

Why The Lack of Courage?

1. “Am I good enough to begin? Advanced far enough?” We cannot wait until we are perfect. We gain by doing. Glory in infirmities.
2. “What if I fail? I don’t want to be embarrassed.” That is pride. We are too enamored with what is called success.
3. “Is there not danger of doing more harm than good?” No! This is the lie of Satan. He know how effective personal evangelism is. “Must I always talk to everyone all the time?” No, but we are to try to open doors.
4. “How can I talk to people when they have no interest?” If they are not interested in your concern, win them over by being interested in their concern. Tact = touch. Love them. Approach their interest.
5. “How can I try soul winning when I do not love souls?” The concern or passion and love will come as we do it. Fact – Faith – Feeling.
6. “Dare I begin this work when I know so little about the Bible?” We learn by doing. The best student is he who knows he doesn’t know. Witness and study at the same time. We learn by doing.
7. “How can I help people when I cannot answer all their questions?” Don’t lose you temper, keep sweet. When they ask questions, don’t chase rabbits. Tell them you will try to find the answer. Tell them it is a big subject and takes a whole lifetime to learn it all. Avoid arguments. Be honest like the blind man. “I don’t know, but one thing I do know...”

The Soul Winner

1. **What the soul winner must be.** A soul winner must be an instrument God can use. There are only three instruments: Word – Spirit – man. Word and Spirit are constant. Man is the changing one.
 - a. **The soul winner must be saved and sure of it.** (2 Timothy 1:12). We commend Christ by what we know. How can one know? Confess – believe – receive (Romans 10:9).
 - b. **The soul winner must live a consistent, clean life.** The church looks for better methods, but God looks for better men. Doctors use clean instruments – so does God. Purification comes before power (Psalms 51). God does not demand a beautiful life but He does demand a clean one.
 - c. **The soul winner must be wholly yielded and surrendered to the Lord.** Consider the lad with the loaves and fishes. It wasn't much, but when given to Christ it was multiplied. What if he had held part of it back? It's another miracle that the boy hadn't already eaten his lunch.
 - d. **The soul winner must be filled with the Holy Spirit** (Zechariah 4:6). There is a story of a great musician who helped even a little girl play beautiful music by covering up her mistakes.
 - e. **The soul winner must be a person of prayer.** There are two parts of soul winning: going to sinners for God and going to God for sinners. Going to God comes first. Four things for which to pray: (1) Ask God to bring us in contact with the right people, (2) ask Him to give us the right words to say, (3) ask to be spoken through the Holy Spirit, (4) pray that He will carry on work that we cannot do. Wait on the Lord.

2. **What the soul winner must have.**
 - (a) **Love – love for sinners and love for God.** Have a cool head but a hot heart. Love leads to untiring effort to win them. Love attracts others to us. We get love by (1) dwelling upon Christ's love to us and (2) by asking the Holy Spirit to impart it (Romans 5:5).
 - (b) **Courage – cowards have no convictions.** Without convictions there is no concern. Courage is indispensable to every leader. People say it is so hard. "It is hard to save a person from drowning?" (Joshua 1:9, Proverbs 29:25, Timothy 1:7).
 - (c) **Tact and wisdom.** A battle is often won or lost in the approach. Be prayerful. Be careful. Be courteous.

- (d) **Patience – Perseverance.** Soul winning requires more patience than any work. Strike “I can’t” from your vocabulary (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- (e) **Faith** – faith in God and faith in His Word. God still works miracles. Don’t doubt like Sarah or Thomas. Just believe. **Love the Word, live the Word, believe the Word, memorize the Word,** and go out to sow the seed of the Word (1 Peter 1:21).