

Lesson 11

Personal Evangelism

- I. Christian Responsibility Is Personal in Its Nature:**
 - A. Matthew 25:14-15—Parable of talents: each man made responsible for what he was able to do.
 - B. Matthew 25:26-30—Consequence of failure to meet responsibility seen in failure of one talent man.
 - C. Romans 1:14—Paul's sense of responsibility.

- II. Means of Fulfilling Our Personal Responsibility:**
 - A. Teaching and preaching the gospel of Christ to others, both publicly and privately:
 1. Romans 1:15; Acts 20:20, 24, 27—Paul thus discharged his obligations.
 - B. Sending others and holding up their hands in such work:
 1. The example of the Philippians (Phil. 1:3-5; 4:15-16).
 2. Necessity of someone sending (Rom. 10:15).
 - C. Influence of righteous lives and faithful service:
 1. Our lives are letters read by others (2 Cor. 3:2-3).
 2. Christian influence compared by Christ to saving power of salt and light of world (Matt. 5:13-16).

- III. Some New Testament Examples:**
 - A. Andrew immediately upon being called by the Savior found his own brother and brought him to Jesus (John 1:40-42).
 - B. Philip carried the good news of his discovery of Christ to Nathaniel (John 1:43-51).
 - C. Paul became all things to all men; that is, he used every legitimate means and made every sacrifice in order to save others (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

- IV. The World is the Field—Our Opportunity for such Work Unlimited (Matt. 13:38; Luke 10:1-2; John 4:35-38).**

- V. The Successful Soul Winner:**
 - A. The blessedness of it (Dan. 12:3; James 5:19-20).
 - B. Must be persevering—go at all hours (Matt. 20:1-16).
 - C. Must have love for souls of men (1 John 4:9; Eph. 5:2).
 - D. Must be prayerful—example of Christ (Mark 1:85; Luke 6:12).
 - E. Must know your Bible (2 Tim. 2:15); Be careful what you teach to others (1 Cor. 3:10; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 1 Tim. 4:16).
 - F. A purpose. A definite effort to persuade a definite person to accept Christ at a definite time—now.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What of Christian responsibility in evangelism?
 - a. To what extent is each one responsible? _____

 - b. What if one fails to discharge his responsibility? _____

 - c. To what extent should one go to discharge his responsibility? _____

2. Name ways in which one may fulfill his responsibility? _____

 - a. Give a notable example. _____
 - b. How did Jesus enforce this lesson? _____

3. Name two examples of personal evangelism. _____

4. To what extent did Paul go to reach the lost with the gospel? _____

5. How extensive is the field of labor for Christian evangelism? _____

6. Name some blessings that attend the soul winner. _____

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