

BEING A SOUL SINNER

John 4:27-30

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Introduction: Jesus is the example for caring about others, especially about their souls. Jesus made a special trip to a certain well to find just a single person, a woman, a lost soul and to this one lost soul, Jesus revealed Himself and won that person to Himself. Every believer, having experienced God's Grace, tasted God's love, receiving eternal life, knows that others also need to know the Lord Jesus Christ and should want everyone he/she knows to also be saved. Most believers want to bring others to the Lord Jesus but just don't know how so they don't do anything. It is the privilege and responsibility of every believer, saved sinner, to seek the salvation of others.

I. EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE A SOUL WINNER

1. *Proverbs 11:28, 30*
2. A believer is to be like a fruitful branch, a tree of life in his/her life.
 - Fruitful, Nourishing, Healing
3. True, none but the Lord Jesus can give new life, a new birth, yet He has chosen to use saved sinners to bring lost sinners to Himself.
 - *Ephesians 3:8*
 - The Lord commissioned every believer to win souls. *Matthew 28:19-20*
 - The souls of people are the business of believers.
 - The saved husband/wife must seek to win his/her spouse.
 - The saved neighbor must seek to win his/her neighbors.
 - *James 5:19-20*
 - Every believer will somehow influence others, either for good or evil and if the believer is wise, he/she will seek to influence others for the good of their lost souls.
 - To win the lost, the believer needs spiritual wisdom (from above).
 - Winning souls is hard for their wills, minds, thoughts must be changed and it takes divine wisdom to enable a believer to be able to do that.
 - *Daniel 12:3; 1 Corinthians 9:20-22; 10:31-33*

II. JESUS CHRIST IS THE BELIEVER'S EXAMPLE IN WINNING SOULS

1. *John 4:32, 34*
2. Jesus did five things as He brought this lost woman to salvation:
 - He went to where she was and became friends with her.
 - *John 4:4-6*
 - Jesus was always making friends with lost sinners.
 - He went to the lost, lonely, distressed, fallen, perishing, needy, the desperate and walked among them as a friend.
 - He made everyone comfortable in His company and He was and IS the friend of sinners.
 - He got the woman talking to Him by asking her questions about things she was interested in.
 - She came to the well with a water pitcher, so Jesus got her talking about water.
 - He got her to talking, like most people like to do.
 - He aroused her curiosity and she began to think as she talked.
 - He got her talking about what was important to her.
 - Jesus started with what the woman was interested in and gradually brought her to what He wanted to talk to her about.

- Nicodemus came to Jesus asking about the "new birth" so Jesus talked to him about a new life, a new beginning. (*John 3:3-7*)
- The man who was born blind, Jesus talked about light and made Himself known as the Light of the world. (*John 9:5*)
- To this woman at the well, Jesus talked about water, her needs. (*John 4:13-14*)
- Jesus stressed the good news, never getting side tracked, never arguing.
 - Jesus told her the truth about God's character, the necessity of worshiping God in spirit and in truth, telling her about the water of life.
 - Refreshing water, Cleansing water, Thirst quenching water, Everlasting water.
 - Jesus talked about that which the woman knew something about - Water.
- Jesus brought the woman at the well to a time of decision.
 - The woman brought up the subject of the promised Messiah and Jesus told her "I am He."
 - The woman had to either believe Jesus or not believe His claim.
 - *1 John 5:7-13*
 - The woman believed in Jesus at that moment.

III. UPON BELIEVING IN JESUS, THE WOMAN THEN BECAME A SOUL WINNER

1. *John 4:28-30*
2. The saved woman at the well, became a messenger of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - She went back to the town/city and called those she knew and brought them back to Jesus.
3. The woman left her water pot at the well.
 - She forgot about what she went to the well for in the first place.
 - Jesus had become more important to her than anything else at that moment.
4. The woman went to find and call other sinners to come to see Jesus.
 - *"...Come, see a MAN..."*
 - *"...Come, see a man who told me all things that ever I did..."*
 - *"...Is not this the Christ?" - Come and see!"*
 - He has revealed ME to myself.
 - He has revealed Himself to me.
 - He has received me.
 - He received me and now He will receive you also.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus has set the example for believers to win others to Him, He went to the lost.
2. A simple, uneducated, untrained, common, sinful woman became a soul winner immediately upon her being saved herself.
3. Every believer is to be a soul winner and can be, must be.
4. If one loves the Lord Jesus Christ, then he/she can't help but share Him with others.