

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 9th September 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: DEALING WITH THE PROCASTINATOR
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 centred on "Dealing with the Procrastinator" and the effect it has on their response to the gospel.

1. DEALING WITH THE PROCASTINATOR

A. Led By Satan – 2 Corinthians 4:4; Acts 26:18

- ❖ A procrastinator does not realize he is being led by Satan, who constantly seeks to keep people from coming to Christ.
- ❖ God urges people to be saved now; tomorrow may be too late.
- ❖ If Satan can keep a person procrastinating he will keep him/her unsaved

Q: Why is Procrastination something to be mindful of as a personal soul winner?

B. Result of Procrastination – Luke 12:40; Ecclesiastes 11:4

- ❖ For a person to die without Jesus means they will spend eternity in Hell.
- ❖ Life is so uncertain; it is most imperative that all people prepare for eternity. James 4:14
- ❖ The procrastinator should also remember the laws of sowing and reaping – Galatians 6:8-9
- ❖ No one can sow wild oats without reaping a harvest.

C. Some Excuses – 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3, Isaiah 55:6-7, Proverbs 27:1

- ❖ They say Not Today
- ❖ I Will Wait Until I'm Older – Ecclesiastes 12:1; Hebrews 3:13
- ❖ I Will Wait Until I'm Established In My Business – Matthew 6:33
- ❖ I Will Wait Until I Feel Moved.
 - What kind of feeling should someone have before he will flee from danger?
 - If my house were on fire, it would be silly for me to say, "I don't feel moved to leave."
Acts 17:30-31
- ❖ I Will Wait Until I Improve Myself – Luke 9:59-60
- ❖ It Costs Too Much
 - This person feels he will have to give up too much of the world's pleasures and interests.
 - Show him the cost of not coming to Jesus.

Q: How are we to help the procrastinator realise his/her position and the danger of maintaining such position?

2. DEALING WITH THOSE WHO HAVE FEARS

A. The person who is afraid, thinks he/she is too great a sinner.

- ❖ Wrong Impression
 - This person thinks God is only interested in good people.
- ❖ Method in Handling
 - The person needs to be shown that God loves all sinners – John 3:16.
 - Use these verses – Romans 5:6-7; 2 Peter 3:9
- ❖ Show him/her that the blood of Christ is sufficient to cleanse all sin.

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- ❖ Show him some of the desperate sinners mentioned in the Bible who God saved.
 - David, guilty of adultery and murder.
 - Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus cast out seven demons.
 - Paul's career was persecuting and killing Christians.
 - ✓ Warn him of the danger of living unsaved.

B. The person who is afraid, who thinks they can't make it as a Christian – **2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18**

- ❖ Attitude
 - They have a desire to be Christian but they have tried over and over to be good, and they always fail.
 - Make sure the person has definitely received Jesus.
 - Then show them the promise – John 1:12

Q: What practical ways can we use to help the fearful to know that God's got them?

CONCLUSION:

Our study today shows us an area of personal soul winning that we don't often pay attention to which is dealing with people who are procrastinators and those who have fears. We are again shown the things we need to look out for and how to help such persons to come to the point of making a positive decision about the gospel of Christ.

On another note our study addresses the point of some Christians who know about the plan of salvation, they believe the Bible but the problem is they keep postponing to share the gospel. They'll say "I will always see him or her anyway." Remember that the circumstances of our loved ones, our friends, neighbours and colleagues might change that they are no longer around. Let's take cue from John 4:35 – "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"