

The Soul Winner's Manual

LECTURE 5 and 6 (PART 2) OUTLINE BY RALPH "YANKEE" ARNOLD

Chastening and Rewards

1. **I Tim. 1:12**, And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath **enabled** me, for that he **counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry**;

The Lord put Paul into the ministry because he continued being FAITHFUL.

God enabled him Paul was faithful God put Paul in the ministry

2. **Ecclesiastes 8:11**, God has given us the real reasons why many people do wrong and think they can get away with it, even in the sight of God, "Because sentence against an evil work is *not executed speedily*." People forget that there is usually a **TIME LAPSE** between planting and reaping.
3. **Deut. 32:35**, says, "To Me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in DUE TIME..." The result of what we do is often not produced until later. **If you sow to the flesh, you will reap of the flesh.**
4. **Luke 12:15**, And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**
Worldly pleasures:
 - a. They are trouble to get,
 - b. They don't satisfy when you do get them, and
 - c. They produced great sorrow when they are lost. It has been said that the life of the world is the "life of the constantly bursting bubble."

A disciplined life for the Lord will cost you work, time, and effort. But an undisciplined life costs much more. Usually, you will find it is not so much a question of **KNOWING** God's will for your life as being willing to **DO** it.

- Determine that your life is going to amount to something for the Lord and then discipline your life to that end.
 - **AIM FOR THE HIGHEST.** Don't settle for being an "average Christian." After all, "average" is just as close to the bottom as it is to the top. Don't be ordinary. **STAND UP** for the Lord Jesus Christ and serve Him with all that is within you.
 - **Your future is being determined by what you do TODAY.** If you want to accomplish great things for the Lord in the future, you must accomplish something great for the Lord today.
5. **II Chron. 16:9**, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him . . ."God wants to exercise His mighty power in your life for others to see.
 6. **Hebrews 11:24-26**, "... for **he had respect** unto the recompense OF THE REWARD." Moses served the Lord, motivated by the knowledge of future rewards. While it would be wrong for the Christian to serve the Lord **ONLY** because he will be rewarded for it, there is nothing wrong with realizing that God has set such a **HIGH VALUE** upon serving Him that He does promise to reward us.

7. **Matt. 16:27**, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works."

We should serve the Lord for the praise of God and not for the praise of men. It is the Lord who will reward you. Certainly, men will not.

1. **Eph. 6:8**, "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive **OF THE LORD**, whether he be bond or free".
2. **Matt. 25:21**, "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord".
3. **II Cor. 5:10**, "For we must **all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ; that **every one** may **receive** the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad".

Make it very clear that this person is not in a judgment to determine if he will go to heaven or hell. That was determined while the person was still living on earth, based on whether he had received Christ as his Saviour.

But this is a **rewarding stand** for believers only, to determine whether they will have eternal rewards. **Heb 6:10** For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

The gospel has not been presented clearly, until the person you are talking to understands it. Even so, the teaching for a saved person to serve the Lord has not been made clear, until chastening and rewards have been understood.

This must constantly be emphasized to people, and especially to an audience. If you are in the position of teaching a group on this subject, you must not only make the gospel clear in their minds, but clear enough in their minds so that they know how to make it clear to someone else. You want the people to not only understand what you say, but clear enough to tell someone else.

4. **II Timothy 2:2**, Paul was expressing this in when he said, "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who **shall be able to teach others also**."
5. **I Cor. 3:8**, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his OWN reward **ACCORDING TO HIS OWN LABOUR**."

Situations are bound to occur in your Christian service in which you have done something for the Lord, but another Christian seems to be receiving all the credit.

Don't let it bother you. The Lord is keeping the books. YOU will be rewarded for what YOU do regardless of how other people look at it.

6. **I Cor. 15:58**, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Instructions for a New Christian

The four talks

Study your Bible.....God talks to you
Prayer.....You talk to God
Meet with other Christians..... You talk with believers
Witnessing..... You talk with unbelievers

1. Study Your Bible.

Encourage the new believer to read his Bible, perhaps beginning with the Gospel of St. John. Tell them to look for key words like; receive, believe, unbelief, hath, and everlasting (eternal life) life, in various forms.

The best way to understand the Bible is to study it, **God's Word is power!** KNOWLEDGE of God's Word and HOW TO PRESENT His Word will give you the power necessary to be an effective soulwinner.

- a. I Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby".
- b. John 5:24, A person has faith that Christ will save him when he hears the plan of salvation from the Word of God and believes it
- c. Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" a person strengthens his faith when he believes God's Word, and obeys God's Word.
- d. II Timothy 2:15, The Bible tells us to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth". (Read II Timothy 3:16-17)

2. Pray to God

There is no reason why a Christian should approach God with formal speeches. Prayer is not some stilted, memorized speech that you make to God but talking with your heavenly Father. It should be just as natural for a Christian to talk to the Lord as it is for a little boy to talk to his Daddy.

- a. Romans 8:15, the word "Abba," referring to our heavenly Father, is just like our word "Daddy".
- b. Galatians 4:6, says that God Himself has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, so that we would call our Father "Abba."
- c. Jer. 3:3, God invites us to talk to Him, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not".
- d. I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." The Lord will never turn a deaf ear to you: He is always interested in what affects you. Encourage the new believer to pray often every day.

3. Talk and Meet with Other Believers

Your love for the Lord, for Christians, and for the unsaved will be greatly increased as you meet with believers and have fellowship with them. The New Testament believers gathered together to **encourage** one another in their *witnessing* and **comfort** one another in their *testings*.

- a. Acts 14:27, "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them . . .".
- b. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching". Also see Acts 15:4; Acts 20:7; Acts 21:18-20; and Galatians 6:1, 2.

It is the rare person who can withstand the pressures of his friends. You must make your friends the kind of Christian you aspire to be. Some of the most precious times in the lives of Christians have been where believers gathered together to share their needs and help one another through the encouragement of testimonies and the power of earnest, intercessory prayer.

Encourage the new believer to attend a good, Bible-believing and teaching church.

4. Tell Others How To Be Saved

Never leave a new Christian thinking that witnessing should be done only by experts, but, that it is the responsibility of every Christian.

A newly-saved person will usually see the need for his friends to trust Christ as their Saviour. This glowing "first love" is best nurtured by convincing them to give the gospel.

- a. I Thess. 2:4, It is such a privilege be put in trust with His gospel. "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, ...".
- b. Jeremiah 20:9, "Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, ...But His Word as... a burning fire ... and I COULD NOT STAY"
- c. II Cor. 5:18-20, "...WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST..."

Any person who understands enough to receive Christ as his Saviour knows enough to tell others what happened to him and how they also may be saved.

Memory Verses

Prov. 3:11-12	1 John 1: 9	I Cor. 5 :5
Eph. 2:10	I Cor. 11:30	Rom. 12:1, 2
I Cor. 4:2	II Cor. 5:10	I Cor. 3:11
I Thess. 2:4	Rom. 10:17	Heb. 10:25
I Cor. 3:15	Job 36:11	Gal. 5:22, 23
I Peter 5:7	I Cor. 15:58	I Peter 2:2
Heb. 12:6, 11	I Cor. 3:8	