2. Develop and <u>nurture</u> a relationship with the new believer. I Thessalonians 2:7-8 "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us."

I Thessalonians 2:11-12 "As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

3. Continue to teach them God's Word.

2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

John 8:31 "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;"

Luke 9:23 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Notes:



Foundations of my faith SERIES

Lesson 7:

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

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Why should I witness for Christ?

1. Because Jesus commanded me to.

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

2. To follow the example of <u>Jesus</u>.

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

3. Because souls without Christ will spend eternity separated from God in <u>hell</u>.

John 3:36 "*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*"

Luke 16:19-25

What is the Great Commission?

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- 1. <u>Going</u>.
- 2. <u>Teaching</u> (Witnessing).
- 3. <u>Baptizing</u> those who believe.
- 4. <u>Discipling</u> those who come to Christ.

When should I witness?

1. I should be <u>willing and prepared at all times to share the Gospel of Christ.</u>

I Peter 3:15 "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

- A. I should carry Gospel tracts with me.
- B. I should ask God for opportunities to witness for Him.
- C. I should always be on soul patrol.
- 2. I should be part of an organized, <u>scheduled</u> time to go witnessing with other believers.

Acts 4:31 "...they were assembled together ... "

Acts 5:42 "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

What are the essential elements of the plan of salvation in the Bible?

- 1. Recognize your <u>condition</u>. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
- 2. Realize the <u>penalty</u> for sin. Romans 6:23a *"For the wages of sin is death; ..."*
- 3. <u>Believe</u> Christ died for you.

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 6:23b "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

4. Trust Christ <u>alone</u> as your Saviour.

John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

Romans 10:9-13

Practical Helps:

- 1. Be personable and friendly.
- 2. Share your <u>testimony</u>.
- 3. <u>Highlight the Gospel plan in your New Testament.</u>
- 4. Attempt to clearly <u>explain</u> the essential elements of the Gospel.
- 5. Give the person the opportunity to <u>believe</u> and receive God's gift of eternal life by trusting Jesus Christ.

What should I do after someone trusts Christ?

1. Rejoice with them! Be <u>excited</u> about their decision. Luke 15:10 *"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."*