

# The Soul Winner's Manual

LECTURE 8 (PART 2) OUTLINE BY RALPH "YANKEE" ARNOLD

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## The Messenger's Testimony

### 1. A Christian Soldier **MUST** use his greatest weapon, the **Sword**

- a. Psalm 119:130, The lost will never see salvation without the gospel message from the Word of God. It is the entrance of God's Word that gives light to the lost.
- b. Hebrews 4 :12, Knowledge of God's Word is your greatest "weapon" in witnessing. "For the Word of God is **quick**, and **powerful**, and **sharper** than any twoedged sword, **piercing** even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart". **The Bible reads you as you read the Bible.**

When you are talk to someone who says he doesn't believe the Bible, don't stop using it. A soldier doesn't throw down his sword just because the opposition doesn't think it will work. **GOD'S WORD IS POWER!**

### 2. A Christian Soldier **MUST NOT** chase rabbits

There are times when a person may need a lengthy explanation, and you will need more than a verse of Scripture to adequately answer his question. **Don't** embark upon a philosophical discussion of no profit to man's salvation. **Don't** chase a question that leads to a question, that leads to another.

- a. I Cor. 2:4, 5, The Apostle Paul was highly educated by the finest instructors of his day, and yet he said, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of **MAN'S** wisdom, ... that your faith should not stand in the **wisdom of men**, but in the power of **GOD**".
- b. II Cor. 11:3, Paul was concerned that his children in the faith might not always keep their message simple, and warned them of Satan's tactics, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his **SUBTILTY**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ".

Satan won't say to you, "Hello, this is Satan, please complicate the gospel by using technical words, or having a philosophical discussion, or by adding man's good works for salvation." **NOT AT ALL!**

Satan comes in with a sweet, quiet voice and might say, "Look, this person is a very moral, intelligent, up-to-date citizen. If you start talking to him about the Bible, sin, Jesus' blood, and having faith, etc., he will think you are absolutely **NUTS.**"

### 3. A Christian Soldier **MUST** possess Divine wisdom.

Col. 2:8, Paul also said, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, ...".

- That the **GOSPEL** is the power God uses to save people.
- You should adapt your **illustrations and examples** to interest the person.
- You should witness with his background in mind.
- People are usually interested in what has happened to someone else. This does not mean a compromise on DOCTRINE, but it allows empathy to be established, which is very helpful in witnessing.

## How To Study Your Bible

If at all possible, it is wise to set aside a special time for your Bible study and not to let Satan sidetrack you to do something else during that time. You will never "**find**" time to study, pray, or witness. **You must "make" time.** People usually manage to have time for whatever is important to them. To study your Bible is important to you as a soulwinner for many reasons:

1. It is God's **command** to you  
2Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2. God's Word **brings faith** (to the saved & the lost)  
Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
3. You will use the Word to **edify, exhort, guide, & comfort**  
2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
4. The Bible is **your guidebook** for every situation of life.  
Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
5. The Bible is your **defensive weapon** against Satan.  
Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

### Below are some tips toward successful Bible study.

1. Read with the **INTENTION OF REMEMBERING** what you read.
2. **GO OVER** what you have read until it is clear in your mind.

3. **MAKE NOTES** on the things that impress you as you read.
4. **COMPARE SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE** to understand the passage in its proper relationship with the rest of the Word of God.
5. **ANALYZE** the verse:
  - a. **Who** wrote it?
  - b. To **whom** was it written?
  - c. What general **topic** is being discussed? (Consider the context.)
  - d. What does it **NOT** say?
  - e. What things **COULD** it mean?
  - a. Compare it with another Scripture.
6. Additional considerations:
  - a. **LOOK UP WORDS** which are unclear to you in a concordance. A good one is Strong's Concordance; it is the work of over one hundred scholars.
  - b. **STUDY** the passage with **GOOD COMMENTARIES**. Some: DeHann, Ironside, G. Campbell Morgan, Jamison-Fausett-Brown, or Matthew Henry
  - c. Discuss the passage with another **Christian** you know and trust and get his viewpoint of the Scripture.
  - d. **KEEP A NOTEBOOK**. When you are satisfied with a particular explanation, write down your conclusion and file it.
  - e. **REFERENCE YOUR BIBLE**. When a verse stands out in your mind as the key verse on a given subject, use that verse as a place to list the references of other verses on that subject in the margin right beside it.

## Your Love

God did not choose to make us puppets that would act as He manipulated the strings. Love must be voluntary, or it isn't really love at all. God created us with an enormous capacity and craving for love. No human being can completely fill the need of another for this love.

1. Romans 1:1, Paul says he is a "servant" of Jesus Christ. The Greek word for servant is "**doulos**" and means "slave."
2. **Eph 4:1** I therefore, the **prisoner** of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

3. 2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

- Paul served the Lord with voluntary love. A person in love feels compelled to please the one he loves and yet is not forced.
- When you are in love, you **desire only voluntary expressions of it**. Force would take away any meaning it might otherwise have had.

4. John 3: 16, Tells of God's great love, It does something to me when I realize that the God who made everything in the entire universe actually loves me. His love has changed my whole life.

It is not always easy to analyze why we love someone, but when it comes to our love for the Lord, We love Him, because he first loved us. I John 4:19.

1. Galatians 5:22, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..." Many Christians express a desire to feel closer to the Lord. Reading His Word will help greatly, but one sure way is actually working "hand in hand" with the Lord will produce a great bond of sweet and conscious fellowship that is very satisfying.

2. "The result of letting your life be controlled by the Spirit, obeying God's leading, really brings love into your life; love for the Lord, love for the lost, and love for Christians.

Because we are saved as a gift of God's grace, we feel such an overwhelming debt of gratitude to the Lord that just anything we can do for Him is a real pleasure. How could we possibly begin to repay God for what He has done for us?

3. Luke 7:47, Christ explains that one who has been forgiven of much sin will certainly love God much; haven't we, therefore, much capacity to love Him?

**Stop and think . . .**

God saved you by His grace,  
God keeps you saved by His grace,  
God leads and guides you by His grace,  
God enables you to serve Him by His grace,  
God rewards you with love, joy, and peace for serving Him by His grace,  
God rewards you in heaven for serving Him on earth. SUCH GRACE!

4. Psa. 116:12, Surely, God is good, and with the Psalmist we must say, "What shall I render unto the Lord for **all His benefits toward me?**"