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SOULWINNING: THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

(Part I)

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"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed him." (Matt. 4:18-20).

THE LORD'S CALL

There are four simple but important steps in this passage.

First, Jesus said, "Follow me." Personal soulwinning begins with following the Lord Jesus Christ. "Follow me," Jesus said, not follow some church, some creed contrary to the Scriptures, not some man, but follow Jesus Christ.

The second step is, "I will make you." You don't have to worry about making yourself a fisher of men. I fear in this day there are many self-made fishers of men. I call it "ego-centric evangelism." It is not Biblical soulwinning. We are not natural fishers of men; we are made to be fishers of men by the Lord Jesus Christ. "I will make you." I like that because I want to know how to win men, but I cannot know how except as He teaches and instructs me.

Then He says, "I will make you fishers of men." That's what a soulwinner is. I really do not like the word "soulwinning" as much as the word "witnessing." Soulwinning carries the idea that I do the winning, and I don't do the winning. I may do the planting, I may do the watering, but it is God that gives the increase. The only soulwinner is God. I may speak to the lost and give the Gospel, but the actual business of calling, converting, and saving the sinner is God's business. So we are not in this business alone; we are simply a part

of it. We sow, we water, and sometimes we have the opportunity to reap, but the One who gives the increase is God. I am not opposed to the word "soulwinning." It is a good word, but it has been greatly misused. I believe the word "witnessing" is better.

Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men." Our job is to fish for men. That doesn't mean we cannot fish for women, young people, or children. This word has to do with mankind, the human kind. We are to reach the lost and bring people to Christ.

Notice the response. "They straightway left their nets and followed Him." Their nets speak of their involvement and interests that tied them to this world. Up to this point, their nets had been their life.

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THE PRESENT-DAY APOSTASY

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE

By the Late A. C. Gaebelein
(As preached in The Prophetic
Bible Conference in Chicago in 1914.)

But these predictions are also fulfilled in great world-movements, such as never have been before. These movements have sprung up during the last twenty-five years. As Christendom yielded to the modern denials and turned away from the truth, these fraudulent, delusive movements have come in and they are flourishing on account of it. They are attracting the unsaved church membership and filling their ranks with such as never received the love of the truth. Let me name some of them: Christian Science, Millennial Dawnism (or, as this religious chameleon now calls itself, The International Bible Students Association), Theosophy, Spiritism or Psychical Research, Bahaimism, the New Theology and the New Religion. They are world movements. Oh! the appeals for help which come to my office from China, India, Central America, Korea and other places, to do something to counteract the poison circulated by Russellism, Christian Science and other cults, among the converted heathen. Now let me point out briefly that all these movements, along with the apostasy in the professing Church, have certain things in common. They all deny the following fundamental doctrines:

1. *The absolute deity of our Lord.* They may speak of the divinity of Jesus; but that is a term which covers up the denial of His Godhead.

2. *The work of the cross.* The great sacrifice brought on Calvary is denied. Christian Science sneers at the blood. The self-styled "Pastor" Russell teaches that Christians have a share in sin-bearing.

3. *The physical resurrection of Christ.* All of these systems deny that the body of Christ was raised from the dead. Russell made the statement that the body of our Lord,

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

I'm sure most of you are aware that we have had two drastic increases in postage this year, making it even harder to keep our heads above water financially with The PROJECTOR. It takes about \$6 a year just to cover paper and postage. We must hear from you at least once a year if we are to continue with the paper. Periodicals like The PROJECTOR are needed today more than ever. Please use the enclosed envelope to send a contribution. An extra donation will help us keep sending The PROJECTOR to the many missionaries who receive it.

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Editor's Desk

DR. DAYTON HOBBS

The editor's desk today is a picnic table outside our motor home, situated in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains here in North Carolina. Mrs. Hobbs (Aunt Carolyn) and I have been up here for a couple of weeks enjoying the cool climate almost as much as the rest of our wearied minds and bodies.

It is good to get away for a few days of rest. It is amazing what a quiet rest can do to rejuvenate the spirit, along with the mind and body. What a joy it has been to spend as much time as you like reading and meditating on the precious Word, and talking with the Lord in prayer. I'm sure we will attack the work ahead with more vigor and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Hobbs and I will be attending the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting on Aug. 1-3 at Hampton Park Baptist Church (pastored by Dave Yearick) in Greenville, SC. Rod Bell is president of this fellowship and they are having a shortened meeting this year because of the World Congress of Fundamentalism held at Bob Jones University, which begins on Monday, August 4th and runs through Friday, August 8th. Mrs. Hobbs and I will be attending the Congress where we will also have a booth displaying our ministry and selling Aunt Carolyn's children's books along with my books and other materials. Bob Ellis, a pastor in our area of Florida, is now working with Santa Rosa Christian School in the area of Growth and Development. He travels for the ministry, attends conferences and conventions representing the Children's Bible Club and Gospel Projects Ministries and helps in recruiting for Santa Rosa Christian School's Dormitory program and for Santa Rosa Christian Institute. Bob has already proved to be a tremendous blessing to our ministries even in the short time he has been with us, and you may contact him about any area of our work, and he will be most happy to offer his services in any way he can be of help.

Below is our fall itinerary. We (Aunt Carolyn and myself) are available for meetings in between these conferences and at other times during the year. We will be in Ohio for a couple of weeks in late October and early November. Write or call us if you would like to have us for a service or a series of services.

- Sept. 18-19 - SCACS, Florence, SC
- Sept. 21 - Calvary Bapt. Church, Cookeville, TN, Rev. Bob Bradbury, Pastor
- Sept. 24 - Pioneer Christian Academy, Whites Creek, TN
- Sept. 25-26 - TACS, Murfreesboro, TN
- Sept. 28-Oct. 1 - Grace Bapt. Church, Wetumpka, AL, Rev. Ernest Wilber, Pastor
- Oct. 2-3 - GACS, Lilburn, GA
- Oct. 6-8 - SACS, Raleigh, NC
- Oct. 15-17 - FACCS, Orlando, FL
- Oct. 22-24 - NCCEA - Greensboro, NC
- Oct. 26 - Westerville Bible Church, Westerville, OH, Rev. Roger Bixler, Pastor
- Oct. 29-Nov. 2 - Eastlake Bible Church, Eastlake, OH, Rev. Doug Browning, Pastor
- Nov. 5 - Faith Bible Church, Belleview, OH, Rev. Gary Richmond, Pastor
- Nov. 6-7 - BCSA, Findlay, OH
- Nov. 10-11 - Principal's Conference, B.J.U., Greenville, SC

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METHODISTS WILL KEEP 'MILITARISTIC' HYMNS

A flood of 8,000 letters from irate members has convinced United Methodist hymnal revisers to keep "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in their new hymnal (7/3 H.Times). We're glad, but it's too bad Methodists haven't raised a similar outcry against the doctrinal unbelief of their liberal leaders. Already some 20 years ago a survey showed that only about half of their clergy accepted the historicity of Christ's resurrection (6/30 Chr.News). U. Methodism today seems more upset with what its leaders do with its hymns than with what they believe about Him.

(Calvary Contender)

BILL RICE III TO SPEAK AT WORD OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Word of Life's "Christian Workers Conference" to be held at Temple Heights Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida has as its featured speaker this fall Bill Rice, III, the director of Bill Rice Ranch. Word of Life has not been known in recent years for a Fundamentalist stand. In fact, if the speakers they generally use at their meetings are any indication of its leaning, Word of Life would have to be considered in the Neo-evangelical Camp. Both Bill Rice, III and Temple Heights Baptist Church should be careful of their associations lest they injure their testimony with Fundamentalist ministers.

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

LEGIONS OF DEATH



Crisis! Emergency! National disaster!

Some Gadarenes wept, some were in a frenzy, but most were so incensed with anger that they were ready to riot. Everyone ran down to the shore to see what had caused such a tragedy.

The story spread like wildfire. It was all the fault of that Jesus of Nazareth! They had heard of this great One, who had fed multitudes, healed the sick, and performed other miracles, but if this was a product of His work and power, the Gadarenes wanted no part of it!

"What happened?" What happened?" was the anxious question.

"Well, Jesus and His disciples had just landed. Jesus got out of the ship and came up on the shore, and that wild man (you know, that wild maniac that has been living out in the graveyard) ran out toward Jesus."

Everyone knew about the maniac. Old and young had been warned not to go near him for fear what he might do. The demented wretch was so wild he ran naked through the tombstones crying, cutting himself with stones, bleeding, crouching in the darkness, then leaping and screaming hideously. Driven from home and loved ones, he was totally incorrigible. For the protection of the community, strong men had tried to bind him with chains and fetters, but he was so demonically strong that he snapped the bonds like threads and spread terror over the town. There was nothing anyone could do.

"Yes, yes, so what happened then? What's the panic about now?"

"Well, this Jesus came on shore, and the maniac ran to Him and fell down and worshipped Him."

"Well, that's nothing. Everybody knows the man is crazy."

"Yes, but he called Jesus the Son of the Most High God and begged Jesus not to torment him, because Jesus had told the unclean spirit to come out of him. Then Jesus asked his name, and he answered 'Legion,' because of all the demons in him."

"Get on with the story, will you?"

"Well, the demons begged Jesus not to send them out of the country, . . . and do you know that huge herd of swine outside of town?"

"Yes."

"Well, the demons knew they had to leave the man, and they begged to be sent into 'The pigs!'"

"Yes, and Jesus said 'Go,' and, oh, you should have seen the chaos! All those demon spirits leaped mercilessly into those hogs. The pigs went stark, raving crazy! Wild! Poor things! You never heard such squealing and panic in your life! All those pigs stampeded pell mell over the cliff into the sea, and every one of them drowned!"

"All of them? But there were nearly two thousand pigs in that herd!"

"That's right. You never saw such a horrible sight. Dead pigs under the water, dead pigs floating on top of the water, dead pigs washed ashore, dead pigs everywhere! You talk about mad! Those swine owners are ready to riot!"

"But what about the man? What about the maniac? Did he get killed in the stampede?"

"Oh, no! You ought to see him. He is over there sitting at Jesus' feet, quiet, clothed, and in his right mind. It's wonderful what Jesus did for him!"

"Yes, wonderful for the man, but what about all the money those men had invested in those pigs?"

"That's the trouble! They are absolutely furious. They've lost a fortune! They don't care anything about the man. They just want Jesus to get out of here, . . . and He's leaving. They say He doesn't stay anywhere that He is not wanted."

"Well, I don't blame Him, but it is a shame to see all this commotion over a herd of pigs, when Jesus did so much for the poor demoniac. It seems as if the whole town would be glad to know that he wouldn't be a threat or danger any more. It seems folks would be overjoyed that Jesus had made him whole."

"Yes, but they are more interested in their money and possessions than anything else. They have begged Jesus to leave. See? He is getting back into the ship now."

"Yes, and look! The maniac, well, the former maniac, is talking to Jesus. It looks as if he is begging to go with Him."

"Shhh. . . Let's see if we can hear what the Master tells him."

"Why, what do you know! Jesus wouldn't let him go. He told the man to go back home and tell his family and friends what the Lord did for him and how He had compassion on him."

"Well, when you think of it, that's where he should start. He surely caused enough misery and trouble at home. I am sure it will be a

wonderful joy when they see that he is a new man, completely changed by Jesus Christ.

"By the Word of His power, Jesus changed that demoniac from an uncontrolled, dirty, naked, miserable, dangerous misfit to a new person -- a clean, clothed, sane, productive follower of Jesus, and a blessing to his family and friends."

Young person, Jesus can do the same for you, when you realize and admit that you are a sinner and can't save yourself. Repent, put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and yield your will and life to Him. And when you are truly saved, your family and those closest to you will be the first to know, not only by the witness of your mouth but also by your changed life.

Come to Christ as the demoniac did. Don't be like the town folks who rejected Jesus and shouted for Him to depart. How awful to be lost and on your way to Hell and then reject the only way to be saved. If a friend were drowning and you threw him a life preserver and he rejected it, that would be terrible. If someone had swallowed poison and the doctor handed him the antidote to save his life and the person rejected and threw it away, that would be disaster. But worse than all would be if you are lost in sin and refuse Christ Jesus, the only way of salvation. Jesus died for you; He shed His blood to pay for your sin. "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart." From your heart say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner, and save me for Jesus' sake." Trust Christ and be saved. Then write Aunt Carolyn and let me know, that I may pray with you and send you helps. God bless you.

MEEK BUT NOT WEAK

Lord, to be meek yet not be weak,
 Gentle in deed, in spirit strong;
 To bow in meekness at HIS feet,
 In boldness stand before the throng.

Lowly in heart, just like my Lord,
 In humble action meekly serve,
 Contending strongly with the Sword,
 Never to falter, faint or swerve.

Lord, to be meek but never weak;
 When self's involved to meekly kneel,
 But when His Name's at stake to speak--
 Giving no ground, never to yield.

Lord, for a lowly, humble mind,
 So gentle, mild and Christ-like meek,
 But never once in me to find
 A wayward soul not meek, but weak.

-- Dr. Charles U. Wagner

FOCUS, FROM PAGE 2

**ADRIAN ROGERS IS NEW
SBC PRESIDENT**

The vote was 21,201 for Adrian Rogers and 17,898 for his "moderate" opponent Winfred Moore, giving conservatives their eighth straight win. Rogers pleaded in a sermon before the motions, "May God give us increasing unity. We're not enemies. We are brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ. We are built together, bound together, in it together, like it or not." Then in the keynote sermon he pleaded for reconciliation. "The chief strategy of the devil is to send division. . . to get us fighting one another," Rogers said. "God does not want division. I want to be a peacemaker." But God always wills "division" between truth and error, between His people and His enemies (Ex. 8:23, 1 Sam. 17:3, Lk. 12:51, Jn. 7:43, 12, etc.). If conservatives continue with this non-purge "battle" plan, liberals may gain (total) control by merely waiting a few years (in "peace" & "unity") for their seminaries to send more liberal pastors into the SBC. Time is on their side, and Moore says the "moderates" are not going to leave.

(Calvary Contender)

**TED TURNER
TURNS TO THE LEFT**

Ted Turner owns CNN News and the Atlanta Braves. After last year's bidding on a company he couldn't afford to buy (CBS), he bought a company (MGM) he now can't afford to keep. Many conservatives supported his CBS takeover try. His latest losing pet project was the Olympic-style Goodwill Games aired by his WTBS this month from Russia. Prior to this trip, he sharply denounced Pres. Reagan's arms

control policies as "probably the worst" in the history of the U.S. (USN & WR, 6-30-86). Last year he signed a news agreement with the Soviets, said disarmament was now his biggest concern, and formed the Better World Society foundation to educate the world about nuclear war, environment, and overpopulation. Fortune (7-7-86) said Turner is a "professed internationalist who flies the UN flag at company hq, he counts Fidel Castro as his 'first Commie buddy' and insists that 'communism is fine with me. . .'" Beware of this maverick pro-abortion globalist!

(Calvary Contender)


**JUVENILE CRIME:
PARENTS FAULT?**

"The FBI reports that the rate of violent crime by juveniles is double what it was 20 years ago. In 1983 and 1984, offenders less than 18 years old were arrested in connection with nearly 2,000 murders, 7,000 rapes, and 50,000 aggravated assaults.

There are thousands of juvenile criminals in the United States who constitute one of the country's greatest problems. More than a million juveniles were arrested in 1984 -- yet police estimate that for every arrest, five crimes are committed.

Chronic juvenile offenders begin their activities at an early age, so intervention must come early. The family and school must work with juvenile correction authorities." (Parade magazine, 4-20-86)

Proverbs 22:15 says "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." In this same chapter Solomon declares in verse 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Scripture speaks for itself. It's time for parents to stop dilly-dallying and start disciplining! ***



Teaching Tips

By Mrs. Doris Peppard



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR TEACHERS

1 Holy Bible - passages marked and read concerning the training and education of children. Meditate therein. Deut. 4:10 - ". . . Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children."

1 Burdened Heart - Uplift your students daily in prayer before the "Throne of Grace." Phil. 4:6 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." James 5:16b - ". . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

1 Christ-centered Curriculum - lesson plans developed to show Christ as the center of all subjects to be taught.

History - Ps. 90:4 - "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Science - Ps. 139:14 - "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Reading - 1 Tim. 4:12-13 - "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

Arithmetic - Ps. 147:4 - "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names." 1 Cor. 14:40 - "Let all things be done decently and in order."

English - Prov. 15:23 - "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!"

Art - Ps. 8:3-4 - "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

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Soulwinning, From Page 1

To a fisherman, his net is everything. Without his net, he would starve. Without his net, he couldn't catch fish. Without his net, he would be looking for a net. All he had to have was a net. So they left their nets. They left the interests of this world. They left the things that attract, draw, and pull in this life and followed Him. Our responsibility also is to be obedient, to follow Him, and let Him make us fishers of men.

THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

If we are going to follow Jesus in this matter, we need to be sure what Jesus did. Our concern should not be what any man does but what He did.

When Jesus was only twelve years old, He said, "I must be about my Father's business." (Luke 2:49).

It is good when a boy follows his father in business. I am somewhat of an amateur, but I like horticulture. I like to plant things and see them grow. As a result, I have stacks of seed catalogs. It is interesting to note that many of the large seed companies, such as Park Brothers Seed Co., Ball Seed Co., and others were begun many years ago, and the work, business, and fortune have been carried on from generation to generation in the same family. I suppose they start the sons at an early age working in the fields and get dirt in their shoes, so they can hardly do anything else. It is, no doubt, quite a satisfaction for a man to begin a business and see his son carry it on and perhaps build and expand it further. Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business." He was here on His Father's business, and that is why we should be here.

THE SOULWINNER'S WORK

What is our Father's business? Jesus said He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10). The Father's business is the souls of men. The Father's business is reaching lost men and women with the Gospel, so every person who names the Name of Christ, whether young, old, sick, well, or whatever his condition, should be seeking the lost to bring them to Christ.

You see, before you were saved, you were in the devil's family, and you were about the devil's business. "Oh," you say, "I was doing my own thing." Yes, the world is full of those who think they are doing their own thing, but they are really doing the devil's thing. Before you got saved, you were about your father's, the devil's, business, but when you got saved, you changed families. Now that you are a Christian in the Heavenly Father's family, you ought to be about the Heavenly Father's business. Soulwinning is the Father's

business. Souls ought to be our concern -- not just the unsaved way out yonder somewhere in the vast unknown, but souls wherever we find them, wherever we are. Souls!

THE SOULWINNER'S REALM

During the early days of this church a young evangelist came to hold a revival meeting. He was an outstanding young preacher, but every afternoon he would get in his car and head to town. When I asked where he was going, he said, "I have to go witness to ten people on the street today." As the pastor, I said, "I have some visitation to do, I have folks we need to deal with and invite to the meeting." "No," he answered, "I have to go witness to folks on the street." He had pledged that he would witness to a given number of people, because that was the way a certain leading evangelist of the time did it. Now, there is nothing wrong with witnessing to strangers on the street, but some folks will witness to someone unknown somewhere yet will not face someone close and witness to him.

Some evangelists are that way. They want to bring in hundreds from the outside but do not want to preach to the crowd they have. There may be many in the church who need to be saved, but when some evangelists come in, if you don't fill the house with five hundred extra chairs, they have not had a successful meeting. I'm not interested in their having a successful meeting; I'm interested in the local church and the blessing and prosperity of its people. Growth will come as God blesses. Surely we have to invite and try to get others in, but suppose they won't come.

You know, if a church has a strong testimony, it may have a "stink" on it, as Dr. John R. Rice said about his tabernacle in Texas. Once he had invited an evangelist to hold a meeting there. The evangelist wanted to visit some of the other pastors in town to see if he could get other churches to cooperate and more people to come out to the meeting. Dr. Rice finally agreed to his going. The evangelist went around to one pastor and another, and at last, he came back in distress. "Dr. Rice," he exclaimed, "do you know how people feel about this church and you in this town? Do you know, Dr. Rice, that this place has a stink on it?" Dr. Rice bowed his head and in his inimitable way answered softly, "Oh, yes, bless God! It took us years to get it on this place, and we don't intend to get it off." Oh, friend, the preaching of the Cross and the uncompromising testimony for Christ is a "stink" to those who hate the Gospel. It is a stink to those who


don't love the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is sometimes difficult to get people to come to a dedicated, separated church.

Years ago I preached a revival meeting in West Virginia. We had big crowds the first of the week, but then one night the Sunshine Boys Quartet came to town and were singing down at the city auditorium. Well, there was only a handful of people at the revival service that night. I said to them, "I'm going ahead and preach the message I had for tonight, because I know the Lord had it for you. I'll have something special for those who are absent when they get back tomorrow night." There was no use in my saying anything that night about the Sunshine Boys. I waited until the others got back. They were the ones who needed it. Preach to those you have! If it is only a handful of faithful people, feed them. Give them something to eat. Don't worry about the ones who didn't show up; the Lord knew who was going to be there. We have to remember that it is His business. I did not start the business; I cannot save the lost. It is His business.


THE SOULWINNER'S BONDS

On one occasion, Jesus had been a great while with a crowd of people, and one said, "Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee," as if to say, "You are taking up all your time with these people, and your family is waiting." Jesus said, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" (Matt. 12:48). You see, in the Father's business, you forget brothers and sisters and earthly kin. There is a relationship deeper than blood. Biblical relationships are much stronger than blood, because they will last past death. Jesus shed His blood, and in His new body He had no blood. Maybe that is why it will be heaven; there will be no blood relationships. We will all be singing glory to God because we have the same relationship. There will not be anyone "special." You may say, "I'm going to recognize my children in heaven, and they are going to be special to me." No, they will not be any more special than anyone else's children. "Well, I'm going to know my wife. She's going to be special." No, you are going to love everyone perfectly. You will love your wife as you ought to love her now. Now is the time to make her someone special. Don't worry about when you get to heaven. There will be no blood relationships. We are going to be the family of God -- one glorious, happy, rejoicing family! Why? Because we are in the Father's business. Jesus said that those who did the will of God were His brethren.

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School Supply, From Page 4

and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Physical Education - I Cor. 9:27 - "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

1 Servant's Attitude - we must be willing to be "about my Father's business" in every situation and not be so high and mighty that the Lord couldn't use us. Luke 12:43 - "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."


2 Open Arms and Ears - we should be willing to meet needs and comfort our students when they have a problem or trouble. Heb. 4:16 - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

1 Well-controlled Tongue - this little instrument must rebuke, chasten, encourage, uplift, praise, and also teach. It is probably the most difficult task to bring this under subjection. Prov. 21:23 - "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

1 Wide-spaced smile - this will encourage your students to see your "Joy In Serving Jesus." Prov. 15:13a - "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance;" Prov. 17:22a - "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine;"

Just as having the right supplies for the job can make the difference in a job done well or shabbily, Christian teachers must have their "school supplies" in order. Our Saviour commanded us to be careful not to offend or cause any little one to stumble. We have been called to do a very important task and the responsibility of this task is great. Remember we always can obtain help and guidance from the Lord, but He won't do for us what we can do for ourselves. Use the weeks before classes begin to gather together all the supplies to do the job right. Col. 3:23-24: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."


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Apostasy, From Page 1

which according to Scripture is not to see corruption, was dissolved into its natural gases.

4. *They deny the bodily presence of Christ in glory, and with that they reject His priesthood and advocacy.*

5. *They deny the visible and glorious coming of our Lord.* Theosophy, especially in its satanic "Order of the Star of the East," announces the coming of a great teacher, who is to embody the second coming of Christ. But their coming one is the Antichrist. And Russell's Millennial Dawn ought to be called the millennial nightmare. It has substituted a hallucination in the place of revelation.

6. *They deny the everlasting punishment of the wicked.* This last denial is one of the most serious, for it affects the testimony of the Lord Jesus, the infallible Son of God, and paralyzes all efforts of the gospel. I have yet to find a man or a woman, who does not believe in this solemn doctrine, winning souls and praying for the conversion of the unsaved.

These antichristian movements are not only here, but they increase. I do not share the hopes of some of my brethren, who believe that these delusions will pass away. They are bound to increase and become stronger. They are the way-preparers of the coming great delusion, when under Antichrist, the apostate masses will believe the lie.

III. THE DEMAND WHICH THIS FACT MAKES UPON THE PEOPLE OF GOD

What then does the present day apostasy demand of us who know the Lord Jesus Christ? We are in the midst of it. What is the call of God to us, His people? Is it not true that God calls His faithful people at different periods to a special work? What is His call to us in the midst of the increasing shadows preceding the rising of the Morning Star?

1. *God calls us to contend earnestly for the faith delivered unto the saints.* To Philadelphia the Lord, in the Revelation, sends this message from the throne: "Thou hast kept my word, thou hast not denied my name." It is this He expects from His people, to whom He has given the promise, "I will keep thee from the hour of trial." We must exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. As He is dishonored and rejected it falls upon us to honor that worthy Name. In a bold testimony we must bear witness to all the fundamentals of the faith. Positive teaching is needed. Hundreds of God's people have been praying for a revival of Bible study, and in many places it has come.

2. *God calls us to bear witness against error.* This is not the time for smooth speaking, but it is the time to speak out and attack error, wherever it appears. We must warn and sound the alarm. It may cost us something. Some Christians think we should leave those movements alone and not witness against them. A well-meaning person gave me the advice to obey the Word of God as found in the fifth chapter of Acts: "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone, for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught, but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." But I refuse to accept this as the Word of God. It is an inspired record of what a clever, shrewd Jew had to say, who advised the safe place on the fence in the dilemma the council was facing. This is not the time to sit on a fence.

3. *God's greatest call is separation.* Brethren, God calls you to separate yourselves from all that denies His Word, His Name, His Son and His gospel. Listen! God always has called to that in every preceding crisis. He expects His people to have no fellowship with the works of darkness. Away back in the wilderness Korah, Dathan and Abiram revolted against the priesthood of Aaron. In that great apostasy, what did God demand? "Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins." We see Christ attacked, Christ rejected, Christ dishonored, -- not an earthly priesthood. Can God demand anything less of us than He demanded of Israel? Let the New Testament answer. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine [the Doctrine of Christ] receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed; for he that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 10, 11).

How dare you support men and institutions who deny your Lord? How dare you keep fellowship with the enemies of the cross of Christ?

Oh, listen to His call! Who is on the Lord's side? *If He tarry a little while longer you will find that you must either follow this solemn call of God or go along with the apostasy.*

IV. WHAT THE PRESENT DAY APOSTASY SIGNIFIES

And what does this present day apostasy signify? It is, first of all, a proof of the inspiration of the Bible. In the beginning of this Christian age men wrote of what should come in the end of that age. From whom did they get their information? Who told them

concerning the moral and religious conditions which should prevail? How did they know that such an apostasy would come? There can be but one answer. It was made known to them in a supernatural way. They received their messages of warning and their predictions by the Holy Spirit. The very men today who tell the world that Paul, Peter, Jude, John and James, were not more inspired than Milton, Emerson, Ruskin or Shakespeare, furnish an evidence for the inspiration of the Bible. The deniers of the faith add thus a testimony that the Bible is the Word of God.

But above all this present-day apostasy signifies *the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* God cannot and will not tolerate apostasy forever. His Son is rejected. The greatest possible dishonor is done to Him. He will vindicate Him. The vindication of our Lord Jesus Christ comes, when the Father sends Him back to this earth, when He is revealed the second time in great power and glory. Then every tongue which denied His person and His Name will be silenced forever. Before this great public vindication takes place, before He comes "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel," He will take his saints to glory. Tribulation and wrath, which precede His visible coming, are not for the true Church. When the Lord deals with apostate Christendom in judgment, the true saints of God, who constitute the body of Christ, will be no longer on earth. In view of the present day apostasy, the rapid increase of the falling away, the rejection of the faith, indicating the nearness of the final great apostasy and the coming of the man of sin, -- in view of all this, we may soon expect the home call to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:13-18). That is the great imminent event signified by the present day apostasy, "Behold, I come quickly." It is this last word in the Apocalypse. The next will be the shout with which He will call us into His own glorious presence. Oh, may our hearts and our lives answer His last announcement, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" May we expect Him daily and live soberly, righteously and godly in the closing hours of this present age. "Watch ye, therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch" (Mark 13:35-37). ★★★★★

The gem cannot be polished without friction nor the child of God cleansed without adversity.

Soulwinning, From Page 5

THE SOULWINNER'S SATISFACTION

In Samaria Jesus led a woman to faith in Himself at Jacob's well. When she ran to bring others to Christ, the disciples returned from town where they had gone to get food. As Jesus sat alone they said, "Master, eat," but He answered, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." (John 4:32). But who gave Him to eat? Oh, He wasn't referring to physical food. He had been feasting on Heavenly manna. He had been about the Father's business. It provided Him nurture, joy, and satisfaction far beyond physical food.

Jesus did not create opportunities; He took advantage of those the Father gave Him. Now get ahold of this, because where we fail in the work of reaching the lost is not in knocking on doors or witnessing on the street but in failing to take advantage of the day-to-day opportunities that come our way. When you are in the Father's business, He leads you in the way. While you are in the way, He puts people in your path and you are to witness to those. That's where you are to be faithful in the harvest. These are God-given opportunities as you travel down the road.

THE SOULWINNER'S TEARS

Now let's look at some Scriptural admonitions. Psalm 126:5-6: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Notice, it is he that sows in tears who shall reap in joy. It is he that goeth forth and weepeth that comes again with the sheaves. The important thing here is the right kind of heart to reach people. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and there are opportunities when you give the Gospel to a stranger who is ripe and ready. God gives opportunities occasionally to speak to a total stranger who is hungry and ready for the Gospel, but that is not the norm. The norm is to reach people you know, and they know you. The important part is that they know you. Do you have a burden? Do you weep over the lost? Are you burdened about those in your family, in your neighborhood, in your school who are not saved? Do you have weeping eyes? "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed. . ." Oh, yes, the seed brings forth the fruit, but the weeping, the tears, the concern must come first. "He shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "His sheaves" -- that's the harvest. That is what the tears and

the Gospel brought forth. The burdened heart along with the message will do the job.

THE SOULWINNER'S PRAYER

In Luke 10:2, the Lord had appointed the seventy and sent them out two by two. "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Prayer is of utmost importance. It goes along with the weeping. You pray, "Lord, send laborers into the harvest." You don't necessarily say, "Lord, send me," but as you pray the Lord may say, "All right, you go."

THE SOULWINNER'S LABOR

Notice, He sent laborers. Do you know what labor is? Labor is what my mother used to call elbow grease. As children, when we had to scrub the porch we would just slide the broom across the surface as children will do, and Mama would say, "That won't get it. Put some elbow grease into it." I knew what she meant. Put some weight and force behind the broom to make it dig the dirt out of the cracks and do the job. Labor! If anything is worth doing, put yourself into it. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." (Eccl. 9:10). If you're going to dig a ditch, dig it! If you're going to drive a nail, drive it! One of the biggest difficulties in teaching boys to work is getting them to put strength and grit into their labor. God is not interested in your personality or smooth speech. He is interested in the effort, sweat, and toil you put into your service. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers," not loafers! He wants someone who will put their heart, love, and labor into the harvest, because they are in the Father's business.

THE SOULWINNER'S SACRIFICE

In Luke 9, the Lord dealt with three difficult persons. The first He told, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." If you follow Christ, you may be asked to give up ease. You cannot have "the good life" or dig your roots into this world to see how much you can make here. You must give yourself to God's work. Don't be concerned about promotions on the job; be concerned about being a witness on the job. Witness to everyone in the office, witness to the bosses, witness to any that come along, and let the promotions take care of themselves. You just have to go after them; you have to put your heart and life into it. It is labor. It is not lightly tossing a few Gospel tracts out the car window and then

bragging how many tracts were given out and what a witness you were.

The second man said, "Suffer me first to go bury my father." Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead. You come with me and preach the Gospel. Don't worry. There will be someone to bury your father." There is something more important than keeping customs, and that is doing the Father's business.

Another said, "Let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." He had to leave loved ones and friends. It costs when you go into the Father's business.

(To Be Continued Next Month)

THE WORD OF GOD

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa. 40:8).

*Century follows century—there it stands.
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands.
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—there it stands.
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands.
Storms of hate swirl about it—there it stands.
Atheists rail against it—there it stands.
Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—there it stands.
Unbelief abandons it—there it stands.
Thunderbolts of wrath smite it—there it stands.
The flames are kindled about it—there it stands.*

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