

VIII. Lay the Groundwork for Witnessing

A. Start praying

1. Ask Lord for wisdom about who.

Illustration - Phillip and the eunuch

- Usually your friends, neighbors & business associates

2. Start praying for them.

a. Breaking down of indifference or hostility Illustration - Electric eye

b. Preparation of soil of the heart (John 16:8)

c. Liberation from power of Satan (II Corinthians 4: 3,4)

3. Pray specifically - by name. Be definite with God.

4. Pray for courage to speak for Christ (Acts 4: 29,31)

B. Getting the opportunity

1. Be alert for opportunities - people are hungry (Proverbs 14:13)

- Those closest to us sometimes have the greatest need.

2. Be friendly to all (Luke 15:1)

a. Without jeopardizing testimony

b. No "holier than thou" attitude

3. Live the Life! You are to be the salt of the earth. What is salt for? "To make people thirsty," (John 4:10)

4. Demonstrate sincere interest in the person (Acts 10:38)

a. Ask God for real love.

b. Be willing to show love.

(1) Visit

(2) Cookies

(3) Helpful at time of difficulty - sorrow.

5. Remember, in fishing, you must go where the fish are! Count no opportunity too small.

Application: Will go into the approach next time. In the meantime, start a prayer list of people for whose salvation you will pray regularly.

Assignment

1. Memorize Acts 4:29 and I Peter 3:15
2. Start a prayer list of unsaved friends for whom you are going to pray regularly.
3. List what you consider to be the three most effective means to get an opportunity to witness.
4. List some specific ways that you can go about getting an opportunity for individual witnessing with someone that you know.

Unit 8 “Check-Yourself” Test

Memory Verses:

- Acts 4:29
- I Peter 3:15

1. Give an example from the Scriptures of the way God prepares certain hearts to hear the gospel. _____

2. What should we ask God concerning unsaved friends? _____

3. Can you describe the condition of people around us today? _____

4. Where do we find Christ's answer when He was criticized for eating with sinners? _____

5. What must we do to make opportunities for witnessing? _____

Answers To “Check-Yourself” Tests - Unit 8

1. Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8); 2. That their hostility or indifference to the gospel might be broken down and that they will be delivered from Satan's power.; 3. Unhappy and seeking spiritual satisfaction.; 4. Mark 2:17.; 5. Demonstrate sincere interest in people and show love for them.