Our contacts are human.
 - In this work we are not dealing with machines, we are dealing with people.
 - ✓ Their greatest need.
 - ✓ Their fiercest conflicts.
 - ✓ Their most critical problems.
- If we are aware, we cannot help growing, in patience, understanding, and sympathy.

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3. Development of Talents (A better soul-winner) – Hebrews 5:14

- We grow with practice (pilot gains experience with accrued flight time)
 - ✓ We learn to discern men's spiritual condition.
 - ✓ We become better at using scriptures.
 - ✓ We learn when to be silent and when to talk.
 - ✓ We learn to not be side-tracked and thrown off balance.

4. Joy Unspeakable – Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:19

- We have learned that there are many sorrows and pains to soul winning.
- The joy of parenthood does not end with the birth of a child, neither does the joy of the soul-winner end with the conversion of the sinner.
 - ✓ The joy of seeing the person born in the family.
 - ✓ The joys of seeing that same person grow as a Christian. – 3 John 1:4

Q: What should we do while we are waiting for the joy of seeing someone respond to the gospel?

5. Lasting Friendships Formed – Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

- A soul-winner's life is enriched with abiding friendships.
- True Christians don't forget those who led them to the Lord.

Q: In what way can we be deliberate about developing friendship that leads to discipleship?

6. God's Approval – Matthew 25:21

- All the rewards we've talked about are for this present life.
- There are some rewards, which are laid for us in Heaven.
- To hear our Lord say, "Well Done!" it will be worth it all.
 - ✓ All the struggle
 - ✓ All the disappointments
 - ✓ All the antagonism

Q: How does knowing God's approval help us in personal soul winning?

CONCLUSION:

Our study today clearly helps us to appreciate that there are obligations as well as rewards to personal soul winning. God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him and He will reward accordingly (Romans 2:6). And the main work God has given to us as believers is the ministry of reconciliation, the great commission to lead people to Christ. Therefore, the more souls you win the more your reward. Also, the scripture says that there is joy over one soul that returns. So, certainly, God will reward more those who cause joy in heaven.

It is therefore very important that we embrace soul winning as a lifestyle. For the blessings are immeasurable both here on earth and in heaven.