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INT: Word REMEMBER in Bible 204 times. Why? Man is prone to get busy with lesser things & FORGET!!

One thing forget so often is our PURPOSES in life. Grows dim. Get confused. Miss the point.

ILL. Bible School class of 4 yr. olds.
Teacher: "Children draw your favorite Bible story. Johnny did! Picture of Cowboy going into a saloon. Teacher aghast! "Why Johnny, you drew a picture of a cowboy going into a saloon!!!"
Johnny: "Yes em, but don't fret cause he ain't gonna DRANK nothin, he's jus goin in to KILL a feller!"

Point? Thing wrong with saloons is drinking only???

ILL. Little Tommy was in the 3rd grade B S class. Poor and unkept. Odors from his unchanged socks disrupted classes. So... his teacher sent home a note: "Dear Mrs. Magillacutty, Tommy's sox smell badly, so could you please change them before sending him to Bible Class??" Got a note in return "Dear Teacher, I sent Tommy up there for you to TEACH him, not SMELL 'im."

Point? Which one missed the "purpose" of Bible School?? Mother did!!

I. QUESTION: ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT SOULS asked because many around us are losing sight of our MAIN purpose in the church; MAIN purpose of CHRISTIAN WORKS PROGRAM.

A. A Parallel problem situation.

1. Public schools failing in their fundamental PURPOSE? Why change? Tired of old Johnny can't READ, WRITE or do New Math.


3. Problem? Dr. Marvin Ack, Dir. of Mental Health at Children's Health-Center and Hosp. in Minneapolis, (U Tex. at Arlington). says we are too busy teaching Johnny about drugs, sex and abstract math etc. that he has FAILED to learn his basics: Reading, writing or Arithmat,
4. Quote: "What we need them to know is how to reason, how to solve problems and how to define problems. The FACTS of today learned without reason will be changed in less than 10 years. Computers can store facts. Computers can store facts, but they cannot logically reason."

5. LEROY GREEN, chairman of Calif. State Assembly Education Committee and a father. Read daughter's New Math book. Conclusion: "I was convinced that if I knew ALL that was in that book I would not know a thing about how to solve math problems." (STAR-TELEGRAM, 9-30-73 p. 10-C.

Computational skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division have been neglected. New theoretical concepts and problem-solving approaches have caused a drop in state math test scores.

N.Y., New Hampshire & Texas are looking: more toward drills in developing basic math skills, the old tried and true techniques, and stress on developing the pupil's ability to mentally add, subtract, multiply and divide simple numerical computations at the elementary level."

Conclusion: Soon Johnny may be able to Read, Write and do Arithmetic well again.

B. A PARALLEL IN SOUL-SAVING IN LORD'S CHURCH.

1. No objection to GIANT REVIVALS, TV SPECIALS, CAMPAIGNS, CRUSADES and COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. None replace day to day, person to person contacts!!!!

2. DO OBJECT TO: Tongue speaking, spooky cell meetings, new revelations from God and modern-miracles—so called in the place of the "tried and true" approaches Jesus left us. Must not leave BASICS!!!!

3. THE INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL PERSONAL EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH.

a. CHRISTIANS who will WORK! John 9:4.

b. PROSPECTS whom Christians may reach. Visitors, new comers, friends & neighbors. We have plenty!!!
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c. RECORDS of our prospects.
   Registration cards in Aud. Weekly.
   New comer to area lists weekly.
   Calls, letters and special tips. Plenty!

d. THE PLAN to weld all of this into a
decent and orderly Program of weekly
contact in --- SEARCH FOR SOULS. C W P

e. MOTIVATION to get the Christians in the
plan, with the records to the prospects.

C. WHAT CAN POSSIBLY MOTIVATE ME TO KEEP ON
KEEPING ON REACHING OUT FOR LOST SOULS?

1. One Thing! Being a Sincerely Serious
   Child of God..... a Christian indeed!

2. Well expressed by Dean Alfange:
   "We do not choose to be COMMON men.
It is our RIGHT, as Christians, to be uncom-
on
We seek OPPORTUNITY, not security.
We do not seek to be kept a dependent
citizen of the world, nor the kingdom
of God!

We do not want to be humbled and dulled by
having others look after us or carry our
load.

We reserve the right to take the calculated
risk......
To dream, and to build, and to fail and to
succeed!

We refuse to barter incentive for a dole.

We prefer the challenges of life to the
guaranteed existence.

We prefer the thrill of fulfillment to the
state of calm and easy utopia.
We will not trade our freedoms in Christ for beneficence, nor our dignity for a handout.

We will never cower before any earthly pressure, nor bend to any evil threat.

It is our heritage, as Christians, to stand erect, as sons of God; proud to be children of our Father and unafraid.

We are free to think for ourselves, to act for ourselves and enjoy the benefits of God's universe.

We choose to face our world boldly and say, "This, we are doing through the help of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we can do all things through Jesus, who strengthens us."

THIS is what it means TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT SOULS!!!!!