

Daily Devotional, July 12, 2020

'The Blessings of Being a Soul Winner', (Proverbs 11:30)

“He who wins souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30, NKJV)

This devotional is the fitting sequel to yesterday's daily devotional. The two points we emphasized yesterday were soul winning as ministry and responsibility of the Christian. Today, we shall add points three and four.

Third, *“he who wins souls is wise”* because it strengthens his own faith. God gives us commands for our own spiritual benefit. Our faith is strengthened as we obey the Lord, and see Him work through us (redeemed sinners) to minister hope to lost sinners. Those who take seriously the call of God to be light bearers are of necessity much in prayer and much in the Bible. Soul winning is spiritual work, and we must be connected to the vine which is Christ if we expect to be successful in the work. Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5). Soul winning is spiritual work which engages the heart and the mind. This being so, Christian worker, you are called to *“be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”* (2 Timothy 2:15). As we continually pray and spend time in the Scriptures each and every day, our faith is strengthened and we bear spiritual fruit unto the Lord. What a great and glorious thing it is to rejoice with the angels of heaven when we see lost men and women coming to Christ because we were faithful to God's charge (Luke 15:7)! Now a word to the discouraged soul winner: *“the testing of your faith produces patience”* (James 1:3). There will be times, even seasons, when you are faithful but the gospel falls on deaf ears and hardened hearts. It is the will of God that we learn patience through such experiences. Persevere through those times in prayer, and continue to share the hope that is in you, knowing that the work is ultimately the Lord's and not your own.

Fourth, *“he who wins souls is wise”* because the soul winner stores up treasures in heaven. *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (Matthew 6:19-21). Alfred P. Gibbs, in his book, “Personal Evangelism”, poses this question: “Suppose you were offered \$1,000.00 for every soul you earnestly sought to win for Christ. Would you, for this reward, seek to win more souls for Christ than you are doing right now? If so, your love for money is greater than your love for Christ or your fellow man.” The greatest treasures are heavenly ones. Salvation is a treasure of eternal value (John 3:16). Every soul that makes it to heaven because we are the mouthpieces of God is a heavenly treasure. What are your priorities and perspectives, and are they in need of rearrangement?