

The Doctrine of Soul Winning

Various Scriptures

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” -Proverbs 11:30

In your opinion, what are some challenging aspects of winning souls today?

*Being mindful of _____

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What is soul winning?

Drawing humanity back to God through righteousness, godly wisdom for the edification of His eternal kingdom.

Soul: Hebrew word; *nephesh* living being, life, self, person, desire, passion, appetite, emotion. Greek word; *psuche* the vital breath, breath of life, the human soul, the soul as the seat of affections and will, the self, a human person, an individual.

Win: Hebrew word; *laqach* to take. Greek word; *kerdaino* to gain, win over, avoid loss.

Every since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden humanity has taken a physical and spiritual loss. However, when Jesus came and sacrificed his life by dying on the cross, paying the price for humanity, he made a way for us to be victorious over the eternal consequences of sin and death. Therefore soul winning is very _____ in the life of a Christian.

What do you think would happen if Christians stopped caring for the unsaved?

How were you saved? Was it because someone cared enough about you?

Jude 1:20-23; 2 Corinthians 5:18;20-21

Evangelism vs Soul Winning: different terms similar principle

Evangelism: from the Greek word *euangelion*, meaning gospel or good news, verbal forms express the announcement of good news. Evangelism is the active calling of people to respond to the message of grace and commit oneself to God in Jesus Christ.

Simply put it is the proclamation of the message of the good news. -Holman Bible Dictionary

Soul Winning: He/she that is wise, by communicating their wisdom (verbally or non verbally), wins souls, wins upon them to bring them in love with God and holiness, and so wins them over into the interests of God's kingdom among men. -Matthew Henry

Soul Winning in the Old Testament:

In Daniel 12:1-3 we read a prophecy concerning the end times. In anticipation of the day of the Lord, Daniel encourages us to be proactive in embracing wisdom, modeling righteousness, and winning others before it's too late.

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.” -Daniel 12:3

This text declares that those who are wise will shine....

Can you name some things that give people the false impression that they will shine or last forever in this world?

*Fame

*Possessions

* _____

1 John 2:15

What does it mean to shine like the brightness of the firmament (sky)?

*It will be _____ to all. Psalm 37:5-7

Who are the wise?

*Those who put their _____ in God. Jeremiah 17:7-8

What do they do?

_____ many to righteousness. Ezekiel 33:11

Identify one action you can take to turn others closer to God.

In Proverbs 11:30 Solomon compares the fruit of the righteous to a tree of life. This indicates that wisdom is found in the way we live and the way will live along with our testimony of the Lord will win others to His kingdom.

The fruit of righteousness is not like any tree....but a tree of life.

Did you notice any progression in the last text to this? What is it?

*Wisdom leads to the _____ of righteous and the _____ is then shared by winning others. Psalm 1:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20

What is one thing that those who are righteous and have obtained salvation must avoid at all cost?

* _____ your blessing. 1 Peter 3:15

Soul Winning in the New Testament:

In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 the Apostle Paul talks at length about serving all men. This serving involves both freedom and discipline. On one hand he was free to do what God desired as well as from their restrictions. On the other, he was disciplined enough to stay focused on the main goal of winning their souls to God.

As we look to win souls in our present world, what are some things Paul does that we can do as well?

-Find and common _____. (20) -Make others feel welcome.

-Look for opportunities to tell them about _____.

As Paul went from group to group did he ever change his message and compromise the gospel? What can we learn from this today?

In James 5:19-20, James discusses what to do when someone from within the church drifts away from the truth. There are many who have left the church due to their own desires or following false doctrines. Sadly we run the risk of pushing them further when we criticize and humiliate them. James encourages the church to turn them from error.

How can you help someone who has backslid?

*Speak the truth in _____ * _____ for them.

*Act in _____.

Galatians 6:1

What is one thing that you are going to share with someone else?

“Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.”