

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 12th August 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: APPROACH IN 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'. Our study today is focused on "the Importance of the Right Approach" in Personal Soul-winning.

1. THE APPROACH

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RIGHT APPROACH – Acts 8:26-40

❖ The Approach Is Tremendously Important.

- The wrong approach may cause resentment and or resistance.
- A person who is hungry for God will shy away from a crude approach.

Q: What kind of approach would we say is crude?

❖ The Right Mental Attitude – 1 Corinthians 1:27

- We must rid our minds of any superiority.
 - ✓ If that exists, it cannot be hidden.
 - ✓ The "holier than thou" attitude is fatal to soul-winning.
 - ✓ The "wiser than thou" attitude belongs to the sinner.
- We must avoid a false, sentimental pity.
 - ✓ Our attitude must not be, "You poor sinner!"
 - ✓ We must see people as souls for whom Christ died.
- We must stay clear of the inferiority complex. **2 Chronicles 32:8**
 - ✓ A sense of inferiority will kill our efforts.
 - ✓ If we draw back before people's high position, or great education, we shall greatly weaken our witness.

Q: How important is the gift of discernment when it comes to our approach

❖ The Right Qualities – Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)

- The approach must always be courteous.
- The approach must be made tactfully.
 - ✓ Tact: Is the mental ability of doing and saying the right thing at the right time so as not to unjustly offend or anger.
 - ✓ Some people can become so tactful that they never make contact.
 - ✓ Tact is not pulling your punches, but it is making contact in the most effective manner.
 - ✓ To do this we need to seek God's wisdom.
- We need to apply wisdom with the right approach.

Q: Give personal examples of how wisdom can be applied in our approach.

2. TYPES OF RIGHT APPROACH – John 16:13, Acts 8:29

❖ Indirect Type.

- The indirect approach is calculated to win confidence and create a more lasting

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interest.

- Its danger is that the indirect approach can become lost before it reaches its goal.
- Two types of indirect approach:
 - ✓ Commendation (Praise)
Sincere commendation will often prepare the heart for salvation
 - ✓ Common interests
Common interests often create a bond which makes sharing the Gospel easier.
If you fail to find a common interest, make yourself interested in the sinner's interests.

❖ Direct Type.

- The direct approach is sometimes effective when you know the person is avoiding you.

❖ What Factors Determine Approach?

- The soul winner's disposition will determine the approach.
 - ✓ It will be easier for an outgoing person to use the direct approach.
- The situation will determine the approach.
 - ✓ How much time is available?
 - ✓ Is death imminent?
 - ✓ Is there evidence the Holy Spirit has been working on the person?
 - ✓ Does the sinner have some knowledge of God, or is completely ignorant?
- The Holy Spirit will determine the approach.
 - ✓ This is why we must walk in the spirit, be sensitive to His voice. **Romans 8:14**

3. SUGGESTED WAYS OF RIGHT APPROACH

- ❖ Current News
- ❖ Give other ways for our approach in personal evangelism

CONCLUSION:

In reference to our text in Acts 8:29-40, Philip was involved with an evangelistic meeting in Samaria when the Lord instructed him to go join himself with the Ethiopian statesman's chariot from Jerusalem to Gaza. He "arose and went." Showing he was available. The man was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah. And the Spirit of God prompted Philip to approach the traveller. Philip was led by the Spirit. In other words, he sensed that God was clearly opening the door.

Philip cooperated, showing the importance of obedience. He heard the man reading aloud and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" Which shows an excellent start! A proper opening is so important. Philip didn't barge in and start preaching, nor did he corner the gentleman with a loaded question.

The man invited Philip to sit with him and assist him in his quest for understanding. Philip responded with great tactfulness. Even though he had his foot in the door, he remained gracious, courteous, and sensitive to when he should speak of salvation. When that moment came, he "opened his mouth" and became specific. It is important that we are open to let our approach be Spirit led and guided.