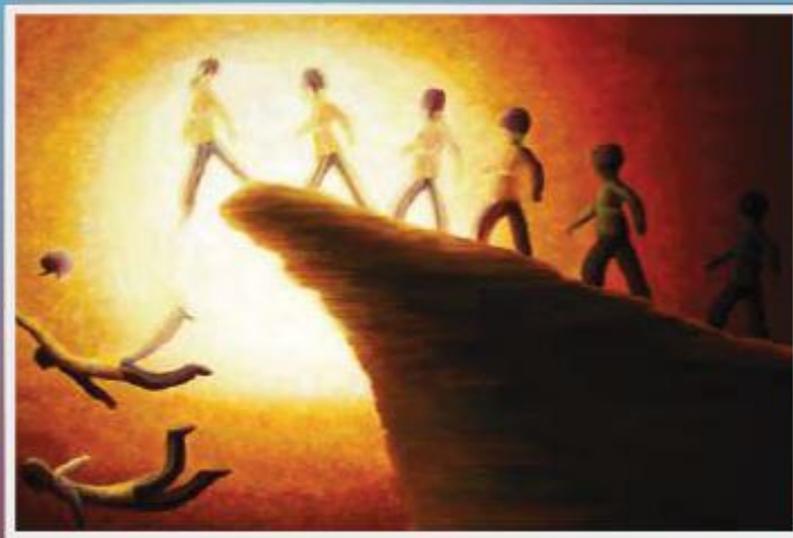




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RESCUE THE PERISHING



**A SOUL-SEARCHING
MESSAGE FOR CHRISTIANS
TODAY!**

RESCUE THE PERISHING

“He who is wise, wins souls.”

Proverbs 11:30.

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105 people die each minute; 6,300 each hour; 151,200 each day throughout the world – the majority are dying without knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Today and every day, 151,200 are leaving this world, to meet their Maker. The majority die without hope! Some of those going to meet Him, have been told the way of salvation and have rejected it. Many are going on without Christ; people who have **never heard** of Him. No one has ever taken the time or trouble to tell them of our wonderful Saviour.

Some people say that those who have never heard of Christ will be saved because they have never had a chance to know Him. But God's Word says in John 3:36. "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe in the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him."

And in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Also John 3:18 says, "He who believes in Him is not condemned but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God."

As He left this world, Jesus Christ Himself said.
“Go therefore and teach all nations.” He meant just
what He said, and yet after 1900 years we find 105
souls going out to meet Him each minute.

That’s about 10 deaths for every breath we draw. The
majority are lost for eternity!

May “105”, be burned in the hearts of us all, and
may we each one of us ask himself if the blood of any
of those 105, is on his hands. Oh the millions with-
out Christ, without God, without hope!!

Do you care, dear friend? Is your heart bleeding
for those who have never had a chance to hear the
blessed Gospel story? Have you heard the Master’s
call, and have you replied, “Here am I, Lord,
send me”? You may not be able to go overseas,
but you can do much right where you are; you can
pray and you can give that others may go.

Dozens of lost souls every minute! No wonder the an-
gels rejoice over one soul who repents. As I write
this tract I wonder if I can even go to sleep tonight
thinking about the 105 who are being lost every
minute. O Christian friend, let's pray, let's give, let's
work as we never have before. Our Lord is coming
soon; maybe sooner than we think. Will we hear
His words, “Well done,” when He comes?

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.
Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the Mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing, duty remands it.
Strength for your labour, the Lord will provide.
Back to the narrow way, patiently win them.
Tell the poor wanderer, a Saviour has died.
Jesus is merciful. Jesus will save!*

THE APOSTLE PAUL said:
“To the weak I became weak,
that I might win the weak.
I have become all things to all *men*, so that
I might, **BY ALL MEANS, SAVE SOME!**”
1 Corinthians 9:22

A SOUL

*A living soul, how priceless!
Its value is untold.
Invisible, immortal, worth more than purest gold.
And oh, the souls are countless upon life's busy way
Who know not Christ, our Saviour,
who never stop to pray.
They rush toward sin's deceptive glitter,
its glaring, enticing light.
These souls of men are marching to everlasting night.
O go ye into all the world, is His divine command.
I hear His voice so tender, I see His loving hand,
outstretched in power and blessing,
the fallen ones to raise.
Then may we do His bidding,
through all our passing days;
and when the sheaves are gathered,
before His throne that day,
may there be souls most precious,
whom we have shown the way.*

HE WHO WINS SOULS IS WISE

PROVERBS 11:30

ANYTHING less than an all-out effort to reach “every creature,” every living being that we can get to, with the gospel, is less than the obedience which Christ requires.

Jesus gave the parable of the man who made a great supper and sent his servant, first to those who had already been bidden, and he said, go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame." Then when the servant reported that there was more room, he said, “Go out into the highways and *even* the lanes and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled.” (Luke 14:21,23)

And in the similar parable of the king who made a marriage supper for his son . . . “He said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited are not worthy. So go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite them to the marriage’.” (Matt. 22:8-9)

No church is meeting the New Testament standard unless it goes after "as many as you shall find" for Christ.

We know that the New Testament churches, for example, the church at Jerusalem, followed that command so literally that we are told . . . “Daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” (Acts 5:42).

And so at Pentecost there were three thousand added. A few days later, “the number of the men was about five thousand” (Acts 4:4); a few days later there were "multitudes both of men and women.” (Acts 5:14).

There is in our poor carnal natures, a tendency to drift from all-out obedience to **nominal** obedience, from **red-hot** enthusiasm and zeal to a **lukewarm**, half-hearted way of doing God's business. As a great old song says:

***“Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.”***

There is a need, again and again, in the churches, for a revival of zeal, a revival of soul-winning compassion, a revival of the power of God upon us.

There is no way for the Church to win souls after the New Testament pattern and measure, except by an all-out effort.

A Church that wins souls after the New Testament pattern, must seek to get the Gospel to “every creature,” and to carry the Gospel as they did in Acts 5:42. “And daily in the temple, and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” — *John R. Rice*

THE ? WE COULDN'T ANSWER!

A true story from Ethiopia, by George Middleton

Ed and I climbed painfully from our mules. It had been a long ride to reach these huts way up in the hills, and we were pretty soft.

“Oh, Brother,” Ed groaned, “Give me the New York subway any day!” I patted my mule and gave a sigh of relief. The feeling must have been mutual — the mule sighed too.

We were the first white people to visit this village.

Women watched us cautiously from dark doorways. Little faces peered at us around corners and through legs. Even the chickens paused to look us over.

An old man came to greet us. He was as pleased as a schoolboy on the first day of vacation. His greetings were extremely long and polite. Finally he asked us, "Why have you come, sirs? Why do you visit us?"

"We have come with God's book, to tell you that there is a Saviour for you and your family. Have you heard this news before?"

"Never, sirs, Come in! Do you have the book?"

Soon we were reading the gospel story and telling them of Y'shua, Jesus Christ. Eyes glued upon us, they listened to every word. But as we talked we could tell that something was bothering the old man.

At last he spoke, "This is good news sirs. It is medicine to my heart. Are you sure it is true?"

"Yes," we told him. "Absolutely."

His wrinkled face was deep in thought. "I have a question," he continued, "I am an old man. I have seen many of my people die. They never heard this news. I have not heard it until this day. Tell me, sirs, if this is true, why didn't somebody tell us before?"

We fumbled around, but we couldn't really answer his question. How could we tell him that Christ cared enough to die for him, but Christ's followers did not care enough to tell him about it?

We had to ride home with his question hanging in the air. "You know," said Ed, as we jogged along.

"Some day we'll all stand before God, and people from all over the world will ask that same question — **'Why didn't somebody tell me?'**" Then he added,

"I wonder how God's people will answer that question, George? Don't you?"

"Yes, I do," I replied.

And I wonder, my friend, — when God asks for your answer, what will you tell Him? — *Africa Now.*

SUPPOSE

SUPPOSE someone were to offer me a thousand dollars for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavour to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavouring to do now?

Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then, my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner. "Do you love Me more than these?" (John 21:15)

Suppose I were to see a **blind man** unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight, as though I had murdered him outright?

The death of a body, which might have been (but was not) prevented, is a terrible thing, but what about the preventable death of a human soul - per chance of many souls, for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of murder by neglect of another's soul?

"If you do not give him warning, his blood I will require at your hand." (Ezekiel 3:17-21)

Suppose that "when the roll is called up yonder" I am there myself, but all through the eternal ages I am unable to find a single person who is there because of my having led him to Christ — how much will heaven mean to me? Read these verses carefully:

"The multitude of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to

shame *and* everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, *will shine* like the stars for ever and ever.” (Daniel 12:2-3)

Suppose that as an employee I were spasmodic in the kind of service I rendered — zealous one week, lukewarm the second, and utterly indifferent the third; then zealous, and lukewarm, and indifferent again, and so on — how long would my employer stand service like that? But is this the kind of soul-winning service I am giving God? Or if God's love for me were to be as spasmodically manifested as my love for Him, how would I face Him?

“Be instant in season, and out of season.” (2 Tim.4:2.)

Suppose that when the final reckoning comes, I should be found, not with ten talents, or even five, but with only one, and that one “hidden in the earth.” (Matt. 25:14-30) — what then? Has not the one soul-winning talent which God has given me fallen into disuse so that I even doubt its existence? And therefore have I not already hidden it “in the earth”? Must I not beware lest the fate of the unprofitable servant be my fate?

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Cor. 4:2)

Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many do I have on **my prayer list** now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?

Part of Paul's prayer list:
“Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.” (Romans. 1:9)

Suppose that every member of the church to which I belong, were to dedicate himself or herself today to a life of full surrender to the will of God according to His Word (Rom 12:1-2) and were to become henceforth a soul-winner as exemplified in the life of Paul (1 Cor. 9:20-22), would not such a revival follow as this church and community have never seen?

Am I not willing to say that by His grace I will give myself from this day forward to the definite business of saving the lost, that I will have a daily prayer list and will do what I can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish the supreme work for which my Lord and Master came into the world?
“Vow and pray to the LORD your God.” (Palm 76:11) .

Yes Lord, I gladly respond to Your call (Mark 1:17); and will do what I can from this day forward, to help win the unsaved to You..

“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” (Luke 14:23)

“Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” (Luke 15:7)

— *Thomas E. Stephens*

NOW OR NEVER !

THE MEDIAEVAL CRUSADERS went, gambling with their lives for Christ's sake, to capture the Holy Land and the tomb of Christ from the hands of the infidels. Every step threatened hardship, sacrifices and danger.



We pray and preach. We bow the knee. We are optimists. We shout, “Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war” — and then we whisper, “**I pray thee, have me excused!**” What glorious humbugs we are!

We must now crusade for Christ! The trump of God is sounding, and this is what it is sounding out: “Go! Be My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. If any man draw back, My soul will have no pleasure in him.”

You may ask: “Are not **the odds** too great?” No! Not greater, nor so great, as past explorers faced gladly in the search for gold.

“What shall I do with my money and possessions?” Lay them up in heaven of course, where neither moth nor rust corrupts, and where thieves can't break through and steal. Then you shall have treasure in heaven; and while on earth, you shall receive an hundredfold. Are they not safer up there than in the safest bank vault on earth?

Jesus Christ told us to follow in His footsteps. He left heaven for our sakes. Though rich, He became poor; having a name above every name, He made Himself of no reputation, being despised and rejected of men. He willingly laid down His life for us, on the Cross, after suffering every torture that men could

think of. He endured the cross and despised the shame, that He might redeem us with His blood.

The hour has now struck to make a definite attempt to fulfil Christ's command. The return of the Saviour is drawing nigh! The times of the Gentiles are drawing to a close. There can be no further excuse for delay. Let us fight the good fight, and cease our sentimental singing about doing it. God said, "Speak to My people, that they **go forward.**"

But how can it be accomplished? "Not by might, nor by wisdom, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Heavenly Master. By our definite undertaking to accomplish the command, by supreme sacrifice on our part, and by faith. Christ sacrificed His all, Himself, for our salvation. We must sacrifice our lives and "our all," for the salvation of others. We must go as Christ did! We must give as God gave! We must live and die as Christ lived and died.

"You are the light of the world." So we must shine. His work ought to be done and it can be done, but only by God working through men and women who love Him supremely, utterly abandoned to Him, trusting Him wholly, enthusiastically, and willing to run all risks; to stop at no costs, to fight against all odds.

There is no middle course. You must be on one side or the other; either for Christ or against Him. Jesus said, "He that is not with Me is against Me." (John 12:30). How can we be lukewarm — neither cold nor hot? Christ says that He will spew the lukewarm out of His mouth! (Rev 3:16)

"He who loves his life shall lose it." Do not seek a long life; Christ had a short one. Do not live in luxury; Christ lived and died poor. Do not live in pleasure; Christ pleased not Himself. Do not live for

fame! Christ made Himself of no reputation. Do not live in ease; Christ suffered for you the shame, the scourge and the Cross. — C T Studd

**IS IT NOTHING TO YOU,
ALL YOU WHO PASS BY ?**

By E. Christian Weiss

If the Lord Jesus appeared in person among His churches today, I feel sure this is the question He would ask, with reference to the great unevangelised areas of the world. Therefore we must face this question as coming to us from Him.

“Is it nothing to you,” the Lord Jesus asks, “that I suffered and died for the sins of the whole world; that My atonement was a propitiation, not for your sins only but also for the sins of the whole wide world, for all mankind? Did I not communicate this with you through My servant John?”
“He Himself is the propitiation - *the sacrifice that satisfies the justice of God* - for our sins; and not only for ours, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*”
(I John 2:2)



VAST MULTITUDES STILL UNREACHED

“Have you not understood that on My cross I paid the penalty for the transgressions of all mankind — not merely for you alone? You who have received the benefits of My atoning death and sacrifice, is it nothing to you that there are still vast crowds of Adam's children who are chained helplessly to their sins, in misery, dread, and despair? Is it nothing to you that these multitudes continue to live and die in the chains of iniquity, bitterness, and in despair, as though God had never sent Me into the world?”

“Is it nothing to you that I should have endured all the agonies of sin and judgment **in vain** so far as these multitudes are concerned? That My finished work on the cross should be utterly without fruit in these vast, dark, distant lands where men and women still live in the total darkness? That the countless crowds have not so much as one ray of light from My gospel? Is it nothing to you that I should have been led as a Lamb to the slaughter, for nothing, with regard to these millions, for whom I did it, as much as I did it for you?

“Is it nothing to you that My Father laid upon Me the iniquity of all mankind, yet that more than half of them still have not been told? Is it nothing to you that I was wounded for their transgressions and bruised for their iniquities, and that the chastisement of their peace fell upon Me — and yet that they **cannot be healed?**” (Isaiah 53:5)

SINGING BUT NOT DOING

“You sing, ‘Oh Happy Day When Jesus Washed My Sins Away,’ but is it nothing to you that vast areas of the earth have never been told of the fountain open for sin and uncleanness, at My cross?

“You also sing ‘Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow You,’ but you lie to Me when you sing it, or else you do not think about what you are singing, for you have not taken My cross to these benighted millions who are the helpless victims of sin and fear. Have you taken My cross at all? Have you taken it anywhere? **Where** have you taken it?

“Is it nothing to you that I bore in My own body on the accursed tree, the guilt of all of Adam's race? Is it nothing to you, you whose skin is white, that I died for those whose skin is black, or yellow, brown and red? Why do they not have the same knowledge as

you have? For some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to **your shame.**”

THE AGONIES OF CHRIST

“Is it nothing to you that I stood forsaken before Pontius Pilate in judgment and opened not My mouth when hellish men cried out. 'Crucify Him'? And when Pilate delivered Me into their hands, I remained silent because I came to be ‘lifted up so that I might draw all men unto Me,’ and unto My Father?
(John 12:32)

“Is it nothing to you that there in the garden of the Olive Press, I took upon Myself the sins of the whole world, which almost crushed Me down into the very jaws of death then and there, and that I sweat My body's blood to carry the load, and cried out to the Father to spare Me from the awful cup, if there could be any other way of saving the world? But because THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY, I suffered the just for the unjust that I might bring men to God.”
(I Peter 3:18)

“Is it nothing to you that I bore My cross to Golgotha, and gave My feet to the spikes, and My back to the smiters, to bear away **THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD?**

“Is it nothing to you that this is all in vain with regard to the many millions, past and present, who have never heard the good news? Are you unconcerned, indifferent? Do you not care that I did all this because I knew it meant salvation for men — but does it mean nothing to you? Nothing save your own **personal** salvation?

“Is it nothing to you that I could at last declare with satisfaction, ‘It is finished’? (John 19:30), that I had done **ALL I COULD, ALL THAT** was **REQUIRED OF ME**, in order that men might be saved? And you —

what have YOU done to save them? I finished **My part**, but My redeemed ones, My Bride, My Church, **YOU HAVE NOT FINISHED YOUR PART! WHY?**

THE ACCOMPLISHED TASK

“Is it nothing to you that Almighty God bared His arm and ripped asunder the veil in the temple of Jerusalem from the top to the bottom to show the world that the way was now open for all mankind? Should they not all therefore be told? **WHY HAVE THEY NOT** been told? Why must so many grasp and grope in the dark, trying to find their way to God, despite the fact that I suffered so much to provide a way, a way broad enough and plain enough for them all? What have you to say in answer to this?

“Is it nothing to you that I gave a plain command to My church: ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel every creature’? (Mark 16:15). I repeated this command many times to My followers after I came out of the grave, it was the **VERY LAST WORD** I left with them before I went back to heaven as the King of Glory to be received at My Father's right hand. Why has it not been fulfilled?

“I only gave **two commands** to My Church, and they are both plain and positive. No one could misunderstand them: no word in human language could have been plainer: ‘**Love one another,**’ (John 13:34), and, ‘**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**’ (Mark 16:15).”

The second one was the **VERY LAST** I spoke to My people before the clouds received Me out of their sight — I thought, surely it would not be forgotten or omitted. But, alas, such seems to be the case. My people have done and are still doing many fine things which I did not command them to do, and I am not unmindful of these things, but the two things I clearly commanded

them to do, is where they have failed Me most. Why is it like this?

“I knew it was a heavy burden and a severe task I placed upon your shoulders, and that it demanded more than human power could supply, that it would mean sacrifice and suffering; BUT I PROMISED that I would be with you to the end.. Have you not read My promise? Did I not give My word that I would never leave you nor forsake you? Did I not promise that I would send you My Spirit who would bring all power, supreme in both heaven and earth, into your beings, and that THIS POWER would enable you to accomplish the task? Is it nothing to you that I gave such a command: and made such a promise?

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

“Is it nothing to you that THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME? That He came to earth to take up His abode in the Church which is **My Body** — that He has made you into a temple that He can indwell? That He did this to empower you to fulfil My command to bear My witness throughout the length and breadth of the earth? That this was the chief reason for His coming? I told My disciples: ‘Ye shall receive power a that the Holy Spirit has come upon you and ye shall witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth’.” (Acts 1:8).

"Do you think the Holy Spirit came just to bring you more joy, and help, and happiness? Just to **serve you**? Just to make the Christian life more satisfactory and easy for you yourselves? Is **that** all His coming means to you? Is it nothing to you that the Holy Spirit wants to **POSSESS YOUR LIVES**, consecrate you to God and to My service, and to direct your life into Our holy will, and to thrust you forth into the great harvest fields of the earth that are white with ripened grain and ready for reaping? Have you not been told to pray that the LORD

of the Harvest will do this? And if you have prayed for Him to do this, can you hold back yourselves and refuse to let Him thrust YOU forth?

“Is it nothing to you that the Spirit longs to ‘shed the love of God abroad in your heart,’ (Rom. 4:4), so that your soul will be moved with compassion over the lost and dying multitude of mankind, as Mine was, and is? I wept over them when I saw their plight, that they were sheep not having a shepherd, and I poured out My life for them.

What about you? Have you ever wept over any of them? Are you pouring out your life, or any part of it for them?

Have you any concern for them, or are they nothing to you? Have you closed your heart to the Spirit's work, so that you do not share My concern for lost souls?

“These songs that you sing about God having His own way in your life, and containing pleas to the Holy Spirit to fill your souls ... do they mean so little to you?

“Is My command to preach the gospel to the whole world, and My promise to be with you to the end of the age, and My Spirit's Heavenly power to enable you to witness to all the world; all of these, are they nothing to you?

“Is it nothing to you that I gave My all for you? Are you not willing in return to give your all, back to Me?”

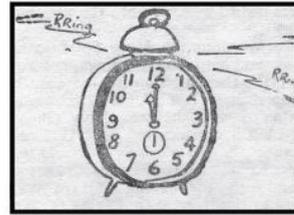
These are not fictitious attempts at rhetoric. These statements are all based on indisputable facts which face us both in the Word of God and in the world of our day.

We cannot be indifferent. To be indifferent and irresponsible is the equivalent of high treason in Christ's kingdom.

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IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!

WE ARE LIVING in troublesome times in a topsy-turvy world. The powers of darkness are closing in. The tightening fingers of a new dawn are upon us all.



Every look at the headlines confirms the confusion and chaos of these terrible days. Demonic powers are doing their best to pit nation against nation and ideology against ideology. Our convulsing civilization is headed for a crashing climax — unless God intervenes!

Diplomacy has failed. Peace talks seem futile. Millions of men are on the march. Untold billions are being spent on mass means of extermination.

How soon will the present heated conditions turn to a hot war and lead to the annihilation of millions? No-one knows, but most people fear a global holocaust is an imminent threat.

How soon will our churches be closed, our Bibles burned, our opportunities gone — only the Lord knows. What has happened in in the US, in Russia, China, Sweden, France, Nicaragua and other countries could easily happen to us.

Before an uncertain dawn breaks out upon us, may God awaken us out of our sinful slumber. “He who sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.” (Proverbs 10:5). These are not days for sluggishness, stagnancy or apathy.

Too long we’ve been dragging our feet. Too long we have been muffled and muted. May God show us the offensiveness of our selfishness, wastefulness half-heartedness, and unfruitfulness.

In these dark, desperate days, may God teach us to buy up every opportunity, to jealously guard every hour and refuse to foolishly fritter away one moment. This is a time to pitch, not to poke. A time to thrust, not to trifle, a time to push, not to play.

May God forgive our dwarfish, pygmy lives and midget vision. In anguish, a weary, waiting world is squirming in anxiety and need. Away with loafing, lagging, and lingering,

It is time to rise out of generations of neglect and realize that we are bound by moral obligation and heavenly-imposed duty to speed the light, to spread the Gospel, to share the truth. It is only right that the perishing should hear the Gospel.

It is wrong to withhold the light from men in darkness. “Christ for every creature” is our clear commission. To share His Gospel is our most important task. This is not a time to slow down but to move forward.

May God help us to invade every hitherto neglected and forgotten part of this sin-stricken globe! We must hear the anguished cry of a doomed world, and forge forward in Jesus’ Name — to rescue the perishing! The Great Commission is our most sacred mission. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20). We must be faithful to it, or forfeit God’s blessing.

May God help us to sweep away all that would sully or stain, smudge or soil our souls. May we clear the cobwebs from our hearts and enter into a whole-hearted crusade — to rescue the lost and dying from the clutches of Satan.

THE TASK IS GREAT

The field is vast, much is undone. Millions still wait. The accomplishments of the past are insignificant in comparison with the gigantic opportunities of the

present. The zero hour has struck. May we hear the battle cry — alerting us to Christian conquest!

The forces of hell are arrayed against us. They are armed to the teeth for bitter conflict. May God give us noble soldiers of the cross, with a martyr spirit, whose service and sacrifice will put to shame the luxury-loving crowd of ordinary men.

With the fiery crimson cross before us, let us storm the ramparts of the enemy, challenge every stronghold and citadel of Satan, and rescue millions that are still held in his sway.

In the strength and Name of Jesus Christ, let us lift up a standard, flex our spiritual muscles, and enter the fire and fury of battle. We must break through all the defences of hell, and fight this battle for a lost world. While the world indulges in frolic and festivity, we must fight with holy fire.

Too long we have been restricted and restrained. The world has gone on a spree. It is no time for us to take a holiday. Now is the time for us to win a decisive battle for Jesus. Let us not listen to the voices and vetoes of men of little faith.

Now is the time for us to boldly encounter the enemy with a curtain of irresistible heavenly fire. May God reinforce us with a mighty new sense of our indebtedness to the hosts of helpless and hopeless souls that are waiting to be rescued.

Forward ever, backward never, must be our motto. **Christ for every creature** must be our goal. May we whole-heartedly align our lives to the divine design of world evangelism.

May we quit pampering and filling ourselves at home with the delights of the Gospel — and start publishing the good news for the famishing millions abroad !

For us to be more interested in materialism than in evangelism is stark paganism. I believe that the first thing necessary in order to bring an awakening in the Church, is humble obedience to the Great Commission.
(Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15- 16)

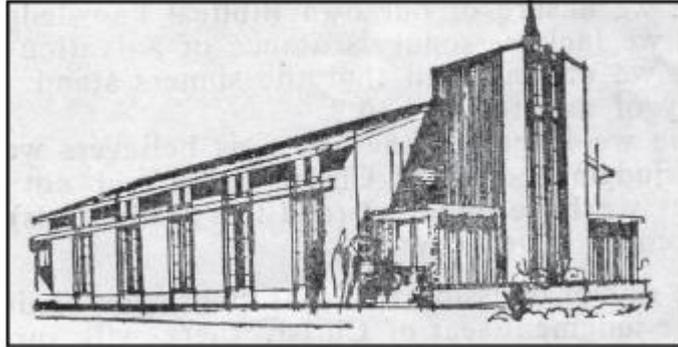
To ask for revival while we neglect this basic duty is an insult to God. To postpone our obedience is to dethrone our Christ. It is a basic duty for us to make this wonderful Gospel available to all.
Christ did **not** tell us to put **churches** on every corner, but He does want us to preach the Gospel to **every creature – every person.**

Why we should squander the benefits of His bounty by multiplying luxurious houses of worship, instead of seeking the lost, is hard for me to understand. No wonder Hosea complained, “For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples.” (Hosea 8:14). May God show us the wisdom of putting our money in the message and putting the emphasis where the Bible does. It is inconceivable that people who call themselves Christians should be so heartlessly insensible to a lost world’s need. Will we go on another 2000 years before we take the Great Commission seriously?

Failure to tell, sends millions to hell! Our greatest fault is **default**. It is time that the uttermost parts of the earth should be the uppermost thought of our lives. May God stir us to a new, desperate sense of urgency. May He give us a new vision and venture, and help us to make the Lord’s work our major subject. May He instil in our hearts a new desire to fulfil His Commission.

Like the early church, may we give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.

May God give us greater outreach, and a new fire and
favour to win this sin-sick world to Christ, and to
challenge a sleeping church to new depths of devotion!
- *Herald of His Coming*



WE NEED TO STOP PLAYING CHURCH !!

By Leonard Ravenhill, (author of "*Why Revival Tarries*")

PAUL WAS ANGERED at the sight of the Main Street
in Athens, walled in with temples to false gods. In the
language of the stately Elizabethan English of the
Authorised Version, we have Paul's reaction to this
sight: his spirit was "stirred within him." (Acts 17:16)

The Amplified Version says,

"Now while Paul was awaiting them at Athens, his
spirit was grieved and roused to anger as he saw that
the city was full of idols."

Ancient Athens, though given to class and culture, was
still peddling soul-dope.

The average believer's complacency towards the "lost-
ness" of men is appalling. We believers today need a
baptism of Paul's holy anger.

Ask yourself these soul-searching questions, about the
unsaved millions in your country:

- * Why don't we attack?
- * Why do we fear?
- * Why do we hesitate?
- * What chills our urgency?

- * Have we nothing to communicate?
- * Are we unsure of our own Biblical knowledge?
- * Do we lack personal assurance of Salvation?
- * Are we unconvinced that the sinners stand in jeopardy of an eternal hell?
- * Have we forgotten that even as believers we shall at the judgment seat of Christ, be judged not only for what we have done, but (and this really hurts), for what we **could have done**?

The works that we failed to do, may be brought against many of us at the judgment seat of Christ. There will surely be a paragraph of indictments where we have failed to witness. Witnessing is not optional, but obligatory. We, Christians, are debtors. (Rom. 1:14-17)

To me it is a shocking commentary on Christian feebleness that, while in the first century 120 men could move from an upper-room closet and shake Jerusalem, now-a-days 120 churches, claiming a like experience of the Holy Spirit, can be in one of our cities and yet that city at large hardly knows they are there.

In our spiritual warfare, we churches must be guilty of shooting with dummy bullets. To change the figure we must be running, spiritually, with empty freight trains. It is my deep conviction that the end of the age is upon us. Things are going to develop more rapidly than any of us anticipate.

This is **no hour for crocodile tears**, for half-baked commitments, or emotion-packed vows. These should never be permitted to clutter our altars. Most likely if we walked down Main Street today and saw stately edifices dedicated to strange gods (false cults), we would shrug the thing off with the cold-hearted, nonchalant comment, "It's a pity that folk have no more sense than to fall for that kind of thing."

Let me repeat: I believe the hour has come when we,
God's people, need the **baptism of anger.**

There is a command, "**Be angry, and sin not.**" (Eph. 4:26). Too often if the believer does know anger, he knows anger at the wrong time, about the wrong thing, to the wrong people, in the wrong place. His anger is so often self-generated because his pride has been hurt.

The faultless image which he carries, of his own personal holiness, has been smeared. Or he is irritated by the affront of some who have dared suggest that his idol of gold has clay feet.

We need to remind ourselves again that the Holy Son of God, our Saviour, was angry with the pigeon sellers and the polluters of His Father's house. (John 2:13-16)
It is not difficult for me to conceive that with millions of heathen perishing, our hard-luck stories, our second-rate gospel films, our bloodless church membership, and our nervous witnessing (plus our self-contentment and self-indulgence) would all come in for a scathing denunciation from the pure heart of the righteous Son of God!

We might remember, too, that in the Bible story, Jesus was angry at the hardness of the hearts of those who meticulously followed the synagogue's law and system.
(Mark 2:23-28; Mark 3:1-5)

Ours is now the **most chronically unhappy world in history.** It would be folly to give an aspirin to a cancer patient, assuring him with lying words that this would cure his malady.

Equally criminal in my judgment is our attempt to appease the soul-hunger of the millions around us by sermons that are not Christ-centered, not born in the burning heart of a yearning preacher, and not wet with the tears of his own travail and anxiety for fallen men.

Our situation is not like walking down Main Street in Athens, where ignorance, superstition, and strange gods held sway, to enlighten people. Ours is a far worse and more terrible situation. We have pulled down the old altars to Yahweh, and built new chrome-plated altars to Ashtoreth and Baal.

To stir us sickly saints to rescue the perishing, **we need the smell of hell.** Oh to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer — angry!

More than ever we need to cry:
***“O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us;
Revive Thy Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
And fit Thy Church to meet this hour.”***
- Bessie P. Heed

CAN YOU TRUST GOD TO WIN SOULS THROUGH YOU ?

By C. Sumner Wemp — *Moody Monthly*
ON THE PLATFORM of Meadows Baptist Church in Chicago stands a large semi-circular dial — its needle pointing to a figure in excess of **300** and still climbing. The dial reflects the number of people the congregation expects to win to Jesus Christ next year. Earlier this year more than one hundred had turned in pledge cards saying that by faith they would trust God to use them in reaching one or more persons for the Lord in the year to come. By midsummer these individual "**faith-promise**" pledges totalled 308.

It all started early last year when I was speaking in a conference on evangelism at one of Chicago's southern suburban churches. Suddenly it struck me — why not

ask for a faith promise for soul winning? I challenged the congregation with the idea — then later issued the same challenge at Meadows Baptist.

In April I asked students in my practical Christian work class at Moody Bible Institute to try it. One girl prayed about her faith-promise and was almost stunned as the Lord laid it upon her heart to ask for one hundred souls! One weekend alone she led seven people to Christ and was overwhelmed at how easily each one responded - simply because they were prepared of the Lord. Her studies, her whole life, suddenly took on new meaning and purpose.

At a pastors' conference in California this year a number made faith promises. One pastor, really “turned on” for the Lord, began claiming by faith souls for Jesus Christ. In less than a month he had led six people to a first-time decision. He had seen no fruit for months before.

Christian students from Western Michigan University took me up on the faith promise challenge at a weekend retreat. Many went back to the campus with a new vision.

One fellow felt impressed immediately to witness to a particular friend. He entered the friend's dormitory room scared and uncertain about his approach, only to have the friend mention what a hypocrite he had felt like, while in church the previous Sunday. Within fifteen minutes the two were down on their knees in prayer as the friend invited Christ into his life. The next day he won the second convert of his career — the friend's seventeen-year-old young brother.

Every Christian ought to be able to win one person to Christ in a year's time. Surely each Christian could trust God for at least one soul a year — then pray him, or

her, to Christ! If every Christian did, likewise, think what would happen. A church would double in a year! The genius of the **faith-promise** concept is that it casts one's dependence upon God. One does not confine himself to what he “feels” he is able to win, for a Christian has no ability in himself to win souls. All of one's genius, personality, zeal or sincerity will not persuade one person to receive Christ. It is not matching wits with a person, nor talking him into receiving Christ — God does it all. When this is realised it takes the strain from one's self and **puts dependence on God.**

Too many don't expect to see results and souls saved because they have the false idea that it takes a certain type of personality, or that soul winning is a gift to a very few. They feel inadequate or say they have no gift of evangelism. But soul winning depends upon God. He wants to use everyone.

A young preacher once asked Charles Spurgeon why it was that every time he preached, people were saved, but when he preached nothing happened. Spurgeon asked, “You don't expect someone to be saved every time you preach, do you?”

The young preacher said, “No !”
“Well,” answered the wise preacher, “that's just why you don't see them.”

Christians need to be awakened to the sin of unbelief and exhorted to ask of God in faith. “You do not have because you do not ask.” (James 4:2), applies to soul winning as well as to material matters.

The church that tries faith-promise evangelism should ask its people to report conversions through the offering. These can be recorded and announced to the church, along with the number who have made

public profession in the service itself. Such reports
serve as encouragement.

God recorded the 3,000 at Pentecost and then 5,000
later (Acts 4:4), for our encouragement. Why not today?

Giving an opportunity for new Christians to confess
Christ at the end of a service during the invitation, obeys
the command of Matthew 10:32, strengthens the
congregation and challenges believers to witness.

“Everyone, therefore, who confesses Me before men,
him I will also confess before My Father who is in the
heavens.” (Matt 10:32)

Testimonies from time to time during a Sunday evening
service or an evening prayer service also will do much to
keep the fires of evangelism burning.

Your church might want to combine a missionary and
an evangelism conference. The faith promise plan for
both can be presented at the same time. There is the
tragic danger Christians will try to "buy off their
responsibilities of witnessing by sending missionaries to
witness for them. To wed the two is both scriptural and
essential for a healthy, balanced church. No church can
really be missionary minded, no matter how much the
missionary offerings, if its members are not witnessing
themselves in their own “Jerusalem.” (Acts 1:8)

We are having a population explosion in every kingdom
under heaven except the Kingdom of Heaven. (*Except
there is a mighty work if God going on in the Middle East,
Africa and China*). But in the West, one reason for our
failure is because we build our big beautiful churches,
have our robed choirs, cushioned pews and
air conditioned auditoriums and then announce "Come and
hear." God is saying, "**Go and tell.**"

The faith promise concept could have the same effect on
evangelism that it has had in missions — and the impact

could be felt around the world. Why not ask God how many He expects you to win in these months to come, and then by faith trust God and expect God to use you in the greatest task of them all.

TO BE PRAYERLESS, IS TO BE POWERLESS

Prayer is the pulse of life. By the pulse we can tell what is the condition of the heart. The sin of prayerlessness is a proof for the ordinary Christian or minister, that the life of God in the soul is in deadly sickness and weakness.

What is the reason that many thousands of Christian workers in the world have not a greater influence? Nothing save this — the prayerlessness of our service. In the midst of all their zeal in the study and in the work of the church; in the midst of all their faithfulness in preaching and conversation with the people, they lack that ceaseless prayer which has attached to it the sure promise of the Holy Spirit, and the power from on high. (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49; Luke 11:1-13; Acts 1:14).

It is nothing but the sin of prayerlessness which is the cause of the lack of a powerful spiritual life!

— *Andrew Murray*

PRAYER, is an ordinance of God a sincere, conscious, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the grace and help of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to His Word, for the good of the Church, with submission, in faith, to the will of God.

— *John Bunyan*

SOUL WINNING TAKES SWEAT !

In soul winning, the Christian preacher, Sunday School teacher, or writer, addresses himself to the most serious of all tasks, yet so often his preparation is desultory and half hearted. A few hurried minutes with the Bible

and the lesson, and away we rush to the platform. Again, how inadequate are our efforts to make our churches, and our personal witnessing, effective! The salesman who pounds the side walk and rings doorbells puts most of us to shame.

There is absolutely no substitute for thorough preparation and sweat if the work of God is to prosper in our hand. "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." (1 Cor. 3:8).

Paul stated that he laboured night and day on behalf of his converts. (1 Thess 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8). Not only did he labour, he also suffered reproach (1 Tim 4:10) and he ascribed double honour to the elder who labours in the Word and doctrine.

I am persuaded that one of the chief reasons for barrenness and ineffectiveness in much of our Christian work lies in our failure to really work. Success in Christian work, as in all else, is the fruit of serious pains-taking and concentrated effort.

Beware of twentieth century sirens that encourage short cuts and substitute **human mechanics** for **spiritual dynamics**. Supplements are not substitutes. The Lord's work requires inspiration and a whole lot of perspiration. - C. Ernest Tatham



IT TAKES TEARS ALSO

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*."

(Psalms 126:5, 6)

CALVARY LOVE

*Lord Crucified, give me a love like Yours,
Help me to win the dying souls of men.
Lord, keep my heart in closest touch with Yours,
And give me love, pure Calvary love
To bring the lost to You.*

EACH ONE REACH ONE

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." (Acts 8:4)

No doubt you have heard of this slogan, "Each one reach one." It works like this. If all the born again believers in the world led **one soul** to the Lord **each year** and **taught that person** to do the same, millions more would be saved. **Assuming** that out of the 230 million nominal Protestants in the world, only **10 million** are born again, the numbers saved would look like this: Starting this year ...

1918 — 10 million believers

1919 — 20 million believers

1920 — 40 million believers

1921 — 80 million believers

1922 — 160 million believers

1923 — 320 million believers

1924 — 640 million believers

1925 — 1280 million believers

1926 — 2560 million believers

1927 — 5120 million believers

In less than ten years the whole world would be evangelised, if each one would only reach one every year. But we would need to start now and to begin right here.

According to Acts 8 the early believers went everywhere talking the Gospel. Literally “gossiping” the Gospel. Talking is the easiest thing in the world. Everyone does it to a greater or lesser degree. You can talk about cars, football, work, fashions, parties, food — then why not talk about the Saviour. But. ..

(a) You need to know what you are talking about. A first hand knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour is essential. You must know Him, have trusted in Him and be relying on Him. You will speak of how you came to know Him, what He means to you, what He has done, and is doing, for you. This is personal witnessing and a witness speaks what he knows. You will need to know what the Bible says about Him, what the Bible promises you, what the Bible offers others. You will need to know what the Bible says about the past, what it foretells of the future and what it offers in the present. But all this is well within your grasp. Woven into the fabric of every believer’s life is the knowledge of the LORD and His Word, for you read it and study it every day.

(b) You need to know who you are talking to. It is a matter of common courtesy in conversation that you find out the other person's interests and talk about them. Dale Carnegie has written a very interesting book on "How to win friends and influence people." He uses in one place, the maxim — "if you want to gather honey don't kick over the beehive."

These rules apply in personal soul winning. You won't necessarily rush, in the first contact, with what you want to say or keep on with your angle. People who do this are called "bores." But you seek opportunity to turn the conversation the way you want it. This requires tact and grace. - *Les A. Marsh*

To many this idea of multiplication may seem idealistic and impossible. Of course it will be impossible to the Christian sceptic. But to encourage us, we just need to look at the mighty work of God going on at present in the Islamic world, and in Africa, and Asia.

Multitudes are discovering Y'shua the Messiah and receiving Him as their personal Saviour. And then they **reach out** to tell their family and friends about what God has done, and what He can also do for them.

Here's some recent reports:

IRAN: PERSECUTION SPURS WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING CHURCH

Ironically, one of the worst countries in the world for Christians happens to also be the country where the church is growing the fastest. The Islamic Republic of Iran has gained the distinction of being the leading country in the world where the church is **growing at a rapid rate** and greatly influencing the region for Christ.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY GROWING FAST

David Parsons, vice president of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ), says "Evangelical Christianity is 'the fastest-growing faith movement in the world,' boasting as many as **700 million believers** and adding 50,000 new adherents daily."

THOUSANDS TURNING TO CHRIST EVERY MONTH IN CHINA

The growth of the Christian faith in China continues its remarkable rise despite the worsening human rights abuses and crackdown by Communist authorities. As we remember that we are living in the last hours of the last days, and the LORD is pouring out **the latter rain of promise**, waiting for the last member to be added to His Body, we should be encouraged to believe.

HOW TO TESTIFY FOR CHRIST
*Some main points from a lengthy
message by 19th century Revivalist,
Charles G. Finney
(Language modernised)*



“You are My witnesses says the LORD,
and My servant whom I have chosen.” (Isaiah 43:10)

The children of God testify to the **Truth of the Bible**. They should be competent witnesses to this, for they have experienced its truth. The Christian is conscious that the Bible is true. The youngest convert knows by his experience, the truth of the Bible. He may hear objections from infidels, which he never thought of, and which he cannot answer. He may be confounded, but he cannot be driven from his ground. He will say, “I cannot answer you, but I know that the Bible is true.” A Christian sees his experience drawn and pictured in the Bible, and he sees the likeness to be so exact that he knows that it is true.

HOW ARE WE TO TESTIFY?

By precept and example. On every proper occasion by their lips, but always **by their lives**. Christians have no right to be silent with their lips; they should rebuke, exhort and entreat with all long-suffering and doctrine.

But their main influence as witnesses is by their example.

Both precept and example bring the greatest amount of influence to bear upon the minds of sinners. Christians should live in **their daily walk and conversation**, showing they **really believe** the Bible.

- 1. They should live showing that they believe** the soul is immortal and believing that death will not be the

termination of their existence, but only the entrance into an eternal state — heaven or hell.

They ought to live so as to make this impression upon all those around them. It is easy to see that precept without example, on this point will do no good.

All the arguments in the world will not convince mankind that you believe this, unless you live showing that you believe it. If you do not live accordingly, your practice will defeat your arguments.

2. You are to testify by your life, that the things of this world are vanity and unsatisfying. The failure to understand this is a great stumbling-block in the way of the salvation of mankind. Here, the testimony of God's children is needed more than anywhere else.

One important design God has in keeping Christians in the world, is to teach people on this point. But suppose professors of religion teach the vanity of earthly things by precept, and contradict that in practice?

3. The satisfying nature of the faith: Christians are bound to show by their conduct, that they are actually satisfied with the enjoyments of their faith, without the pomp and vanities of the world; and that the joys of communion with God keep them living above the world.

They are to show that this world is not their home; their profession is that heaven is a reality, and that they expect to dwell there for ever.

4. The guilt and the danger of sinners: Christians are bound to warn sinners of their awful condition, and exhort them to flee from the wrath to come, and to lay hold on eternal life.

But everyone should know, that **the way** they do this, is so important? Sinners are often brought under conviction by the very manner in which something is done.

Some people are put off completely by the way the message is spoken.

5. The love of Christ: You are to bear witness to the reality of the love of Christ by the regard you show for His precepts, His honour, and His kingdom. You should act showing that you believe that He died for the sins of the whole world, and that **sinner are to blame for rejecting His great salvation**. This is the only way in which you can impress sinners with the love of Christ. But sometimes, professing Christians give the impression to sinners that Christ is so compassionate that they have very little need to fear Him.

6. The necessity of a holy walk. Righteousness is imputed to the believer, (Rom. 4:5-6), but **holiness** is the result of our obedience and fellowship with the Holy One living in us. Christians must then live holy lives that testify to the unsaved, that being “in Christ” means a holy life.

7. The necessity of self-denial, humility, and of **heavenly-mindedness**. Christians ought to show by their own example, what the faith is, and what God expects of men.

8. Meekness and patience. The people of God should always show a response like the Son of God, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again. If a Christian is irritable, and ready to resent an injury if he displays a carnal passion, and takes the same measures as the people of the world to get redress, by going to the law, etc, how can he show the reality of spiritual faith in Christ?

A Christian cannot recommend faith while they have such a spirit. If you are in the habit of resenting injurious treatment; if you do not bear it meekly, you contradict the Gospel.

9. The necessity of entire honesty. Oh what a field opens here for bad remarks! Christians need to show the strictest regard to integrity in every department of business, and in all their communications with their fellow men. If every Christian would pay a strict regard for honesty, and always be conscientious to do exactly right, it would make a powerful impression on the minds of the people watching us.

Every Christian makes an impression by his conduct, and he witnesses either for the one side or the other. His looks, dress, and whole demeanour, makes a constant impression one way or the other.

He cannot help testifying for or against the faith. He is either gathering with Christ, or scattering aboard. At every step, you tread on chords which will vibrate to all eternity.

HOW I LEARNED TO PRAY FOR THE LOST

WE KNOW that believers everywhere are burdened for unsaved or backsliding loved ones. However, many are praying in the **spirit of fear and worry instead of in faith.**

This has caused the writer to seek for definite light on how to pray, feeling the need of praying the right prayer; also the need for a definite promise or word from God upon which to base our faith when praying for the unsaved. Praise God He never fails to give such needed help.

Perhaps, because the salvation of some seems to be an impossibility, the first Scripture that was given us was

Mark 10:27; **“With God all things are possible.”**

The next Scripture had occupied our attention some time before, but now it had a new emphasis:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations *or reasonings*, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and *for* bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

(2 Corinthians. 10: 4-5)

This shows the mighty power of our spiritual weapons. And we must pray that all this be accomplished in the ones for whom we pray; that is, that the works of the enemy will be torn down.

Finally, our faith is fortified by the assurance that God’s great purpose for this present time, is reconciliation of men and women, boys and girls, as Paul explains: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the Messiah, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; see, everything has become new! Now all *these things are* from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Y'shua the Messiah, and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was *personally present* in the Messiah **reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting *men's* trespasses against them; and *He* has committed to us the **message of reconciliation**.

Therefore we are ambassadors for Messiah; *it's as though* God was *right here personally* appealing through us: ‘We implore *you* on behalf of the Messiah; be reconciled to God!’” (2 Corinthians. 5:17-20)

We must pray in faith, claiming souls for God in the Name of the Y'shua, the Lord Jesus. To pray in the Name of Jesus is to ask for, or to claim, those for whom He has died. Each individual for whom prayer is made, should be **CLAIMED BY NAME**, as God's purchased possession, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, on the ground of His shed blood.

By faith we should pull down the works of Satan, such

as false doctrines, unbelief, communistic teaching and hatred which the enemy may have built up in their thinking, and that their very thoughts will be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

In the authority of the Name of the Lord Jesus, claim their deliverance from the power of the evil one, and from the love of the world and the lusts of the flesh.

We should pray also for the quickening of their conscience, and that God might grant them repentance and hearing ears and believing hearts, as they hear or read the Word of God. Pray that God's will and purposes be accomplished in and through them.

Intercession must be persistent, not to persuade God, for redemption is of God, but because of the enemy.

Our prayer and resistance are against the enemy, the awful powers and rulers of darkness.

FIGHT FOR SOULS

It is our duty before God to fight for the souls of those for whom Christ died. Just as some must preach to them, the good news of their redemption, others must fight back the powers of darkness on their behalf.

Satan yields only what, and when, he must, and he renews his attacks in subtle ways, therefore prayer must be definite and must be persisted in, even long after definite results are seen. And we must uphold the ones whom we have won for God, that they will be protected from the enemy until such time as that soul is firmly established in the faith.

We were interceding for a soul recently and felt that our prayers were not making contact. It seemed that there was nothing there. Then the Holy Spirit inspired us to hold them up to God in the Name of Jesus. As we obeyed this leading, repeating, "I draw near to God in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for (*name the person*)," we felt our prayers gradually take hold.

It seemed that we were drawing that person from deep within the very camp of the enemy. Then we were able to proceed as usual, claiming every detail of that life for God, proclaiming the blood against the enemy. This is true warfare in the spiritual realm.

“They overcame him by means of **the blood of the Lamb.**” (Revelation 12:11)

“The blood” stands for the atoning work of Christ on the cross, where He shed His blood for our redemption. (Ephesians 1:7)

Thank God that our spiritual weapons are mighty and that our authority in Christ is far above all the authority or the rulers, the principalities and powers of darkness, so that the enemy is obliged to yield. But it takes faith and patience and persistence.

Missionaries on foreign and home fields can resist the enemy in their districts, communities and schools, by holding up the blood of Jesus against the powers of darkness, sin and unbelief, in the authority of the Name of Jesus. In the Name of the Lord Jesus they can demand that the enemy retreat.

We must point out that “it is the Spirit who quickens,” the flesh “profits nothing.” “The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” Therefore, we must constantly seek the quickening of the Holy Spirit in our own hearts, in our faith, in our prayer and testimony.

It is most important also that we keep ourselves and all that we have, under the **protection of the blood.** The enemy will use every possible means to silence our intercession and block our advancement against him.

We must not only understand our enemy, our authority in Christ, and how to use our **spiritual weapons**, but also how to wear the **armour that God has provided for our protection.** Thus equipped and protected, we

need have no fear. But let us always remember that we of ourselves have no power and no authority outside of Christ.

“Now thanks be to God who **always causes us to triumph in Christ.**” (2 Corinthians 2:14), and . . .
“**Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world.**” (1 John 4:4) - L. M.



HOW TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST

THE EARLY CHURCH prospered and grew rapidly because every Christian was a soul winner. D L. Moody covenanted not to let a day pass without attempting to win at least one soul. And God used him!

Today God is using men who have one object in Christian service — to win lost people to the Saviour.

PRE-REQUISITES OF A SOUL WINNER

A. To be a soul winner a Christian must have:

1. A real **heart zeal** — a burden for the lost, and a deep desire, a passion, to bring them to Christ. Without a deep love — there will be neither the incentive nor the ability to win lost people to the Saviour.
2. Some **knowledge of the Scriptures** and of how to deal with people. Being an effective soul winner requires study and effort.

Knowledge without zeal is valueless. Zeal without knowledge is also valueless and may even be a

hindrance. The winning of people to Christ requires deep exercise of both heart and mind.

Because we are dealing with human beings, we need to study the **human approach**; and because we are dealing with spiritual matters, we need the work of the Spirit of God in our hearts to fit and equip us.

B. How to obtain these two pre-requisites:

1. The zeal must be **born of the Holy Spirit**. We cannot make ourselves love the lost, but “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Rom. 5:5)

We can ask the Holy Spirit to give us a passion for souls. That is the only way in which it can and will come.

2. The **head knowledge** must be obtained by study. “Study to show thyself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

We must study to learn the **truths of the Bible** and the **mind of Christ**, and we must study to understand the minds of men and their reactions to different situations.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SOUL WINNER

A. The Right Approach

How should one approach a person to deal with him about salvation?

1. **Hand the person a tract**. This is one of the easiest and best methods.
2. **Be tactful, but not deceitful**. One must always be gracious and kind in approaching anyone about spiritual things. We are persuaded that the direct, frank method is the best in most cases.

Instead of trying to be “clever” by slipping up on the person from “the blind side,” we think that it is far better to say frankly and directly, “I want to talk to you about your soul,” or something to that effect, as the Lord leads you.

A salesman who tries to present his line of wares in a round about manner is not likely to make a good impression on anyone. How can we expect any better results with people if we do not seek to present Christ in a definite, straightforward way?

B. The Right Procedure

Once the conversation about the person's relationship to God is under way, how can one actually lead him to a definite decision to accept Christ?

1. **Show him that he is a sinner** by,
 - (a) appealing to his honesty
 - (b) appealing to his conscience
 - (c) using the Bible. Use **Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 17:9.**

IMPORTANT. Do not just quote these passages. Read them to the person from the Bible. Let him see the Scriptures with his own eyes.

2. **Show him that he cannot go to heaven unless his sins are forgiven.**
 - (a) **God is holy**, and He cannot tolerate sin. Read I Samuel 6:20; I Peter 1:16; Psalm 24:3, 4; Habakkuk 1:13a.
 - (b) **Heaven is holy**, and nothing sinful can possibly enter it. Read Revelation 21:27 ; I Corinthians. 6:9, 10; Galatians 5 :19-21.
3. Show him that a righteous **God must punish sin.**
 - (a) Human justice is based on the principle that all wrongdoing and **law-breaking must be punished.**

(b) **Divine justice** is based on the same principle.
Show this from Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23; Roman 1:18;
John 3:36; Revelation 21:8; Hebrews 10:26-31.

4. Show him that **Christ has already borne the punishment of our sins**, and paid the penalty for us in full. Isaiah 53:4-6; I Peter 3:18; I Peter 2:24; Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21.

“Repent ... and believe the Gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

5. Show him that one is saved **by accepting and trusting Jesus Christ** as his or her personal Sin-bearer and Saviour.

The following Scriptures are among the best to use for this; **Romans 6:23; John 1:12; John 3:36; Romans 10:9-10; Revelation 3:20; I John 5:9-13.**

IMPORTANT: At this point invite the person to make a decision to accept the Saviour, there and then. Ask him point-blank, **“Will you take Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?”**

If the answer is “yes,” say, “Then let's talk to Him now and tell Him so,” or something to that effect.

It is usually best to kneel, as kneeling in itself is an act of submission to the Lord; and it helps to clinch this greatest of all decisions of life.



Once on your knees, you pray first.

Pray a simple prayer, thanking the Lord Jesus for coming to seek and to save the lost, for dying for our sins, and for His willingness and desire to save all who come, etc.

Then ask the Lord to reveal Himself in all His saving grace to this person who is now coming to Him and who wants to be saved from his sins. Ask Him to grant him assurance of full and free salvation.

After praying, ask the person to pray. If he says that he cannot pray, urge him to tell the Lord that he is a sinner, that **he believes that Jesus died for him**, and that he wants Him to be his Saviour.

Urge him to tell the Lord exactly what is in his heart. Suggest that he ask the Lord to forgive his sins, to save his soul, and to send the Holy Spirit to come and live in his heart.

If necessary, you may formulate the prayer for the person, sentence by sentence and have him repeat it after you. But do not resort to this method unless there is no other way to get the person to express his own prayer to the Lord.

IMPORTANT: After prayer, ask him if he believes that God keeps His promise. Then go back to the same verses that you read to him concerning trusting Christ as his personal Sin-bearer and Saviour.

Thus bring him to an assurance of salvation which is based upon God's own Word and promises. It is always good to use the last half of **John 6:37:**

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and **whoever comes to Me I will never cast away.**”

6. Then point out that if a Christian sins after he accepts the Saviour, Christ will stand in as his intercessor. Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:12. I John 1:9.
7. Finally, point out that successful Christian living can be maintained only by:
 - (a) **Daily Bible Reading.** Suggest that he start with the New Testament, preferably the Gospel of John.
 - (b) **Daily Prayer.** Explain that it is talking to God alone. Suggest that a time be set aside for prayer each morning and each evening as a minimum.

(c) **Bold Witnessing.** Urge him to let others know from the beginning that he is a Christian and is determined to live for God.

A large number of citations from the Bible have been given. However, in dealing with a person, it is best to select only a few verses. Ask the holy Spirit to give you wisdom for it is:

“Not by might or power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD.” (Zechariah 4:6)

REMEMBER THE VERSES IN THIS CHAPTER.

Suggestion: keep a small booklet. Type the verses and references, and paste them in the booklet, as a ready reference. Always keep the booklet with you. Go over the verses often and commit to memory.

“BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME!”

1 Corinthians 9:22

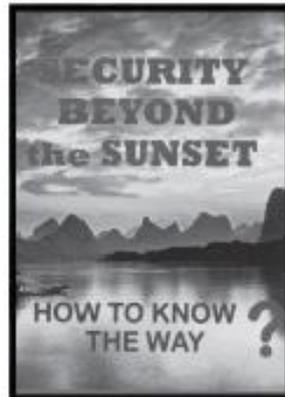
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