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CHRISTIAN COMPASSION

INT. MAJOR PREMISE: Every baptized-believer is expected to be a soul-winner for Jesus!
PROOF: Matt. 28:18-20. Teach them to teach..
Mark 16:15-16. Every creature.

QUESTION: Can anyone DENY this. How??????
Only way: deny the scriptures.

MAJOR QUESTION: What motivates Christians to be soul-winners? Ans. COMPASSION!!!!

COMPASSION defined: Having pity or sympathy on another. Suffering with another.

I. QUESTION: Why don't we have more soul-winning today? Ans. EXCUSES!!!!

A. "I'm not trained!" Why not, training opportunities abound! Let Freedom Ring, Ivan Stewart Seminars, Bus Ministry Seminars, Evangelism Seminars. Etc.....

B. "I'm too young!" Challenge that!
Ill. Marvin Phillips, Garnett Rd., Tulsa. Seeking TOP soul-winner. Guess who???????
Preacher? No. Elder? No. Teacher? No. Deacon? No. WAS: Chris Suniga. 14 yrs. old. Led 35 to Christ from Jan.-Sept. 1975.

TRUTH: "No one, who is old enough to be a Christian is TOO YOUNG to win souls!"

C. "I'm too old!" Challenge that!
Ill. Batsel Barrett Baxter story: 78 year old man converted. Compassionate. Took projector & film strips and went out!!! Convicted!!!! Converted 12 before he died at end of the year!

TRUTH: "No one with life, and a reasonable degree of health is TOO OLD to win souls"

CONCLUSION: The question was not that of age, but of COMPASSION for lost souls!

DEDUCTION: This is what Jesus and the church is all about. Rest of lesson about the Compassion of Jesus in N. T.

II. N. T. MESSAGE ABOUT CHRISTIAN COMPASSION.

A. DATA: 14 NT lessons about Compassion.

7 dealt with healings.

3 dealt with stories involving compassion.

(Unmerciful servant. Samaritan. Prodigal.)

2 dealt with teaching & feeding. 5 M & 4 M.

2 dealt with exhortations.

B. Note the exhortations:

1. * I Peter 3:8-13. Have compassion.

2. * Jude 17-25. **Any question about it????**

C. Note the Teaching and Feeding incident.

* Matt. 15:29-39. (Mk. 8:1-9) 4,000.

(Mark 6:34 *) Serve & teach. Serve & Tea

D. Note one of His Stories:

*, Luke 10:25-37. Note some things:

Samaritan least qualified. A "dog!"

Busy, busy merchant. Big deal ahead!!!

(Bigger deal on side of the road!!!)

Last expected to render aid.

Had been DOWN! Had pity. Could sympathize

HAD COMPASSION!

(**SHOCKING STATEMENT**: It well could have been better for YOU, if you had not been brought up in a C of C background. Know the chill of having been LOST!!! Know the Trauma of a "close call". Know the appreciation for an "outsider...")

QUESTION: What would it take to get you to be a

Soul-winner for Jesus?????

Is His PLEA enough? *Matt. 9:35-38.

INV: CHRIST'S INVITATION IS TO ALL MANKIND.

Matt. 11:28-30.

If not a Christian, YOU CAN ACCEPT IT NOW

If NOT-compassionate, as should be, can correct this wrong by repentance and prayer TONIGHT. Jas. 5:16.

*Chris - 14 yrs.
73 yrs. old.*

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