

The Calling and Reward of the Soul Winner

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Godly people are growing a tree that bears life-giving fruit, and all who win souls are wise. Every believer has a call of God upon their lives to lead others to Christ! There are both temporal and eternal rewards to those who obey this calling.

The Calling

Matthew 4:19-20 - Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men. At once, they left their nets and following him.

- “I will make you”
 - What happens when God makes the person a fisher of men?
- “at once”
 - What would be our response, if we truly understood we are working together in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 16:6-10 – Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from proclaim the Gospel in the province of Asia at that time. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the good news there.

- God is strategic with reaping the harvest for both the individual and the church. I am not ambitious, I am obedient.
- People need a Savior, not an argument
- We help by bringing the Gospel to people, not our opinions.

The Message of the Gospel and How We Share It

II Corinthians 5:17-21 - When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand-new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others, "God is at Peace with Man". We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you-be reconciled to God. For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's Righteousness into us!

- If it's not GOOD NEWS, it's not THE GOSPEL
- It's easy to share good news!
- Get out of the stands and into the game
- This is not a spectator sport
- Serve somewhere now
- You won't end where you start

The Reward

We have nothing to lose and they have everything to gain when we share Christ with someone.

Romans 11:18 - You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Yielding to the Holy Spirit in his primary mission, causes every part of my life benefit.

- Now are we the Children of God
- We have been delivered from the power of darkness
- We have been translated into the kingdom of the son of his love
- We have redemption through His blood
- We have the forgiveness of sins.
- We are accepted in the beloved
- We are completed in Christ

We are:

- Led by the Holy Spirit
- Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Comforted by the Holy Spirit
- Have peace by the Holy Spirit
- Taught by the Holy Spirit
- Shown things to come by the Holy Spirit

The Reward in the Life to Come

II Timothy 4:5-8 - But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry

God has given you. As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize and crown are not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to Christ's appearing.