

Soul Winning: The Christian's Business

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Chapter Fourteen

Tender Tomorrow

It is your duty to help the young Christian to understand that it is his heart attitude and not his degree of spiritual ecstasy which makes him a Christian.

Stand by to assist. Even after the young Christian has joined the church, you usually have to continue advising him, helping him become a part of the group, finding his place in the organization. He will grow, but not all temperaments grow at the same rate. Some plants, like century plants, grow slowly. Others, like mushrooms, grow overnight. But where there is life there is growth.

In order to grow, the young Christian needs food. You will want to provide him with a Bible if he does not own one. Too, you will want to provide him with several helps; such as a concordance, a simple commentary, and a devotional book. Impress upon the young Christian the importance of keeping his quiet time with GOD.

In order to grow, he needs exercise. He will obtain this exercise by taking part in one of the many church activities. Perhaps he can sing in the choir, be treasurer of a Sunday school class, work on the church bulletin or serve in the kitchen. There is a place of service for everyone in the church.

Too, he needs to learn to speak for CHRIST. He must take a stand among his friends, telling them of his acceptance of CHRIST. As the Lord said, "**Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven**" (Matthew 10: 32).

This is important, because then his non-Christian friends will not invite him to join them in questionable activities, and he will meet with less temptation.

Stand by in emergencies. "Mommy, I fell" from a child brings a mother's instant comfort. The same must be true of the spiritual mother. You must not expect the young Christian to be perfect.

He will fall. He will do things which grieve your heart. You must be prepared to help the young Christian up to his feet again.

Show him **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"** (I John 1:9).

He may hesitate to confess his sins, just as a child dislikes to admit to his father that he has done wrong; but as often the shared wrong draws parent and child closer together, so the Christian will feel closer to GOD once he has gone to Him for forgiveness and cleansing.

Help him to avoid sin in the future by showing him, **"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it"** (I Corinthians 10:13).

Help him to see what it was that made him fall, for example, a given situation, or friend who tempted; and then help him to take GOD's way out of that situation.

All this activity may keep you so busy you cannot have another spiritual baby as often as you would like. But you know that physical children are healthier if a mother does not have them too close together. Give him the attention he needs to get over the toddling stage. Then, do not spoil him but insist that he stand on his own feet. You have to go on winning others to the Lord until, by His grace, you have a large family of spiritual children.

If, by GOD's grace, you win others to Him, when you get to Heaven, you will be joyful because **"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever"** (Daniel 12:3).

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