

LESSON SIX

ON

PERSONAL WORK

INTRODUCTION

SOUL WINNING NOT COMPLICATED.

1. If soul-winning is complicated it is so because we are complicated.
 1. We make it complicated when we bypass people while we pray for opportunities.
 2. We make it complicated when we become more concerned about the "right" approach than about making the approach while the opportunity is ours.
 3. While we waste time figuring out the "right" approach the opportunity has vanished.

THE RECEIPT FOR SOUL-WINNING

1. Jesus gives the receipt in Luke 10:25-37.
 1. A "Certain Samaritan" an example. Read the story as given by Luke.

NINE STEPS IN SUCCESSFUL SOUL-WINNING (Luke 10:33, 34)

THE STEPS ARE:

1. "But a Certain Samaritan."
 1. Not a Samaritan, but a certain Samaritan.
2. Christ cannot use just any one in the work of winning souls. He cannot use:
 1. The lukewarm, indifferent, careless, hateful, worldly church-goer.
 2. The covetous, boasters, proud, discontent, benchwarmer.
 3. One cannot come back from where he has never been no more than he can take others to where he is not going himself.
 4. Certain men make soul winners, not a man.
2. "As He Journeyed."
 1. The Christian is on a journey here.
 1. He has but a passing interest in this world and is always a non-conformist in the world. Romans 12:1, 2
 2. He is looking for and going on toward a city whose builder and maker is God, Heb. 11:10.
 3. The journeying man (Christian) in one day will find and take advantage of more opportunities to good than the 'resident' Christian in a whole year.
3. "Came Where He Was."
 1. One man (a priest) had passed by on the other side.
 2. A second man (the Levite) paused, "looked on him, and passed by on the other side."
 1. These men saw only with their eyes
 2. Self, time, money, may have regulated the action of these two men.
 3. The third man (A Certain Samaritan) "came where he was."
 1. This man got "self" out of his way and when you take "self" out of your way you are going to get out among men. What is that keeps you from doing just that?
4. "AND When He Saw Him." There are three ways to see. They are:
 1. With the physical eye, yet some without physical eyesight apparently some without sight can see more than some with it.
 2. We see with our minds. Two and two is....
 3. The soul-winner sees with his heart. Eye and mind ~~put~~ substitutes for hearts.

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5. "He Had Compassion On Him."

1. He was moved by what he saw.
2. "He had compassion on him," means he had sorrow and pity because of the distress and misfortune of the traveler.
3. This man used what he had, money, wine and oil to express his compassion he felt toward the unfortunate traveler.

6. "And He Went To Him."

1. The Christian (like this Samaritan) is a man of action.
2. This man, the Samaritan was equipped with a good self-starter.
3. The least little thing sets some folks off and ruins them completely.
4. Love is the Power that always finds a way.

7. "And Bound Up His Wounds."

1. Doctors usually carry medicine bags. What kind of a bag do we carry?
 1. Love and compassion must be the medicine that we carry.
 2. For bandages, "the shirt off your back" makes the best.
 1. We hear of those who would "give you the shirt off their backs."

8. "And Set Him On His Own Beast."

1. "He walk?" The Samaritan had nothing left to him but to walk.
2. The Samaritan felt not merely for him, which is nothing more than actionless pity.
3. The Samaritan felt with him, felt in him, which is compassion and pity in action.
4. The color and race of the unfortunate traveler did not seem to matter with the Samaritan.

9. "And Brought Him to An Inn And Took Care Of Him."

1. It was a personal service.
 1. He himself bound up the wounds.
2. We have become accustomed to acting the good neighbor by deputy.
 1. We give a little money: leave to others to give personal service.
 2. This may develop into a sort of a second-hand charity.
 3. We give our offering, small or great, and feel that should relieve us of the obligation to talk with any one. Let the preacher do it ETC.

THE CHARACTER OF THE SAMARITAN'S SERVICE

1. It was unselfish.

1. He did without thinking what would be his in return.

2. It was thorough.

1. "He took care of him."
2. We may reflect on the many hospitals, charity institutions ETC and reason that it is his own fault if he is not taken care of.
 1. This will send us on down the road on the other side jogging along on our little "donkey of selfishness."

3. It was personal.

1. Love (charity) is always incomplete and worthless unless it involves the element of personal service. 1 Cor. 13:1-13

A LESSON TO LEARN

1. Every lost man is a wounded man and needs help. Soul winning is not difficult.

