

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Series (Part 4 of 5) by Ray Reynolds & Jon Hackett on May 14, 2017

<u>Introduction</u>: In our last lesson, we noticed the ingredients of soul winning. In this lesson, we want to focus on the individual. How can we know where they are in their spiritual walk? What do we know about the various stages of spirituality? How can we learn from personal work in the New Testament? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Do We Know About the Stages of Learning?

- A. The Quest Stage
 - Athiest: "I know that there is no God" (II Corinthians 4:3-4).
 - Agnostic: "I don't know if there is a God" (Acts 26:28).
 - Seeker: "I'm searching for a God" (John 10:38).
 - Indifference: "I don't care if there is a God or not" (Matthew 27:24).
- B. The Commitment Stage
 - There must be a commitment to God (**Matthew 6:33**).
 - There must be a commitment to change (**John 3:3, 5**).
 - There must be a commitment to others (Romans 15:14).
 - There must be a commitment to godliness (I Timothy 4:8).
- C. The Information Stage
 - Finding purpose in life (Romans 8:28).
 - Experiencing spiritual maturity (**Ephesians 4:16**).
 - Seeking reconciliation, renewal, and revival (**Galatians 6:1-2**).
 - Discovering the benefits of Christian fellowship (I John 1:16-17).

II. What Do We Know About the Stories of Soul Winning in the Bible?

- A. What can we learn from winning the souls of the 3,000 on Pentecost (Acts 2)?
- B. What can we learn from winning the souls of the Samaritans (Acts 8)?
- C. What can we learn from winning the soul of the Simon the magician (Acts 8)?
- D. What can we learn from winning the soul of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8)?
- E. What can we learn from winning the soul of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9, 22, 26)?
- F. What can we learn from winning the souls of Cornelius & his household (Acts 10-11)?
- G. What can we learn from winning the souls of Lydia & her household (Acts 16)?
- H. What can we learn from winning the souls of the jailor & his household (Acts 16)?
- I. What can we learn from winning the souls of Corinthians (Acts 18)?
- J. What can we learn from winning the souls of Ephesians (**Acts 19**)?

<u>Conclusion</u>: We hope you will develop a passion for winning souls to Christ. What can you learn from these stages? How can you learn from the teachers and evangelists in Acts? What can you learn from the converts in Acts? Let's shine our light. Let's be passionate about winning souls!