

=BIBLE DOCTRINES=  
Soul Winning – Lesson 10

AIM: to teach my pupils the importance of soul winning and how to win a soul. Our theme for the coming week is “EVERYONE WIN ONE.”

POINT OF CONTACT: Ask the pupils how many have ever won a soul to Jesus Christ personally. Better still, ask someone who has won a soul to tell about it and to testify concerning the importance of soul winning. This should not be limited to adults only, for there are many children who have won their schoolmates and playmates to Jesus Christ.

- I. WHAT IS SOUL WINNING? Soul winning is a Christian taking his Bible, showing an unsaved person how to become a Christian and leading him to become a Christian by faith in Jesus Christ.
  
- II. WHY SHOULD A CHRISTIAN BE A SOUL WINNER?
  1. Jesus commands it. (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8) Somebody has said that the test of a good Christian is obedience. If we are to be good Christians, we must obey. The simple command of Jesus is that we go and get others saved.
  2. Soul winning makes us wise. (Proverbs 11:30) If anybody should know about this, Solomon should. He was the wisest man of his day and one of the wisest men who ever lived. He said, “He that winneth souls is wise.” Not only is one wise because he wins souls, but there is a certain wisdom that God gives to people who are soul winners. He gives them a spiritual discernment that others do not have. This is a wisdom that can come only by winning people to Jesus Christ.
  3. The soul winner is the happiest person in the world. (John 15:11) God promises happiness and joy to soul winners. The same thing is said in Psalm 126:6. Everybody wants happiness, but few seem to find it. Would you be happy? Then become a soul winner. Would you have joy? Then become a soul winner. The happiest people in the world are those who have entered into the greatest business in the world—that of soul winning.
  4. Soul winning gives us love for others. (John 15:17) People who win souls regularly do not split and fuss, but rather, they have the love of Christ in their hearts. There is a reason for this. Nothing else is very important to a person who is a soul winner. The big thing is getting folks saved. There is a unity between soul winners that is out of this world, not given by this world.
  5. Soul winning brings answered prayer. (John 15:16) Read carefully John 15:1-20. All of these verses deal with our being soul winners and bearing fruit. Notice the many things derived from bearing fruit. One of them is answered prayer. All of us want our prayers answered. All of us will face times in our lives when the only hope we have is to have a prayer answered. If we would have our prayers answered, we must remember to be obedient to Christ.
  6. Soul winning glorifies the Father. (John 15:8) There is no way that we can bring glory to God as much as by soul winning. Every Christian would like to glorify God; then let us use God’s methods in doing so. Not only do we ourselves glorify God by winning a soul, but we lead someone to Christ who will forever glorify God. We add glory to Him forever in leading others to know Him. I Corinthians 10:31 says, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” Soul winning is the peak of this activity.
  7. The soul winner follows Jesus; the person who is not a soul winner does not follow Him. (Matthew 4:19) You will notice that Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” This would imply that to follow Him is to become a fisher of men. If we do not become fishers of men, it is a sign we have not followed Him. Let us become followers of Jesus Christ.
  8. We have the joy of being workers and co-laborers with Christ. (John 14:12) The work that He did is the work that we are to do. Since He did soul-winning work, we are to do soul-winning work. When we enter into this work, we become partners with Him and have the joy of doing the very work He did and the very work He would do if He were here now.

9. Because there is a Hell, and because God is a God of wrath to those who reject His Gospel, we should be soul winners. (II Corinthians 5:11) Oftentimes people say that we should not persuade someone to become a Christian because of the wrath of God. Of course, the love of God is a wonderful motive for being saved, but knowing the terror of the Lord, Paul said he persuaded men. Tell the pupils something about Hell—that it is a place of fire, separation from God, constant torment, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Because there is such a place, we ought to be soul winners!

III. WHO SHOULD BE SOUL WINNERS? In the Bible, a great cross section of society won souls to Jesus Christ. Philip, who was a deacon, was a soul winner, according to Acts 8. Hence, deacons should be soul winners and laymen should be soul winners. In John 4 a lady was a soul winner. The woman at the well went to Sychar and led others to Jesus. Consequently, we find that ladies should be soul winners. In John 1:40, 41, we find that Andrew was a soul winner. He was a timid sort of a fellow, not spectacular. So we find that even introverts and timid people are to be soul winners. In Acts 20:20 we find that Paul was a soul winner, so the preachers are to be soul winners. David was a king; Solomon also was a king, and they said, "He that winneth souls is wise," and "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." We find from this that every Christian is to be a soul winner.

IV. WHERE SHOULD WE WIN SOULS?

1. We are to go house to house. Acts 5:42 and Acts 20:20 show us that we are to win them not only in church but house to house! We are to go where they are and win them. Not one place in the Bible do we find sinners commanded to go to church, but over and over again we find the church commanded to go to sinners and lead them to Jesus Christ.
2. We are to win souls everywhere. Acts 8:4 says they "...went every where preaching the Word."

V. WHEN SHOULD WE WIN SOULS? By this, we mean, how long after a person is saved should he begin leading souls to Jesus Christ? The answer is, as soon as he knows how to be saved himself, he should lead others to Christ. In John 4 the woman at the well went immediately and became a soul winner. This is God's plan. Far too many people feel that they have to have a course in college or seminary to be soul winners. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Every Christian is to be a soul winner, and he is to be a soul winner immediately upon becoming a Christian.

VI. HOW TO BE A SOUL WINNER. (Teacher, take about ten minutes and have a skit in which you actually lead one of the pupils to Jesus Christ. Nothing could do more than this to teach your class how to win a soul to Christ. If you feel you cannot do it, have someone else do it, but have a person won to Christ in the class. Use two Christian people, preferably the teacher and another class member, and play like you are leading him to Jesus Christ. You could take 10 or 15 minutes for this if you care to, but by all means, be sure that every person in your Sunday school class learns soul winning in this lesson.)

CONCLUSION: If you feel you need more help for the lesson, Brother Hyles' book, Let's Go Soul Winning, contains a wealth of help.