

Soul Winning: The Christian's Business

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Chapter One

Deliberate Disciple

Mary Ann listened almost breathlessly as Carol told how GOD had used her to win her friend Shirley to the Lord. Carol told of her first faint hope that she might win Shirley, of the many prayers, of her patient witnessing and finally of Shirley's prayer of acceptance.

"Oh, that's wonderful! That's wonderful!" Mary Ann gasped excitedly. "I wish I might win one of my friends to CHRIST."

"You can. I know you can," Carol encouraged, "if you just set your heart toward being a deliberate disciple."

"What?" Mary Ann asked, puzzled.

"A deliberate disciple," Carol repeated, and went on to explain what she meant.

Anyone, including you, can be a deliberate disciple and consequently a soul-winning witness. One thing all Christians are is a witness. You cannot help being one. The Lord says that you are one. The last thing he said to His disciples was:

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). The tense of the verb in that sentence is simple future: *"Ye shall be."* That means you have no choice in the matter of being a witness. The simple fact that you attend church makes others consider you a Christian, and believing you a Christian they watch you, forming their opinion of the church and Christianity by your actions.

Christianity always has been, in the main, a religion spread by the "each one win one" method. Andrew, one of the disciples, **"first findeth his own brother Simon . . . and he brought him to Jesus"** (John 1 :41-42). And **"Philip findeth Nathaniel"** (John 1 :45).

Today the winning of others has such an important place in the work of the church that groups

are organized with the main intention of winning others. One of these organizations is The Navigators, which has work in sixteen globe encircling countries. Often at a Navigators' meeting, several spiritual generations can be traced. At one, seven were traced. The chain started with Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators who won a friend who in turn won another, finally reaching Dave Rohrer. When he was in Paris, Rohrer won Jacques Salsman to the Lord. He, in turn, brought an Arab to one of the Trotman meetings. The Arab declared, "I am a Moslem but your message reached my heart. As you have preached the Word of GOD tonight my interest was awakened. I must know more." And the winning of souls goes on.

You too, were won by someone. It may have been your mother, your father, your minister, your Sunday School teacher or one of your friends. You would be lost today if someone had not given you a Bible, invited you to church or spoken to you about CHRIST.

If you were to be offered a thousand dollars for every person whom you led to CHRIST, would you try more earnestly to win the lost, than you do at present? If so, is it possible that you would do for money more than you will do for the love of GOD?

The Lord would not ask you to do the impossible. No matter how isolated you may be, you can win others.

Martha Snell Nicholson was confined to her bed for many years prior to her death. Even so, from time to time, friends brought friends to Mrs. Nicholson's bedside that she might talk to them about the Lord. You may be timid, but if you love the Lord, you will feel like John Jasper. He was a Negro preacher, and shortly after he was converted he said, "I just feel obliged to tell someone about my Saviour."

You can win others if you will pray -

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart today
And love that soul through me."

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