

Daily Devotional, July 11, 2020

'Soul Winning: Our Ministry and Responsibility', (Proverbs 11:30)

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First, *"he who wins souls is wise"* because many souls are lost and it is a needful ministry. The Lord Jesus counsels sinners to *"enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it"* (Matthew 7:13). *"The harvest (of souls) truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few"* (Matthew 9:37). In other words, the number of needy souls far exceeds the number of those who are willing to work to meet the need. Are you a Christian looking to be of use to the Master? Are you unsure of how to serve He who paid so great a price for the redemption of your soul? Heed then the counsel of Solomon. *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might"* (Ecclesiastes 9:10a). As long as there are unsaved souls in your family, neighborhood, and workplace, a need exists right now, right where you are. There are sinners all around each of us, and they desperately need the Savior.

Second, *"he who wins souls is wise"* because it is every believer's responsibility. Soul winning is the *"Go"* part of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). For too many professing Christians, there is a 'Great Omission' with regard to evangelism and discipleship. The Lord holds us accountable not only for sins of commission (anger, lust, and the like), but also for our sins of omission. If we saw a man in a burning building, would we not rescue him if we were able to do so? Why then will we not rescue the same man who is facing an eternity apart from God, being scorched by the flames of hellfire?! Heed the divine command. *"Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Surely we did not know this', Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds"* (Proverbs 24:11-12)? The Apostle Paul was a faithful steward of the Gospel of God. Heed his inspired words. *"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel"* (1 Corinthians 9:16)! Notice that for Paul, proclaiming the gospel was not optional. And he backed up his talk by walking the walk.

If you are a Christian, then soul winning is your ministry and responsibility. Please join the faithful in this most excellent work, on an ongoing daily basis. The Lord has need of you.