

Soul Winning

“He that wins souls is wise”, so says the Proverb writer in Proverbs 11:30. At some point the soldier needs to get out of the barracks and fight. At some point the football player needs to get out of the huddle and compete. And, at some point the Christian needs to get out of the church building and win souls to Christ.

Winning souls to Christ (what we call “personal work”) is the greatest of all works of life. Winning souls takes work because you will not find prospects easily in our modern world captured by the devil. Winning souls also takes wisdom because you will face opposition like procrastination, false doctrine, worldliness, etc.

Now, what about Proverbs 11:30? I say “he that win souls” must first be won himself. A Christian must first win some things to himself before he can win others to Christ. He must be fully persuaded (2 Corinthians 5:11), he must win Christ to himself (Philippians 3:8), he must be consistent in example (1 Peter 3:1-2), he must be willing to be used (Matthew 4:19), he must use the gospel (Romans 1:16), and he must have patience (Luke 21:19).

Someone has said long ago that too many Christians are no longer fishers of men, but keepers of the aquarium. They don’t want to convert anybody new, they just want to hold onto who they already have. This is probably true. Let’s get out and win souls to Christ. - Chris Reeves

Up-Coming Events

- We will have a VBS workday and card distribution starting at 9 AM on June 3.
- Plan now to attend our up-coming VBS, June 5-9, 2017.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Two Kinds of People: Which Kind Are You?

It is sometimes hard to identify who people are and where they come from in a world of 7.5 billion people. Consider the many different languages, colors, races, etc., that make up humanity. There are also different mental and physical conditions of a person. There are different educational backgrounds, as well as social and economic statuses. There are different personalities and idiosyncrasies of a person.

However, when it comes to identifying a person's spiritual condition and relationship with God, it is actually very easy to identify who they are. Spiritually speaking, there are only two kinds or groups of people in the world. Jesus set forth the two kinds of people in his sermon on the mount in Matthew 7:13-27. Take a moment to read this passage of scripture and then ask yourself, "Which kind of person am I?"

Jesus said there are just **Two Ways** (verses 13-14). There are those people who are traveling down the road to destruction (hell). They travel through the "broad gate". This is the easy road of the sinful life and there is plenty of room to go through. Many are travelling this way because it is popular and a majority of people are there.

Then there are those people who are traveling down the road to life (heaven). They travel through the "narrow gate". This is the hard (limited, restrictive) road

of the righteous life. You have to search for it and strive to enter it (Luke 13:23). This journey begins with obeying Jesus (John 14:6). Few are travelling this way because it is unpopular and only a minority of people are there.

Jesus said there are just **Two Trees** (verses 15-20). There are those people who teach evil. They have certain characteristics and they can be known by their "fruit" (character, conduct, or teaching). They are "false prophets" (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Jeremiah 23:16,18,23,28), they are deceptive (like a wolf in sheep's clothing), and they are dangerous (ravaging wolves; see also Acts 20:29-30). These false teachers are going to be cut down (judged) and cast into the fire (sentenced to hell fire).

Then there are those people who teach what is good. They always teach the truth of God's word (John 17:17).

Jesus said there are just **Two Claims** (verses 21-23). There are those people who say they follow Jesus (Luke 6:46; 1 John 1:6; 2:4). They say "Lord, Lord" showing their respect and enthusiasm. But, they actually work iniquity (lawlessness). Then there are those people who say and "do the will of my Father who is in heaven".

Jesus said there are just **Two Builders** (verses 24-27). There are those people who hear Jesus and obey Him. They are "wise" because they hear Jesus' words and do them. They build their house (life) on a solid foundation of rock - Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:11). They always stand firm under trials and tests.

Then there are those people who hear Jesus (mere intellectual knowledge), but do not obey him. They are "foolish" because they hear Jesus' word and do them not (James 1:22-25). They build their life on a flimsy foundation of sand (human wisdom). The difference is found in the foundation, not the house. The foolish collapse under trials and tests.

So, friend, which road are you traveling? Not everyone will be saved. Which message are you teaching? Not everyone teaches the truth. Which claim are you making? Not everyone claims to be doing the Father's will. Which foundation are you laying? Not everyone builds on Jesus Christ.

I understand that this kind of lesson is unpopular today just like it was unpopular in Jesus' day. Some people in Jesus' day accepted his message (Matthew 7:28-29), but many others rejected it.

Note that Jesus did not give a third alternative. He gave just two choices in each point. That tells us that there is no "middle ground" for people. People like to be "middle of the road" (not "extremists" or "fanatics"). They like to be "neutral" or "undecided", but Jesus did not allow this.

Why only two kinds of people? Because there are only two masters in this big world or ours: God (Matthew 6:24) and the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). The choice is yours! Which kind of person will you choose to be today? - Chris Reeves