

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 15th July 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: QUALIFICATIONS AND PREPARATIONS OF SOUL-WINNING
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3,

INTRODUCTION:

The art of effective Soul winning requires adequate preparation and planning. To be fruitful, the soul winner must personally prepare himself in various ways and be sure of victory before launching out for evangelism. This week we are continuing our study on personal soul winning, with our focus on exploring in details the “Preparation of Personal Soul-Winning”.

1. THE PREPARATION OF A SOUL WINNER

1. Study the Word of God – 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

- ❖ For our own soul’s nourishment.
- ❖ So that we may better understand the Gospel.
- ❖ So that we may observe the soul-winning methods written in the Bible.
- ❖ So that we may have the appropriate scriptures ready for use.

Q: How should we go about this kind of study of the word?

2. Study the opposition of sinners. – 2 Corinthians 2:11

- ❖ No branch of the army is more important than the intelligence division, whose job is to find out all it can about the enemy.
 - His manpower
 - His supplies
 - His defences
- ❖ If we are going to be soul-winners, we need to have our intelligence service in operation so we can know what resistance we will likely meet.

Q: Other than using the bible, what other study materials can be used for learning about the opposition?

3. Study the work of other soul-winners – Romans 12:11; Proverbs 27:17

- ❖ To keep the fire burning
 - There’s so much in this world to keep our fire cooled down.
 - To hear the stories of other soul winners’ conflicts, conquests, determination, and their successes, will get the fire roaring!
- ❖ To improve our technique
 - What approaches they have used.
 - How they have applied scriptures to different situations.
 - What methods don’t work?

4. Study the false cults – Matthew 7:15-16; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

- ❖ There are so many false cults today that for us to master them all it would take a lifetime.
- ❖ However, with a thorough grounding in the Gospel and the teachings of the Bible, a Christian can very easily see the basic errors in all cultic religions.

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Q: What are the basic signs (pointers) of a false cult?

5. Spend much time in prayer – Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:3-4

- ❖ Pray to keep our heart in tune.
 - Without prayer, the problems we have with ourselves – our fear, our lukewarm spirit, our over caution, etc. will become overwhelming and we will not be fit to do anything for the Lord.
 - Prayer will keep us in a ready state of mind – strengthened and vigilant!
- ❖ Pray to fight back the powers of darkness
 - Satan is interested in soul winning, he will oppose it with all the power he has.
 - Our only answer is prayer.
- ❖ Pray to secure the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 - We must pray that God will lead us to someone who is receptive.
- ❖ Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the heart of the sinner.
 - We must remember it's not our wise approach, our skilful instruction that will win people to the Lord – Zechariah 4:6.

Q: Why is it important for us to depend on the Holy Spirit with regards to soul-winning?

CONCLUSION:

It is an established fact that Christ has won the battle for us on the cross of Calvary, yet the believer's adequate personal preparation identifies him with this divine victory and grants him the needed testimony after the exercise. Baseless and faithless efforts without preparation will only be a mechanical and fruitless exercise.

There is a need for adequate preparation and purging through prayer. There is also a need for Soul winner's intercession for the preparation of the hearer's heart. God will break every hardness and make their heart fertile to receive the gospel message.

The mission of soul winning is to make disciples of all nations for the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the soul winner must ensure he adequately plans his time, and other resources to deploy them appropriately towards the salvation of the sinners.