

Jesus said He would make His disciples “Fishers of men”.

Lessons:

1. Self Examination – Soul winning will keep you examining yourself as you reach to others. (Remove the timber from your eye)
2. Purpose in your heart to have a pure heart. (Daniel 1)
3. Results will be rejoicing and refreshes the bowels (Philemon) Renews the revelation of God’s Mercy and the power of the gospel (Freshness)
4. Preservation of God’s seed (growth, fruit) Psalms 2 – heathen are inheritance

Self Examination

☐ Remove the beam of timber to be able to see clearly to remove the tiny particle

Matthew 7:5

(5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

When a saint of God is full of the Holy Ghost, the result is that there is a **judgment of sin** in their lives. This inward change **results in a walk of holiness and separation from the world**. Therefore, not only does this change affect the life of that individual, but the spirit of God that they carry impacts each and every person that they interact with in life. Removing the mote (or beam) out of one’s own eye means being real and honest with God results in a pure heart. A pure heart produces pure motives. It should challenge us to think about being able to remove splinters from our brothers eyes NOT in a rebuke (although sometimes it may be required) or by having to point out their weakness, but merely by being an example of encouragement to all that God allows you to interact with. Jesus is NOT teaching against judging in this chapter of Matthew (“Judge not lest ye be judged...” v1) He is however teaching against hypocrisy and having the wrong motive.

Matthew 15:12-20

- (12) Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?
- (13) But he answered and said, **Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.**
- (14) **Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.**
- (15) Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
- (16) And Jesus said, **Are ye also yet without understanding?**
- (17) **Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?**
- (18) **But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.**
- (19) **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:**
- (20) **These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.**

1 Corinthians 2:15

(15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

It is destructive when a carnal mind

sees weakness in others.

SPIRITUAL MIND

CARNAL MIND

HARD ON OTHERS

EASY ON THEMSELVES

SELFISH

INDIVIDUALLY CENTERED

FOCUS ON TEMPORARY

SENSUAL (LEAD BY SENSES)

HARD ON THEMSELVES

EASY ON OTHERS

SELFLESS

COMMUNITY CENTERED

FOCUS ON ETERNAL

SPIRITUAL (LED BY SPIRIT)

Proverbs 11:30

(30) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Psalms 51:6-13

(6) Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part **thou shalt make me to know wisdom.**

(7) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

(8) Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

(9) Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

(10) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

(11) Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

(12) Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

(13) Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Wisdom = he that winneth souls

According to the pattern of Psalm 51, the first part of being wise is to examine the heart (6). God desires truth in the INWARD parts. Once the inside of the heart is accepting truth, the heart is the seat of affection. When the heart is clean and pure, it is FIT for the master’s use. It is the battle of every child of God to guard our hearts. When the heart is right, and is pleasing to God, the LORD will fill that life with ABUNDANCE of Spiritual Blessing, which will be apparent when it comes to giving encouragement to others, it will flow out of your heart, especially reaching the lost. In order to be effective at winning others, you MUST walk in a FREE SPIRIT, there MUST be joy! The feet of the soul winner should be planted in the mercy of God, looking to share victory with others and looking at the faults of others with mercy.

THE RECIPE FOR HAVING STRENGTH TO GIVE TO OTHERS:

1 Chronicles 29:3

(3) Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

1 Chronicles 29:14-19

(14) But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

(15) For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

(16) O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

(17) I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

(18) O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

(19) And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

David handed over the plan of the temple to Solomon, with emphasis on his son's heart and attitude toward God and toward the people of God. The recipe for having enough abundance overflowing spiritual blessing is "SETTING AFFECTION TO THE HOUSE OF GOD" meaning, David LOVED the WORD, LOVED to WORSHIP, LOVED to spent time in PRAYER. HIS HEART was in the things of God, he wasn't just doing them, he had a PASSION and AFFECTION toward God. Verse 3 – he says because of