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PART I -- THE GREATEST OF ALL PERSONAL WORKERS

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001 -- JESUS FOUND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL WORK.

Jesus was the greatest of all personal workers, and found an opportunity everywhere to win souls.

I. When Out Walking:

1. By the seaside (Matt. 4:18).
2. In His own town (Luke 4:16; 13:54-57).
3. Away from home (Matt. 15:21-28).

II. When Engaged in Religious Work:

1. In the synagogue (Matt. 4:23).
2. When the multitudes gathered (Matt. 5:1; 12:2).
3. On the mount of vision (Matt. 17:1-13).
4. When a poor woman touched Him (Mark 5:25-34).
5. When men would learn how to pray (Luke 11:1).
6. When the tax-gatherers came to Him (Matt. 17:24-27).

III. When Men Came to Him:

1. At the place of business (Matt. 9:9).
2. When sitting at the meal (Matt. 9:10).
3. When a sinning woman came (Luke 7:37).
4. When He met self-satisfied religious people (Luke 13:9).
5. When men were thirsty (John 7:37).

IV. He Was Questioned:

1. Someone asked Him (Matt. 7:2-5).
2. When a lawyer questioned Him (Luke 11:45).
3. When one came secretly (John 3:2).
4. When He sat at the well (John 4:6,7).

V. Everywhere:

1. At the wedding (John 2:2).
2. When Pharisees murmured at Him (Luke 15:2).
3. As men followed for loaves and fishes (John 6:26).
4. At a funeral procession (Luke 7:12).

5. As His privacy was intruded upon (Matt. 14:13).
6. When it was considered unlawful (Matt. 12:10-12).
7. As He met men by the way (Luke 24:13-32).
8. Even when His disciples disputed (Mark 9:33).

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002 -- JESUS' METHOD WITH A SINFUL WOMAN

At the well Jesus met a sinful woman of Samaria. He won her through personal contact. His methods were:

1. The conversation was gradually opened (John 4:7).
2. He gained her confidence through open-heartedness (John 4:15).
3. He reached her conscience by direct attack (John 4:18,19).
4. She accepted Him as Savior (John 4:26).
5. Her life was changed (John 4:29).

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003 -- JESUS WINS PETER THE SECOND TIME

1. Peter backslid, and went back to his old work (John 21:3).
2. Jesus went after the backslider (John 21:4).
3. The fishing expedition failed (John 21:3).
4. Gentle in His approach -- "Children" (John 21:5).
5. He gives advice (John 21:6).
6. Advice is taken and great is the catch (John 21:6).
7. He prepared a meal for their bodies (John 21:12).
8. He asked a pertinent question (John 21:15).
9. Peter confesses his love for Jesus (John 21:17).
10. He is commanded to follow Jesus (John 21:19).
11. The reclaimed backslider, won by personal work, becomes the Pentecostal preacher (Acts 2:14).

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004 -- PAUL DEALING PERSONALLY WITH SINNERS

1. Paul met a careless sinner -- Gallio (Acts 18:17).
2. He persuaded a convicted sinner -- Felix (Acts 24:25).
3. He pleaded with the "almost Persuaded" sinner -- Agrippa (Acts 26:28).

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005 -- PAUL'S METHODS WITH MEN AND WOMEN

1. Paul was tolerant (Rom. 14:1-13; I Cor. 8:1-13).
2. He was very firm (Gal. 2:14-21; I Cor. 5:1-7).
3. He was always reasonable (Phil. 4:8, 9; I Cor. 7:20-31).
4. He adapted his methods to his conditions (I Cor. 9:19-24).
5. He approached his work tenderly (I Thess. 2:7,8,11).
6. He sought to win souls (I Thess. 2:19,20).
7. He was friendly (Phil. 1:3-11; Gal. 4:12-20).
8. He was an incessant Personal worker (Acts 9:28,29).
9. He enlisted co-workers (Acts 16:1-3).
10. He emphasized Christian work (Eph. 4:14-16).
11. He held God as a copartner (I Cor. 3:9; Phil. 2:12).
12. He prepared for God's work (II Tim. 2:21).

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006 -- PAUL SENT OUT AS A PERSONAL WORKER

1. He was called by the Holy Spirit -- "I have called them" (Acts 13:2).
2. He was sent forth by the Spirit (Acts 13:4).
3. His field of labor was to be wherever the Spirit directed (Acts 8:26).
4. He was guaranteed the supply of all needs (Phil. 4:19).
5. He desired to preach the gospel in the regions beyond (II Cor. 10:16).

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007 -- PERSONAL WORK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT -- PLACES WHERE ENGAGED IN

Various places became scenes of personal work in the New Testament:

1. On the Jerusalem street, Peter talked (Acts 2:14).
2. At the temple porch, Peter met the people (Acts 3:12).
3. In the council chamber, the apostles confessed Christ (Acts 5:29).
4. In a chariot on the desert, Philip won a soul (Acts 8:30).
5. In the synagogue, Paul proclaimed Jesus (Acts 9:20).
6. In Cornelius' house, Peter had a cottage meeting (Acts 10:24).
7. At the river side in Philippi, Paul won a woman (Acts 16:13).
8. In a prison, Paul and Silas directed the jailer to Christ (Acts 16:31,32).
9. On Mars' Hill, Paul harangued the crowd (Acts 17:22).
10. In the school of Tyrannus, Paul reasoned (Acts 19:9).
11. From house to house Paul made a "community drive" (Acts 20:20).
12. In jail, Paul spoke to Felix about the faith (Acts 24:24).
13. Before King Agrippa, Paul testified (Acts 26:1).
14. In a hired house in Rome, Paul taught and reasoned (Acts 28:30).

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008 -- ANDREW, THE FIRST NEW TESTAMENT PERSONAL WORKER

1. His occupation-fishing (Mark 1:16).
2. His call -- to be a fisher of men (Mark 1:17).
3. His first following -- after Jesus (Mark 1:36,37).
4. His first convert -- Peter (John 1:40,41).
5. His ordination -- by Jesus (Mark 3:14).
6. Looking after small things -- loaves and fishes (John 6:8,9).
7. Pointing others to Christ -- brings some Greeks (John 12:21,22).

In the upper room -- waiting for Pentecost (Acts 1:13,14). 9. Won the great preacher of Pentecost -- Peter (Acts 2:14).

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009 -- PHILIP WINS A CONVERT

I. His Method:

1. He obeyed the Spirit's leading (Acts 8:29,30).
2. He willingly listened to the eunuch's reading (Acts 8:30).
3. He opened the case with a direct question (Acts 8:30).
4. He used the Word of God as a sword (Acts 8:35).
5. He presented Jesus Christ (Acts 8:35).
6. He was alone with the seeker (Acts 8:31).
7. He did not give up until the convert was won (Acts 8:36-38).

II. His Personal Characteristics:

1. He was obedient (Acts 8:27).
2. His earnestness -- he ran (Acts 8:30).
3. His desire to lift up Jesus -- he preached Christ (Acts 8:35).
4. His willingness to serve -- he baptized him (Acts 8:38).
5. Continued in the work -- preached in all cities (Acts 8:40).

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010 -- FAITHFUL WORKERS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament is filled with many examples of personal workers:

1. Moses and the elders (Num. 11:24-30).
2. Joshua (Joshua 1:10,11).
3. Othniel (Judges 3:9,10).
4. Gideon (Judges 6:34).

5. Jephthah (Judges 11:29).
6. Samson (Judges 14:6,19)
7. David (I Sam. 16:13).
8. Amasai (I Chron. 12:18).
9. Elijah and Elisha (II Kings 2:5-15).
10. Ezekiel (Ezek. 2:2; 3:12-14).

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011 -- THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER WON BY PERSONAL WORK

I. His Conviction:

1. Brought about by presence of two Christian workers' singing and praying (Acts 16:25).
2. Their presence produced an earthquake (Acts 16:26).
3. Touched by a personal word about his life (Acts 16:28).
4. Fell, trembling, before two individuals (Acts 16:29).

II. His Seeking:

1. Asked about his duty and how to be saved (Acts 16:30).

III. Workers Immediately:

1. Pointed him to Jesus (Acts 16:31).
2. Spoke to him and his house (Acts 16:32).

IV. He Believed and Rejoiced (Acts 16:34).

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012 -- THE LITTLE MAID WHO BECAME A PERSONAL WORKER

I. A Little Maid:

1. Was captured (II Kings 5:2).
2. Worked for a great man (II Kings 5:2).
3. Came in contact with a needy leper (2 Kings 5:1).

II. She Pointed:

1. To help through the prophet (II Kings 5:3).
2. To a cure (II Kings 5:3).

III. She Was the Means of:

1. A great healing (II Kings 5:14).
2. A great case of salvation (II Kings 5:15).

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013 -- ABRAHAM BECOMES A PERSONAL INTERCESSOR (Genesis 18:22-28)

Lot was lost, and Abraham sought the Lord to save him:

1. He was confident in spirit (Gen. 18:22).
2. He was definite in his plea (Gen. 18:23-25).
3. He was submissive to the divine will (Gen. 18:25,26).
4. He was humble in his asking (Gen. 18:27).
5. He was persistent in asking (Gen. 18:28).

So must we be if we will win a soul.

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014 -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN AS A PERSONAL WORKER

The Good Samaritan was a personal worker, and we can afford to follow his method.

1. He came tenderly and interestedly (Luke 10:33).
2. His heart was reached with compassion (Luke 10:33).
3. He took an interest in the needs of the man (Luke 10:34).
4. He brought the man to the refuge (the inn), which is Christ (Luke 10:34).
5. He maintained an interest in the man, whom he had won (Luke 10:35).

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PART II -- THE PERSONAL WORKER HIMSELF

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015 -- PICTURE OF THE PERSONAL WORKER

1. The personal worker is a pupil -- learning of Jesus (John 11:32).
2. He is a runner-- laying aside the weights of sin (Heb. 12:1).
3. He is a fisher -- dropping his net at the Lord's command (John 21:6).
4. He is a soldier -- putting on the armor of God (Eph. 6:13).
5. He is a sower -- casting his seed beside the streams of life (Isa. 32:20).
6. He is a priest -- offering a holy sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).
7. He is an ambassador -- calling upon the lost to be saved (II Cor. 5:20).

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016 -- EVIDENCE OF BEING A SUITED PERSONAL WORKER

I. He Has Evidence of Being a Christian Because:

1. He does not live in sin (I John 3:6).
2. He keeps God's commandments (I John 3:24).
3. He loves his fellow workers (I John 2:10).
4. He walks as Jesus did (I John 2:6).
5. He continues in Christ's words (John 8:31).

II. He Knows Because:

1. He obeys (I John 2:3).
2. He keeps Christ's words (I John 2:5).
3. He acts in a Christlike nature (I John 3:19; 5:2).

Without this "hereby we know" knowledge no one is suitable for a personal worker.

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017 -- PERSONAL WORKERS WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

I. Personal Worker Testifies to What He Personally Knows:

1. What he sees (I John 1:2).
2. What he hears (I John 1:3).
3. What they know (John 3:11; 9:25).

II. Personal Workers Testify to:

1. The forgiveness of sins (Luke 1:77; I John 1:9).
2. Acceptance with Christ (Acts 10:34, 35).
3. Justification through faith (Rom. 5:1).
4. Living without sin (I John 3:9; Rom. 6:1,14).
5. Sanctification through the Spirit (Heb. 10:10).

III. Personal Workers Should Be:

1. Dead to sin (Rom. 6:11,12; I Thess. 5:23).
2. Pure in heart (Acts 15:8, 9).
3. Crucified to sin (Rom. 6:6).
4. Ready for any service (II Tim. 2:20, 21).

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018 -- CHRIST'S CALL FOR PERSONAL WORKERS

Jesus Calls Personal Workers:

1. Come to me -- redemption (Matt. 11:28).
2. Learn of me -- instruction (Matt. 11:29).
3. Come after me -- service (Matt. 16:24).
4. Abide with me -- strength (John 15:4).
5. Follow me -- purity (Matt. 4:19).

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019 PERSONAL WORKER'S COMMISSION AND POWER

1. The commission to work (Rev. 22:17).
2. The conditions to be met (John 21:15-17).
3. The motives to be employed (II Cor. 5:14; Heb. 3:17).
4. The talents promised (Matt. 25:28-30).
5. The power for service (II Cor. 3:5; Phil. 4:13).
6. The Spirit to be given (Acts 1:8; Psa. 126:5,6).

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020 -- PERSONAL WORKERS WANTED LIKE

God Wants Workers Like:

1. Daniel (Dan. 9:3,4).
2. Shadrach and his fellow sufferers (Dan. 3:4-28).
3. The Bereans (Acts 17:10,11).
4. Young men as Andrew (John 1:41).
5. Young women as Ruth (Ruth 1:16,17).
6. Mothers like the Shunammite (II Kings 4:8-13; I Tim. 5:9-14).
7. Fathers like Abraham (Gen. 18:19).
8. Sisters like Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38,39).
9. Servants of Christ like Barnabas (Acts 11:22-26; I Thess. 5:14).

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021 -- PERSONAL WORKERS, DO NOT LOSE OUT LIKE

We Must Not Lose Out Like:

1. Abraham -- who lost faith by going to Egypt (Gen. 12:10).
2. Samson -- who lost power through Delilah (Judges 16:19).

3. David -- who lost joy through sin (Psalm 51:12).
4. Lot -- who lost all he had through moving into the world's atmosphere (Gen. 13:12; 19:29).
5. Jonah -- lost his crown through fear (Jonah 1:17).
6. Peter -- lost his experience through cowardice (Luke 22:56-60).

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022 -- DAILY RULES FOR THE PERSONAL WORKER'S LIFE

I. If Personal Evangelism Would Be Your Life:

1. Make the anchor of your assurance the Bible (Rom. 5:1; 1 John 1:2).
2. Make the Bible your daily companion (II Tim. 3:15-17).
3. Make prayer your daily habit (I Thess. 5:17).

II. If You Would Win Others:

1. Confess Christ everywhere (Luke 12:8-11; I Pet. 3:4).
2. Live a consistent Christian life (I Cor. 10:13; Titus 2:11-14).
3. Give up everything for Christ's sake (I Pet. 2:11; Eph. 5:1,2).
4. Carefully select Christians as your daily companions (Acts 4:23; 15:38,40).

III. Be Ready:

1. To give an answer for the hope in you (I Pet. 3:15).
2. To preach the gospel truth (Rom. 1:15).
3. For every good work in the righteous cause (Titus 3:1).
4. To meet the Lord (Luke 12:40).

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023 -- SOUL WINNING THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT

1. The soul winner is wise (Prov. 11:30).
2. His prayer is to God (Acts 9:6; Psa. 51).
3. The field is everywhere (Mark 16:15; Jas. 5:20; Acts 1:8).
4. Now is the time (Matt. 21:28; Rev. 22:7).
5. The motive is pure (II Cor. 5:14; Col. 3:23).
6. Christ is the theme (John 3:16).
7. The message is life-giving (Rom. 1:16; I Thess. 2:4).
8. The Spirit is the power (Acts 1:8; 4:31,33).
9. The reward is certain (Matt. 25:23; Rev. 22:12).

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024 -- PERSONAL EVANGELISTS ARE:

To Win Souls We Must Be:

1. Workers together with God (I Cor. 3:9).
2. The Husbandry, or field, of God (I Cor. 3:9).
3. The Building of God (I Cor. 3:9).
4. The Temple of God (I Cor. 3:16).
5. The Property of God (I Cor. 3:22).

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025 -- PERSONAL EVANGELISTS MUST REACH YOUNG MEN

1. With diligent young men (II Kings 11:17,18).
2. Win thoughtless young men (Eccl. 11:9).
3. Win the deserted young men (I Sam. 30:13).
4. Win the ungrateful young men (II Sam. 18:5).
5. Win the fearful young men (II Kings 6:17).

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026 -- KEYNOTES OF SUCCESSFUL SOUL WINNING

I. Watch Carefully Sins:

1. Sins of omission (Jas. 4:17).
2. Sins of commission (Deut. 9:7).
3. Scarlet sins (Isa. 1:18).
4. Sins of the flesh (Gal. 5:16).
5. Besetting sins (Heb. 12:1).

II. Present Diligently:

1. A personal salvation -- he (John 6:47).
2. A permanent salvation -- everlasting (John 6:47).

III. Herald Gladly Abundant:

1. Mercy for the needy (I Pet. 1:3).
2. Life for the dead (John 10:10).
3. Pardon for the guilty (Isa. 55:7).
4. Peace for the disturbed (Psa. 37:11).
5. Grace for the lost (Rom. 5:17).

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027 -- PERSONAL EVANGELIST'S ACTIVITIES FOR GOD

I. The Personal Evangelist Must:

1. Arise -- that he may shine (Eph. 5:14).
2. Fish -- that he may catch men (Matt. 4:19).
3. Fight -- in the battle of God (I Tim. 6:12).
4. Pray -- that he might prevail with God (I Tim. 2:1,2).
5. Sow -- that another might glean (Gal. 6:7-9).
6. Help -- that another might be saved (Phil. 4:3).

II. He Must:

1. Lay aside every weight (Heb. 12:1).
2. Look unto Jesus (Heb. 12:2).
3. Make straight paths (Heb. 12:13).
4. Follow peace (Heb. 12:13).
5. Be devoted to God's service (Heb. 12:28).

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028 -- INCENTIVES TO PERSONAL EVANGELISM

I. The Salvation of Men Is an Incentive:

1. God would have none perish (John 3:16).
2. Without a preacher they cannot hear (Rom. 10:12-17).
3. God would have all men saved (I Tim. 2:4; II Peter 3:9).

II. We Are Required to Be Faithful in Service:

1. The unfaithful is guilty of blood (Acts 22:26,27).
2. We are to be faithful stewards (I Cor. 4:1-5).
3. Our ministry is to be fulfilled (I Cor. 4:17).
4. We are to be pleasing unto the Lord (Luke 15:7,10).
5. We must be approved by God (II Tim. 2:15).

III. The Time Is Short:

1. Plenteous harvest (Matt. 9:37).
2. All nations are to be won (Matt. 28:19).
3. The fields are white (John 4:35-38).
4. The night cometh, none can work (John 9:4; 11:9,10).
5. The time is short (I Cor. 7:29-31).

IV. Success Is Promised Us:

1. Nothing is impossible (Matt. 17:20,21).
2. Thou shalt catch men (Luke 5:6-10).
3. God's weakness is stronger than men (I Cor. 1:17-28).
4. We reap if we faint not (Gal. 6:9).
5. Shall bring our sheaves with us (Psa. 126:6).

V. There Are Present Blessings Promised:

1. God's protection (Matt. 10:25-31; Matt. 6:25-34).
2. Wisdom will be given (Matt. 10:18-20; Jas. 1:5).
3. Companionship of Jesus will be ours (Matt. 28:20).
4. We are enriched in speaking (I Cor. 1:5).

VI. Future Blessings Shall Be Ours:

1. Shining in heaven (Dan. 12:3).
2. Treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19,20).
3. Confessed in heaven (Matt. 10:32).
4. Reward at Christ's coming (Matt. 16:27).
5. An unfading crown of glory (I Pet. 5:4).
6. A crown of rejoicing (I Thess. 2:19,20).

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029 -- BEWARE, PERSONAL WORKERS!

I. Beware of:

1. David's laziness, and sin (II Sam. 11:1-4).
2. Peter's self-confidence, and backsliding (Mark 14:68).
3. Solomon's lust and his fall from grace (I Kings 11:1-6).
4. Lot's selfishness and his downward career (Gen. 13:11; 19:9).
5. Hezekiah's pride and his captivity by sinful enemies (Isa. 39:1-8).
6. Miriam's jealousy and her leprosy, a type of sin (Num. 12:1-10).

II. Beware of:

1. Covetousness (Luke 12:15).
2. The traditions of men (Col. 2:8).
3. The blight of forgetting God (Deut. 6:12).
4. The error of the wicked (II Pet. 3:17).
5. The wrath of God (Acts 13:40).
6. Evil workers (II Tim. 4:18).
7. Uncharitable thoughts (Deut. 15:9).

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030 -- PERSONAL EVANGELISTS ARE GOD'S SENT MESSENGERS (Mal. 3:1)

I. Listen for God's Call, if You Would Win:

1. The voice calls, "Whom shall I send?" -- The Search (Isa. 6:8).
2. Be ready to respond, "Here am I: send me." -- The Answer (Isa. 6:8).
3. The voice commands, "Go work." -- Our Commission (Matt. 21:28).
4. The place is ready. "In my vineyard." -- Our field (Matt. 21:28).
5. The time is now. "Today." -- Immediate response (Matt. 21:28).

II. Be Prepared, if You Would Succeed:

1. Be competent (I Chron. 9:13; 12:33).
2. Men of valor (II Chron. 23:7, 8).
3. Diligent (Ezra 7:23; Neh. 4:21).
4. Expect results from God (Neh. 5:9).
5. Keep God's honor in view (Neh. 12:27-43).

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031 -- THE CRIES OF PERSONAL WORKERS

I. God's Soul Leaders Cried:

1. Moses said, "Show me" (Ex. 33:13).
2. Solomon cried, "Stay me" (Song of Sol. 2:5).
3. David said, "Search me" (Psalm 139:23).
4. Isaiah said, "Send me" (Isa. 6:8).
5. Peter cried, "Save me" (Matt. 14:30).
6. The disciples said, "Suffer me" (Luke 9:59).

II. They Took Four Necessary Steps:

1. They accepted Christ's invitation (Matt. 11:28).
2. They came to Christ (Luke 15:20).
3. They walked with Christ (John 15:4,5).
4. They went forth, as He sent them, to preach (Matt. 28:19,20).

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032 -- GOD'S CALL AND THE WORKER'S RESPONSE

I. First Things:

1. God calls to Himself (Matt. 11:28).
2. Then He sends the worker forth (John 17:18).

II. He Sends One Forth to:

1. Work in His vineyard (Matt. 21:28).
2. Preach the Word (Luke 9:60).
3. Witness to salvation (Matt. 28:19).

III. The Assurance of Divine Rewards Is Given:

1. The Master's approval is given (Matt. 25:21).
2. His reward is to be given each one (I Cor. 3:14).

IV. The Divine Commission:

1. Go out (Matt. 10:5,6; 16:15).
2. Heal the sick (Matt. 10:5-15).
3. Cast out devils (Matt. 10:5-15; Acts 19:11,12).
4. Raise the dead (Matt. 10:5-15; Eph. 2:1; John 5:24,25).

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033 -- SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSONAL WORKER

1. Go on straight forward in godliness (Ezek. 1:9,17; Heb. 12:13).
2. Leave the things behind (Phil. 3:13).
3. Press forward to righteousness (Phil. 3:14).
4. Seek those things above (Col. 3:1).
5. Set your affections on things above (Col. 3:2).
6. Go on to perfection (Heb. 6:1).
7. Develop your faith:

- a. Little faith (Luke 12:28).
- b. Great faith (Matt. 8:10).
- c. Rich faith (Jas. 2:5).
- d. Full faith (Acts 6:5).
- e. Perfect faith (Jas. 2:22).

8. Grow in grace:

- a. Have sufficient grace (II Cor. 12:9).
- b. Have great grace (Acts 4:33).
- c. Have abundant grace (I Cor. 4:15).
- d. Have exceeding grace (II Cor. 9:14).

e. Have the exceeding riches of His grace (Eph. 2:7).

9. Achieve greater glory:

a. Have the glory of God (Acts 7:2).

b. Build upon your soul a weight of glory (II Cor. 4:17).

c. Labor to win a crown of glory (I Pet. 5:4).

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034 -- THE CHRISTIAN WORKER'S COMPANIONS

I. They Must Be:

1. Praying like Daniel (Dan. 6:11).

2. Holy like John (Rev. 1:9).

3. Busy like Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25).

4. Loving like Paul (Acts 19:29).

5. Godly like David (Psalm 119:63).

II. They Must Know the Incomparable Glories:

1. Learn the untold half (I Kings 10:7).

2. Learn the glories the world cannot contain (John 21:25).

3. Be a companion with God's unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15).

4. Have the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8).

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035 -- HOW TO WIN SOULS WITH THE GOSPEL NET

I. Heed the Command to Go:

1. Go ye into all the world and preach (Mark 16:15).

2. Go ye, therefore, and teach (Matt. 28:19).

3. Go forth everywhere, and the Lord will work with you (Mark 16:20).

II. Go with God's Power:

1. Let your words be spoken not only enticingly, but in divine power (I Thess. 1:5).

2. Preach in the demonstration of the Spirit (I Cor. 2:4).

III. Results Will Invariably Follow:

1. They will be cut to the heart (Acts 7:54).

2. Their consciences will be pricked (Acts 2:37).

3. They will turn to the Lord (Acts 11:21).

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036 -- GOD'S TRIAL AND HIS SUFFICIENCY FOR HIS WORKERS

I. The Trial Ground:

1. Moses was in the wilderness (Ex. 3:1).
2. Elijah went to the desert (I Kings 19:4).
3. David went to the deserted places (I Sam. 26:3).
4. John the Baptist was in a wilderness (Matt. 3:1).
5. Paul was in Arabia (Gal. 1:17).
6. Jesus was in the wilderness (Luke 4:1).

II. The Grace of the Wilderness:

1. Seeking for God (Psa. 63:1).
2. Longing for God (Psa. 63:1).
3. Praising God (Psa. 63:3-5).
4. Meditating on God (Psalm 63:6).
5. Following after God (Psalm 63:8).

So God tries His workers, that His grace may be sufficient.

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037 -- SPIRITUAL TRAITS OF A CHRISTIAN WORKER

1. He has been born again (I Peter 1:23).
2. His salvation came not through works (Eph. 2:9).
3. His salvation is the gift of Christ (Titus 2:14).
4. His foundation is laid on Jesus (I Cor. 3:11).
5. He gladly confesses Christ everywhere (Rom. 10:10).
6. He carries the message of salvation to others (II Cor. 5:20).
7. The Holy Spirit has been given for conviction (John 16:8).
8. The Spirit has regenerated him (I John 3:2).
9. The Spirit is his source of revelation (I Cor. 2:9).
10. The Holy Spirit is his sanctifier (Rom. 8:13).
11. The Spirit is his consolation (John 14:16).
12. He has been cleansed by the Word (Psalm 119:9).
13. He has been blessed by the Word (Psalm 119:65).
14. He has been strengthened by the Word (Psalm 119:28).
15. He has been saved from the penalty of sin (I Peter 3:18).

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PART III -- QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONAL WORKERS

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038 -- CONSECRATION FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

I. We Must Leave All:

1. Like Abraham left Ur -- Ur of worldliness (Gen. 12:1-4).
2. Like the Israelites left bondage -- bondage of sin (Ex. 12:40-42).
3. Like Bartimaeus left his garment -- leaving the hindrances (Mark 10:50).
4. Like the woman of Samaria, when she left the water pot -- leaving our work to shine for Jesus (John 4:28).
5. Like David left Saul's armor -- leaving all encumbrances to work for God (I Sam. 17:39).

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039 -- QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONAL WORK

I. Personal Preparation:

1. Reckon yourselves dead to sin (Rom. 6:11).
2. Yield yourselves wholly to God (Rom. 6:13).
3. Arm yourselves with righteousness (I Peter 4:1).
4. Keep yourselves from evil (I John 5:21).
5. Build up your faith (Jude 20).
6. Keep yourselves in the love of God (Jude 21).

II. Know the Value of Souls:

1. Worth more than the world (Mark 8:36-38).
2. They are lost (Luke 19:10).
3. They are dead (Ezek. 18:4).
4. They are bound by evil (II Tim. 2:26).
5. They are under the wrath of God (John 3:36).

III. He Must Know the Love for Souls Like:

1. David, when he said, "Rivers run down mine eyes" (Psalm 119:136).
2. Like Jeremiah, when he wrote, "Oh that my head were waters" (Jer. 9:1).
3. Like Paul, who wrote, "I have great heaviness" (Rom. 9:1-3).
4. Like Jesus, when coming to the city, "he wept over it" (Luke 19:41).

IV. He Must Be Filled with the Spirit (Zech. 4:6; Acts 1:8).

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040 -- PERSONAL WORK AND THE BIBLE

I. The Personal Evangelist Must:

1. Gladly receive the Bible (Jas. 1:21).
2. Let it indwell one richly (Col. 3:16).
3. Keep it tenaciously (John 17:6).
4. Continue in the Word of God untiringly (John 8:31).
5. Live the Word of God daily (II Cor. 3:3).
6. Hold it forth boldly (Phil. 2:16).
7. Muse on it continually (Psalm 1:2).

II. He Should:

1. Hold it as the standard of his teaching (I Peter 4:11).
2. Appeal to it all the time (I Cor. 1:31).
3. Read it diligently (Isa. 34:16).
4. Search it thoroughly (John 5:39).
5. Store it up in his heart (Deut. 6:6).
6. Plead the promises in prayer (Psalm 119:25,28,41).

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041 -- THE PERSONAL WORKER'S POWER OR AUTHORITY

I. He Has Authority:

1. To heal sickness (Mark 3:15).
2. To cast out unclean spirits (Mark 6:7).
3. To preach the Word powerfully (Matt. 28:18).
4. To become a child of God (John 1:12).

II. His is the Power of Abundant:

1. Grace (2 Cor. 8:9).
2. Life (John 10:10).
3. Hope (Rom. 15:13).
4. Glorifying (Phil. 1:9).
5. Work (I Cor. 15:58).
6. Prayer and answers (I Thess. 3:10; Eph. 3:20).

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042 -- PERSONAL WORKER'S POWER FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

I. The Command:

1. Be not afraid, but speak (Acts 18:9,10).
2. Be strong, for God is with you (Hag. 2:4).
3. Go, and God will be your mouth (Ex. 4:12).

II. The Promise:

1. Out of weakness you will become strong (Heb. 11:34).
2. It is not you that speak, but God (Matt. 10:20).
3. Christ will speak in you (II Cor. 13:3).
4. God will enable you to talk (Mark 10:19,20).

III. You Represent God:

1. As ambassadors (II Cor. 5:20).
2. As fellow workers with him (II Cor. 6:1).
3. He causes you to triumph (II Cor. 2:14).

IV. If You Confess, You Will Overcome (Rom. 10:9).

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043 -- CONDITIONS OF SUCCESSFUL SOUL WINNING

I. The Successful Soul Winner:

1. Has divine assurance (Luke 10:20; 1 John 4:13,14).
2. Is filled with love (I Cor. 13; I Thess. 3:12).
3. Hungers for the salvation of others (John 3:16; Rom. 9:1-3; Phil. 1:8).
4. Longs to reach the neglected (Mark 6:34; James 2:1-9).
5. Is prayerful (Mark 9:29).
6. Is filled with holy boldness (Acts 4:13,29; Eph. 6:1-20).
7. Has joy in the Lord (Neh. 8:10; I Thess. 5:16).
8. Is humble (Matt. 20:25-28; Phil. 2:5-8).
9. Has tenderness of soul (Acts 20:19, 31; Matt. 12:20).
10. Is consecrated and devoted (Luke 5:10,11; Phil. 2:20,21).

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044 -- PERSONAL QUALITIES OF SOUL WINNING

I. The Soul Winner:

1. Prays earnestly (James 5:17).
2. Contends earnestly for the faith (Jude 3).
3. Earnestly heeds God's voice (Heb. 2:1).
4. Covets the best gifts (I Cor. 12:31).

II. He Is Guided:

1. By God's eye (Psalm 32:8).
2. Guided into all truth (John 16:13).
3. Guided continually (Isa. 58:11).
4. Guided like a flock (Psalm 78:52).

III. He Must Stand:

1. In God's grace (I Peter 5:12).
2. In faith of assurance (I Cor. 16:13).
3. In the power of God (Eph. 6:11).
4. With the armor of God for victory (Eph. 6:14).

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045 -- THE PERSONAL WORKER IS SEPARATE FROM WORLDLINESS

I. The Curse of Worldliness Is Seen:

1. Robbed Abraham of joy when in Egypt (Gen. 12:10-20).
2. Wrecked Lot's life in Sodom (Gen. 19:17).
3. Blighted the life of Demas (II Tim. 4:10).
4. Caused Peter to backslide (Luke 22:54-62).

II. Christian Worker Must Be Separate:

1. From sinful associates (Acts 26:17; II Cor. 6:14-18).
2. From the world (John 15:18,19).
3. From the love of the world (I John 2:15,16).

III. Salvation by Christ:

1. Overcomes the world (I John 5:4,5).
2. Crucifies us to the world (Gal. 6:14).
3. Makes us dead to the world (Col. 3:1-3).

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046 -- FAITH AND PRAYER THE POWER OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM

I. The Personal Worker:

1. Abounds in faith (II Cor. 8:9; James 2:22).
2. Full of faith (Acts 6:5).
3. Continues steadfast in faith (Acts 14:22).
4. Stands in faith (I Cor. 16:13).
5. Is strong in faith (Rom. 4:20).

II. He Prays:

1. With faith in God (John 14:12,13,16).
2. In the name of Jesus (John 14:13).
3. According to the will of God (Luke 22:42).
4. When abiding in Christ (John 15:7,16).

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PART IV -- ADVICES AND RULES FOR DEALING WITH THE UNSAVED

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047 -- HOW TO KNOW THAT ONE IS UNSAVED

I. The Unsaved:

1. Are without divine life (Eph. 2:1).
2. Are without divine strength (Rom. 5:6).
3. Are untouched by righteousness (Rom. 3:10).
4. Have no spiritual hope (Eph. 2:12)
5. Do not have the Holy Spirit (Jude 19).
6. Do not have God in their lives (Eph 2:12).

II. Sinners:

1. Are not born of God (I John 3:9).
2. Have no peace (Isa. 57:21).
3. Serve Satan (I John 3:8).
4. Do not please God (II Peter 2:10-14).
5. Walk in the wrong way (II Peter 2:15).

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048 -- THE NEW BIRTH IS A NECESSITY

I. The new birth is necessary because:

1. The whole head is sick (Isa. 1:5).
2. Which have eyes and see not (Jer. 5:21).
3. Which have ears, and hear not (Jer. 5:21).
4. Their throat is an open sepulchre (Rom. 3:13).
5. With their tongues they have used deceit (Rom. 3:13).
6. The poison of asps is under their lips (Rom. 3:13).
7. Whose mouth is full of cursing (Rom. 3:14).
8. Stiffnecked (Acts 7:51).
9. Deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9).
10. Wicked hands (Acts 2:23).
11. Feet swift to shed blood (Rom. 3:15).

II. The General Constitution Is Rotten:

1. From sole of foot to head, there is no soundness (Isa. 1:5).
2. Wounds, bruises, putrefying sores (Isa. 1:6).
3. They have not been closed (Isa. 1:6).

Man's moral condition demands a new birth.

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049 -- THE GOSPEL WILL SATISFY

I. The Gospel Proclaims:

1. Pardon for the guilty (Acts 26:18).
2. Peace for the troubled (Eph. 3:17).
3. Power for the weak (Rom. 5:6).
4. Purity for the unclean (Acts 15:9).
5. Pleasure for the dissatisfied (Phil. 4:6-11).
6. Fruit of the Spirit, for works of flesh (Gal. 5:22).

II. The Gospel Will Satisfy, for It Is:

1. The gospel of God (Rom. 1:1).
2. The gospel of the grace of God (Rom. 1:16).
3. The gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 1:1).
4. A Life-giving gospel (I Cor. 4:15).
5. Peace-securing gospel (Eph. 6:15).
6. A soul-saving gospel (Eph. 1:13).
7. A powerful gospel (Rom. 1:16).
8. An everlasting gospel (Rom. 14:8).

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050 -- TYPES OF PEOPLE MET BY THE PERSONAL WORKER

I. The Personal Worker Meets:

1. The doubting Christian (use I John 5:13; 3:2,14).
2. The backslider (use Jer. 2:5,13,19; Hosea 14:1,2,4).
3. Those convicted of sin (use Rom. 3:10,12; Isa. 1:5,6).
4. Those who think they are too great sinners (use Isa. 1:5,6,18; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:6).
5. Those who do not know how to come to Christ (use John 1:12; John 3:15-18; 4:37).
6. Those who neglect to confess Christ (use Rom. 10:9,10; Matt. 10:32).
7. Those who are afraid they will fall (use Jude 24; II Tim. 1:12; Col. 3:3,4).
8. Those who cannot believe (use John 7:17).
9. Those who say they will try to be saved (use John 1:7-9).
10. Those who will put off salvation -- now is the time (use Isa. 55:6; Heb. 3:7).
11. Those who do not realize the danger of delay (use Prov. 1:24,28).
12. Those who would be sanctified (use I John 1:7-9).

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051 -- WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

Many Times the Unsaved Rely on Substitutes for Conversion.

I. The True Christian:

1. Believes on Jesus Christ as his personal Savior (John 3:36).
2. Abides constantly in Christ as his refuge (John 15:4).
3. Walks daily the path of Christ as his way of life (Luke 9:23).
4. Obeys Christ as his Lord (John 14:21).
5. Christ indwells him as his Ruler (Gal. 2:20).
6. Witnesses for Christ as his Redeemer (Acts 1:8).
7. Looks to Christ for guidance (Heb. 12:1-4).
8. Is saved by the grace of Christ (Eph. 2:8).

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052 -- PROOFS THAT ONE HAS BEEN BORN AGAIN

Many Say, "I Do Not Know."

I. Proofs of the New Birth:

1. As the Thessalonians, give up idols (I Thess. 1:9).
2. As the Ephesians, burn evil books (Acts 19:19).
3. As the Corinthians, give up evil ways of life (I Cor. 6:11).
4. As Zacchaeus, give up cheating (Luke 19:8).

5. As Saul, give up your persecution (I Tim. 1:13).
6. As the Roman Christians, give up service of sin (Rom. 6:17).
7. As the Colossians, turn from your enmity to God (Col. 1:21).
8. As the Philippian jailer, believe on the Lord Jesus (Acts 16:31,34).

When you have met these conditions, you shall be born again.

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053 -- GOSPEL INVITATIONS FOR SAINT AND SINNER

I. Gospel Invites All to:

1. Ask of Christ (Psalm 2:8).
2. Call upon Christ (Jer. 33:3).
3. Believe on Christ (John 14:11).
4. Abide in Christ (John 15:4).
5. Cleave unto Christ (Jer. 13:11).
6. Come unto Christ (Matt. 11:28).
7. Find Christ (John 1:41).
8. Follow Christ (Matt. 4:19).

II. We Are to Ask All to:

1. Learn of Christ, as Redeemer (Matt. 11:29).
2. Listen to Christ, as Counselor (Isa. 49:1).
3. Look unto Christ, as Guide (Isa. 45:22).
4. Seek Christ, as Life (Jer. 29:13).
5. Search for Christ, as Satisfier (Jer. 29:13).

III. Sinners Are Called from:

1. Darkness of sin, to the light of God (I Peter 2:9).
2. From bondage, to gospel liberty (Gal. 5:13).
3. From death, to eternal life (John 3:16).
4. From spiritual uncertainty, to eternal glory (I Peter 5:10).

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054 -- REPENTANCE THE TRUE ROUTE TO CONVERSION

It is utterly impossible to be converted, unless the sinner repents of his sins.

I. Jesus Called Sinners to Repentance (Matt. 9:13).

II. He Called Sinners to Repent:

1. That they might be converted (Acts 3:19).
2. That being converted, they could face the judgment (Acts 17:30, 31).
3. That they might not perish in sin (Luke 13:1-5).

III. The Five Steps in Repentance:

1. Must be sorry for sins committed (2 Cor. 7:9,10; Psalm 51:17).
2. Must confess all sins (I John 1:9).
3. Must forsake all sinful ways (Isa. 55:7; Prov. 28:13).
4. Must have a forgiving spirit (Matt. 18:35; 6:14,15).
5. Must restore all wrongs done, make complete restitution as far as possible (Ezek. 33:15; Luke 19:8).

IV. True Repentance Is Accompanied by:

1. Humility (James 4:9,10).
2. Confession (Job 33:27,28).
3. Faith (Matt. 21:32).
4. Prayer (Acts 8:22).
5. Zeal in the path of duty (II Cor. 7:11).

V. Conversion Is the Result of Repentance (Acts 3:19; 26:20).

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055 -- THE NATURE OF SIN

Sinners oft times try to cover their lives by denying that they commit sin.

I. Sin Is:

1. A transgression of God's law (I John 3:4).
2. A missing the mark of God's standards (Rom. 3:23).
3. A trespass of God's will (Eph. 2:1,5).
4. Iniquity, a wrong doing in God's sight (Acts 8:23).
5. A rebellion against God (Job 34:37).
6. A betrayal of the Lord (Hosea 7:7, R. V.).
7. A debt, against God, and man's life (Matt. 6:12).

Everyone who thus lives is a sinner, and needs to be converted.

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056 -- THE PRESENT TENSE EXPERIENCE

Often the sinner will not realize that the experience of salvation is possible for him now. Now is the time:

1. This is the time of justification. "Being now justified" (Rom. 5:9).
2. The present is the hour of assurance. "Now are we the sons of God" (I John 3:2).
3. Today is the time of deliverance from condemnation. "Now no condemnation" (Rom. 8:1).
4. Holiness is a present possibility. "Now being made free from sin" (Rom. 6:22).
5. Life of faith is possible. "The life I now live" (Gal. 2:20).
6. Present victory through faith possible. "Now unto him who is able to keep" (Jude 24).

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057 -- SEEK SALVATION AND YE SHALL FIND

Sinners find not, because they do not seek.

I. The Sinner's Part in Seeking:

1. See himself a sinner (Isa. 6:5).
2. Feel the power of the Spirit (John 6:44).
3. Confess his sins (John 1:9).
4. Call upon God in prayer (Rom. 10:13).
5. Have faith in God and His delivering power (Heb. 11:6).

II. God's Part in Giving Salvation:

1. God makes it possible to find salvation (Matt. 7:7).
2. He will not cast the sinner out (John 6:37).
3. He will forgive your sins (Isa. 1:18; I John 1:9).
4. He will cleanse and give a new heart (Ezek. 36:25-28).
5. He will give the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).
6. God will hear the prayer (II Kings 20:5; John 15:7).

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058 -- IF WE CONFESS, GOD WILL FORGIVE

Confession is a vital part of seeking to be saved.

I. God and Confession:

1. He requires the sinner to confess (Lev. 5:5; Hos. 5:15).
2. He forgives the confessing sinner (I John 1:7-9).
3. He regards confession diligently (Job 33:27, 28; Dan. 9:20).

II. Confession Should Be Accompanied By:

1. Submission to punishment (Lev. 26:41; Ezra 9:13).
2. Prayer for forgiveness (II Sam. 24:10; Psalm 51:1).
3. Self-abasement (Isa. 64:5,6).
4. Godly sorrow (Psalm 38:18; Lam. 1:20).
5. Forsaking sin (Prov. 28:13).

III. Sinners, Confess Like:

1. Job, "I am vile" (Job 40:4).
2. Isaiah, "I am undone" (Isa. 6:5).
3. David, "I am a worm" (Psalm 22:6).
4. Peter, "I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8).
5. Paul, "I am carnal" (Rom. 7:14).
6. The prodigal, "I am no more worthy" (Luke 15:21).

IV. Confession Will Bring Forgiveness (I John 1:9; Psalm 32:5).

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059 -- CALL THE SINNER TO FOLLOW JESUS

The pathway to glory is the footsteps of Jesus.

I. Call the Sinner to Meet Jesus:

1. At the cross for salvation (Heb. 13:12,13).
2. On the mount of instruction (Matt. 5:1).
3. At Jordan for surrender (Matt. 3:15,16; Rom 12:1).
4. In the field for service (Acts 10:38; 20:19).
5. At the manger for humility (Matt. 2:11).

II. Follow Jesus--A Call:

1. To salvation (John 1:43).
2. To consecration (Matt. 19:21).
3. To separation (Matt. 8:22).
4. To self-denial (John 12:26).

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060 -- SINNERS, COME TO JESUS

I. Come to Jesus for:

1. Comfort to assure (Isa. 61:2,3).
2. Freedom from sin (Eph. 1:5-7).
3. Holiness to cleanse (John 15:4,5).
4. Rest from your burdens (Matt. 11:28).
5. Joy in the hour of trouble (John 15:10,11).
6. Happiness in your sorrow (Prov. 13:7,8).
7. Strength in your weakness (Phil. 4:13).
8. For eternal life in the midst of death (John 6:47).

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061 -- TWO KINDS OF SIN -- ACQUIRED AND INHERITED

I. Inherited Sin:

1. Men born sinful (Job 14:1,4).
2. Men shapen in sin (Psalm 51:5).
3. Men sinful by nature (Eph. 2:3).
4. Located throughout entire nature:
 - a. In the heart (Eccl. 8:11; Matt. 15:18).
 - b. In the members (Rom. 7:23).
5. This is the source of actual sins (Mark 7:21-23; Prov. 4:23).
6. It is possessed by justified believers:
 - a. Disciples were believers (John 6:69).
 - b. Yet they were carnal (Mark 9:33,34; Matt. 20:24).

II. Actual or Committed Sins:

1. This is a transgression of the law (I John 3:4).
2. Evil imaginations are sin (Gen. 6:5).
3. What is not of faith is sin (Rom. 14:23).
4. It comes from an evil heart (Mark 7:21-23).
5. It is the fruit of lust (James 1:15).
6. It is like scarlet (Isa. 1:18).
7. The wicked are servants of sin (Rom. 6:16).
8. They are dead in sins (Eph. 2:1).
9. They are unable to cease from sin (II Peter 2:14).

III. To Become Christians Men Must:

1. Cease from sin (Isa. 1:16-18).
2. Depart from sin (II Tim. 2:19).
3. Become penitent for sin (Matt. 26:75).
4. Confess their sins (Prov. 28:13).

IV. For Double Sin There Is a Double Remedy:

1. Confession leading to forgiveness. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive (I John 1:9).

2. Cleansing as the work of sanctification. "And cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

V. Deliverance from Sin Can Now Be Obtained:

1. Foretold by the prophets (Isa. 19:20; Zech. 13:1).

2. Now fulfilled (John 1:29; Heb. 9:26).

3. Cleansed Christians live without sin (Rom. 6:1,2; Titus 2:11, 12; Luke 1:74,75).

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062 -- HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE BORN AGAIN -- 13 REASONS

I. You Are Born Again If:

1. You obey (Rom. 8:14).

2. You are separate from the world (Eph. 5:3).

3. You serve the Lord (Rom. 12:11).

4. You shine as a light for Christ (Matt. 5:14-16).

5. You walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

6. You follow Christ daily (Luke 9:23).

7. You abide in Christ (John 15:4).

8. You are righteous (I John 2:29, R. V.).

9. You do not sin (I John 3:9).

10. You love others (I John 4:7).

11. You have faith in Christ (I John 5:1).

12. You love the Lord (I John 5:2).

13. You have victory over the world (I John 5:4).

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063 -- PERSONAL WORKERS MUST PREACH CHRIST IF

You Would Win Sinners, You Must Preach Christ, As:

I. The Crucified Lord, Who:

1. Convinces of sin (Acts 2:36,37).

2. Procures joy (Acts 8:29-39).

3. Brings forgiveness (Acts 5:29-31).

4. Affords the Spirit (Acts 10:39-44).

II. The Need of Every Soul, Who Is:

1. Rest when the soul is weary (Matt. 11:28).
2. Life when the soul is dead (John 10:10).
3. Salvation when the soul is unconverted (Luke 19:9).
4. Freedom when the soul is bound by sin (Luke 4:18).
5. Cleansing when the soul is vile (I John 1:7-9).
6. All and all for every sinner (Col. 3:1).

III. The Deliverer from Sin, Who Delivers from:

1. The penalty of sin (I Peter 2:24).
2. The pollution of sin (Col. 2:12,13).
3. The pleasure of sin (Psalm 16:11, R. V.).
4. The root of sin (I John 3:6).

IV. The Burden Bearer, Who Gives Rest From:

1. A guilty conscience, through faith in Him (Heb. 9:26).
2. The fear of judgment, by delivering from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
3. The fear of death, through His own death (Heb. 2:14).
4. A disturbing heart (Matt. 11:29.)

V. The One Who Never Changes, Who Is Unchanging in His:

1. Love -- everlasting (Jer. 31:3).
2. Keeping power -- constant (I Peter 1:5).
3. Power -- enduring (Heb. 13:5).
4. Promise -- sure (II Cor. 1:20).

VI. The Atoning One, Whose Blood Is:

1. The cleanser from sin (I John 1:7).
2. The annuller of the old life of evil (Gal. 2:20).
3. The sanctifier of the soul (Heb. 13:12).
4. The giver of victory (Rev. 12:11).
5. The incentive of heaven's song (Rev. 5:9).

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064 -- THE MORAL NATURE OF THE SINNER

Conviction is realizing that one is a sinner. Teach sinners that:

I. They Are Depraved:

1. The heart is evil (Jer. 17:9).

2. The mind is carnal (Rom. 8:7).
3. The reason is astray (Eccl. 9:3).
4. The understanding is darkened (Eph. 4:18).
5. The tongue is poisonous (Rom. 3:13).
6. The entire nature is diseased (Isa. 1:5,16).
7. They are dead to God's call (II Tim. 4:4).

II. They Walk In:

1. Vanity and evil (Eccl. 1:2).
2. Darkness and impurity (Eccl. 2:14).
3. Stubbornness and high-mindedness (Jer. 23:16, R. V.).
4. Abominations and moral rottenness (Ezek. 11:21).
5. Bondage of sin (Job 18:8, R. V.).

III. Their Body Sins Through:

1. Unholy passions (Gal. 5:19-21).
2. Unbridled appetites (Eph. 5:18).
3. Not yielding to the Lord's keeping (Rom. 12:1).
4. Not keeping the body under (I Cor. 9:27).
5. By not using the body as God's temple (I Cor. 3:16).

IV. Their Mental Sins Are Those Of:

1. Evil thoughts (Prov. 23:7; Matt. 5:27,28).
2. A doubting mental state (Luke 24:38).
3. Worrying and anxiety (Luke 12:29, margin).
4. A mind encumbered with worldliness (Luke 10:40-42).

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065 -- THE SIN OF UNBELIEF -- 12 TRAITS

I. Unbelief Is Tragical Because:

1. It hardens the heart (Acts 19:9).
2. It disregards God's commandments (Rom. 1:21).
3. It robs one of God's blessings (Heb. 3:18).
4. It severs one from God (Rom. 11:20).
5. It paves the path to destruction (John 3:36).
6. It causes the feet to stumble (II Peter 2:14,15).
7. It hardens the sensibilities and emotions (Acts 19:9).
8. It leads to envy (Acts 14:2).
9. It dulls faith (John 3:12).
10. Keeps from eternal life (John 3:16).

11. Refuses to accept Christ's testimony (John 10:23,26,37).
12. Will not accept the workings of Christ (John 12:37,39).

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066 -- SINNERS, SEEK GOD NOW

I. The Manner of Seeking God:

1. Seek him with diligence (Heb. 11:6).
2. Seek him with repentance (Dan. 9:3-9).
3. Seek him with the whole heart (Deut. 4:29).

II. God's Promises to Those Who Seek Him:

1. They shall be blessed (Psalm 119:2).
2. They shall find (Matt. 7:7,8).
3. They shall have divine life (Amos 5:4,6).
4. They shall enjoy God's protection (Ezra 8:22).

III. The Time to Seek God:

1. Now is the acceptable time (II Cor. 6:2; Heb. 4:7).
2. In youth time seek God (Eccl. 12:1).
3. Seek God early (Prov. 8:17).
4. Seek God while He may be found (Isa. 55:6).

IV. Tragedy Awaits Those Who Will Not Seek God (Prov. 1:20-31).

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067 -- THE NEW BIRTH

1. We are begotten of the Word of truth (James 1:18).
2. We are born of incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23).
3. The new birth is a radical turning away from sin (I John 3:9).
4. Secure from the devil through the new birth (I John 5:18).
5. Believe in Jesus through the new birth (I John 5:1).
6. New birth makes us sons of God (John 1:12).

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068 -- WHAT SIN DOES -- CONCRETE EXAMPLES

I. Teach Sinners that Sin:

1. Destroys the mind -- illustrated by king of Babylon (Dan. 4:28-34).
2. Deadens the conscience -- illustrated by causing us to forget God (Deut. 8:11,14).
3. Blights the heart -- illustrated by deceiving those who follow sin (Heb. 3:13).
4. Blackens the understanding -- illustrated by Christ's words to the Pharisees (John 9:41).

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069 -- SINNERS, FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME

1. How long will it last? -- Forever (Rev. 14:10,11).
2. Who are its subjects? -- Sinners (John 3:36).
3. Is it certain? -- As sure as God's Word (II Thess. 2:11,12).
4. What is its nature? -- Fire, Unbridled Vengeance (II Thess. 1:9).
5. Where is its place? -- Below, in hell (Rev. 21:8).

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070 -- PROCLAIM PARDON FOR THE GUILTY

Every Sinner Can Be Pardoned by Christ.

I. There is Penalty Attached to Sin (Rom. 6:23; Rev 21:8; Psalm 9:17).

II. Pardon is Granted:

1. By God (Dan. 9:9).
2. Through the blood of Christ (Col. 1:14).
3. According to Christ's riches (Eph. 1:7)
4. Freely (Isa. 43:25) and Readily (Psalm 86:5), as well as Abundantly (Isa. 55:7).

III. Pardon of Sins Shows:

1. The compassion of God (Micah 7:18,19), the grace (Rom. 5:15, 6), the mercy (Psalm 51:1), the goodness (Psalm 86:5), and the forbearance of God (Rom. 3:25).

2. It brings out God's justice (I John 1:9), and His faithfulness (I John 1:9).

IV. Pardon is Granted to Those Who:

1. Repent (Acts 2:38).
2. Forsake sin (Isa. 55:7).
3. Confess their sins (Psalm 32:5).
4. Believe on Christ (Acts 10:43).

V. Pardon is Expressed by:

1. Forgiveness of sins (Psalm 103:12; 32:1).

2. Blotting out transgressions (Isa. 43:25; 44:22).
3. Covering sin (Psalm 32:1).
4. Casting sin behind the back (Isa. 38:17) and into the sea (Micah 7:19).
5. Remembering sins no more (Heb. 10:17).

VI. Pardon Leads to:

1. Loving (Luke 7:47) and fearing God (Psalm 130:4).
2. Praising His holy name (Psalm 103:2,3).

VII. Examples of Pardon:

1. Israelites (Num. 14:20).
2. The paralytic (Matt. 9:2).
3. The penitent (Luke 7:47).

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071 -- HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE THE SINNER

I. Forgiveness is Assured for:

1. The sinner's guilt is the need of forgiveness (Rom. 3:23).
2. Christ's blood is the ground of forgiveness (Heb. 9:22).
3. God's power is the authority of forgiveness (Mark 2:7).
4. Repentance is the condition of forgiveness (Luke 24:47).
5. God's Word is the assurance of forgiveness (I John 2:12; I Thess. 1:4).

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072 -- THE TRIAL OF THE SINNER

I. Every Sinner Will Be Tried:

1. The Great White Throne is the Court (Rev. 20:11).
2. Jesus will be the Judge (John 5:22).
3. Sinners are the Prisoners (Rev. 20:12).
4. Unbelief is the Charge (Rev. 20:13).
5. The Verdict is Guilty (Rom. 3:19).
6. The Final Death is the Sentence (Rev. 21:8).

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073 -- WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

I. The Sinner is Saved:

1. From wrath (Rom. 5:9), to God's Son (John 1:12).
2. From servitude to sin (Rom. 6:16) to newness of life (Rom. 6:4).
3. From pollution (I Cor. 6:9,10) to holiness (Rom. 6:22).
4. From corruption (II Peter 1:4) to righteousness (Rom. 14:17).
5. From selfishness (II Peter 2:10) to working for others (Jude 23).
6. From the curse (Gal. 3:10) to eternal life (John 3:16,36).

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074 -- CONFESSION, ITS MEANING AND MESSAGE FOR THE SINNER

1. Forgiveness conditioned by confession -- "Confess . . . then hear" (Rom. 10:9,10).
2. Forgiveness promised for confession -- "Confess . . . then will I remember" (Lev. 26 40-42).
- 3 "Whoso confesseth . . . shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).
4. Forgiveness results from God's faithfulness -- "If we confess . . . he is faithful to forgive" (I John 1:9).

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075 -- PROFIT AND LOSS IN BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

In becoming a Christian the sinner:

I. Loses:

1. All ungodliness (Titus 2:11,12).
2. Worldly amusements (I John 2:15,16).
3. Conformity to the world (Rom. 12:1,2).
4. Your worldly friends (Matt. 10:35-38).
5. Your worldly life (Luke 14:26).

II. Gains:

1. A hundredfold (Mark 10:28-30).
2. All good things (Psalm 84:11).
3. Eternal life (Mark 10:30).
4. An eternal and incorruptible inheritance (I Peter 1:3-5).

III. Methods of Procedure in Losing that You May Gain:

1. Confess to God (I John 1:9).
2. Settle up with your fellowmen (Prov. 28:13).
3. Be reconciled to all (Matt. 5:23,24).
4. Make restitution (Ezek. 33:15).

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PART V -- SALVATION THEMES

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076 -- OVERCOMING THROUGH TESTIMONY

I. Testimony is a Christian Duty:

1. We are to be witnesses (Isa. 43:10; Acts 1:8).
2. We are to give praise to God (Psalm 65:1).
3. We are to thank God (Eph. 5:4; I Thess. 5:18).

II. We Are to:

1. Be witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:8; 3:15).
2. Testify in the name of Jesus (Eph. 5:20).
3. Testify from the heart (Psalm 86:12).
4. Testify among the people (Luke 12:8; I Tim. 6:12).
5. Testify in church (Luke 24:53).
6. Testify at home (Mark 5:19).

III. We Are to Testify:

1. Daily (Psalm 61:8), every morning and evening (I Chron. 23:30), and in the night time (Psalm 63:5,6).
2. Continually (Psalm 43:11) as well as forever (Psalm 79:13).

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077 -- THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE (John 3:16)

1. God -- Ruler (Micah 5:2).
2. Loved -- Lover (I John 4:9).
3. World -- Creator (Gen. 1:1).
4. That -- Divine Purpose (Eph. 3:11).
5. Gave -- Divine Giver (I Tim. 6:17).
6. His -- Heavenly Father (Isa. 9:6).
7. Begotten -- Mediator (I Tim. 2:5).
8. Son -- Our Savior (Luke 2:11).
9. Whosoever -- Intercessor (Isa. 53:12).
10. Believeth -- Source of Salvation (Acts 16:31).
11. Him -- Messenger of Mercy (Mal. 3:1).
12. Perish -- Deliverer (Rom. 11:26).

13. But -- Restorer of Man (Ruth 4:15).
14. Have -- Bestower of Good Gifts (Isa. 63:7).
15. Everlasting -- Keeper (Psalm 121:5).
16. Life -- Eternal Preserver (Psalm 37:28).

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078 -- BEGIN ANEW

Let the Sinner Begin Anew:

- I. God and Christ Are His New Masters (John 13:13).
- II. Divine Power His New Source of Life (Acts 1:8).
- II. Walking in the Spirit His New Mode of Living (Gal. 5:16).
- IV. The Saints His New Company (Acts 4:23).

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079 -- THE HUMAN SIDE OF SANCTIFICATION

"Sanctify Yourselves" (Josh. 3:5) by:

1. By mortification of sinful nature (Col. 3:5; Rom. 8:12,13).
2. By eliminating your evil habits (Col. 3:9; Col. 5:24).
3. By enthroning Christ in the heart (Eph. 3:17).
4. By delighting to do God's will (I Thess. 5:18).
5. By doing all to God's glory (I Cor. 10:31).
6. By walking in the light (I John 1:7).

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080 -- BLESSINGS AND THEIR CONDITIONS

Every Divine Blessing Has its Condition. Note:

1. If you would eat of the good of the land, be obedient (Isa. 1:19).
2. If you would be pure, enthrone Christ within (Eph. 3:16,17).
3. If you would progress spiritually, develop in grace (II Peter 3:18).
4. If you would know God's will, be taught of the Spirit (I Cor. 2:10; Eph. 1:17,18).
5. If you would have peace, be prayerful (Phil. 4:6,7).
6. If you would have patience, look unto Jesus (Heb. 12:1,2).
7. If you would have spiritual dynamite (power), wait upon the Lord (I Cor. 1:24; Acts 1:4) or be filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:8).
8. If you would have rest, take the yoke (Matt. 11:29).
9. If you would have answered prayers, abide (John 15:7).
10. If you would be endued, tarry (Luke 24:49).

11. If you would have Christ come in, you must come out of the world (II Cor. 6:17,18).

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081 -- SEE JESUS ONLY

1. Jesus is the only foundation (I Cor. 3:11).
2. His name is the only source of salvation (Acts 4:12).
3. He is the only way (John 14:6).
4. He is the only shepherd (John 10:4).
5. He is the only Bread of heaven (John 6:35).

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082 -- INTERVIEWS BY THE MASTER PERSONAL WORKER

1. Jesus interviews a moralist -- one thing is lacking (Mark 10:17-27).
2. Jesus interviews a sinful woman -- a happy finder (John 4:1-20).
3. Jesus interviews a seeker after the truth -- "ye must be born again" (John 3:1-13).
4. Jesus interviews an unbeliever -- who becomes an inquirer (Acts 9:1-22).

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083 -- DIVINE CHANGES

1. To repent is to change your purpose or way (Luke 15:18; I Thess. 1:9).
2. To find salvation is to change your position (Eph. 2:6-8).
3. To be justified is to change your relation (Rom. 5:1).
4. To be sanctified is to change your entire life (I Thess. 5:23,24).
5. To be consecrated is to change your will (Rom. 12:1,2).

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084 -- TURNING AWAY FROM GOD -- BACKSLIDING

I. Backsliding Defined:

1. Turning from a love of the Bible (I Kings 11:9-11).
2. Turning from secret prayer (Matt. 6:6).
3. Stopping from assembling with the church (Heb. 10:25).
4. Formality in life and worship (John 4:23, 24; I Cor. 14. 15).
5. A haughty spirit (Prov. 16:18).

II. Backsliding is Not Necessary (II Peter 1:4-11).

III. Backsliders May Repent (Jer. 3:12-14; Rev. 2:1-5).

IV. God Will Heal Backsliders (Hosea 14:4).

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085 -- OUR GOD IS ABLE

I. Christ is Able to Save:

1. He shall save from sin (Matt. 1:21).
2. He came to save sinners (I Tim. 1:15).
3. He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).
4. No other name given whereby we may be saved (Acts 4:12).
5. He came into the world that He might save (John 3:17).
6. Able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).
7. Believe and He shall save (Acts 16:31).

II. God is Able to Keep:

1. Able to keep in the time of temptation (Rev. 3:10).
2. Able to succor those who are tempted (Heb. 2:18).
3. Able to do what He has promised (Rom. 4:21).
4. Able to keep (II Tim. 1:12).
5. Able to keep from falling (Jude 24).

III. God is Able to Present:

1. Able to present you faultless (Jude 24).
2. Able to present you holy, unblamable (Col. 1:22).
3. Able to present you without blemish (Eph. 5:27).

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086 -- MAN BY NATURE AND THROUGH GRACE

I. Heart of Man:

1. By Nature:
 - a. Only evil (Gen. 6:5).
 - b. Proud (Prov. 16:5).
 - c. Deceitful (Jer. 17:9).
2. By Grace:
 - a. Clean (Psalm 51:10).
 - b. With the love of God (Rom. 5:5).
 - c. Christ indwelling (Eph. 3:17).

II. Man's Lips:

1. By Nature:
 - a. Unclean (Isa. 6:5).
 - b. Lying (Prov. 12:22).
 - c. Contentious (Prov. 18:6).
2. By Grace:
 - a. Sinning not (Job 2:10).
 - b. Joyful (Psalm 63:5).
 - c. Giving thanks (Heb. 13:15).

III. Man's Mouth:

1. By Nature:
 - a. Full of cursing (Psalm 10:7).
 - b. Covered with violence (Prov. 10:6).
 - c. Ends in destruction (Prov. 18:7).
2. By Grace:
 - a. Filled with praise (Psalm 71:8).
 - b. Showing righteousness (Psalm 71:15).
 - c. Confessing the Lord Jesus (Rom. 10:9).

IV. Man's Feet:

1. By Nature:
 - a. Running to evil (Prov. 1:16).
 - b. Sunk in the mire (Jer. 38:22).
 - c. Shall slide in due time (Deut. 32:35).
2. By Grace:
 - a. Washed (John 13:10).
 - b. Not to be moved (Psalm 66:9).
 - c. Shod with the gospel (Eph. 6:15).

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087 -- PREACH JESUS THE CHRIST

Preach to the World, Jesus Christ as:

1. The Son of God (Matt. 26:63,64).
2. The Mediator between God and man (I Tim. 2:5).
3. The Sacrifice for sin (I Cor. 15:3).
4. The Savior of mankind (John 4:42).
5. The Giver of grace (John 1:17).
6. The Redeemer of man (Isa. 59:20).
7. The Sanctifier of the soul (I Cor. 1:30).

8. The Physician of the body (Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:14-17).
9. The Seeker of the lost (Luke 19:10).
10. The Putter-away of sin (Dan. 9:24).
11. The Washer of sin (Rev. 1:5).
12. The Perfect Example (I Peter 2:21-23).
13. The All-powerful (Matt. 28:18).
14. The Powerful-to-save (Isa. 63:1), the Powerful-to-forgive (Matt. 9:6), and the Powerful-to-keep-us-from-falling (Jude 24).

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088 -- PERSONAL WORK AND DIVINE HEALING (A NEGLECTED THEME)

No Theme is So Neglected as Divine Healing.

I. Christ Practiced Divine Healing (Matt. 4:23,24).

II . He Gave This Power to the Disciples (Matt. 10:1; Mark 16:20).

III. Power of Healing Given to the Elders (James 5:14,15).

IV. Methods of Divine Healing:

1. Faith necessary (Matt. 21:22; Heb. 11:6; James 1:6,7).
2. Others must have faith for healing (Matt. 8:5,13).
3. Where there are faults, they must be confessed (James 5:13-16).
4. Jesus laid hands on the sick (Mark 6:5).
5. The apostles anointed with oil (Mark 6:7-13).
6. Others must pray for the sick (Mark 11:24).

V. What to Do When One is Sick:

1. Anoint with oil, lay on hands, and pray in faith believing (James 5:14,15; Mark 16:18).
2. Call for the elders of the church (James 5:14).

VI. Sinners May Be Forgiven When Healed (James 5:15; Luke 4:40,41).

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089 -- CHRISTIANS IN BAD PLACES

1. Elijah was out of place under the juniper (I Kings 19:4).
2. Abram was compromised in Egypt (Gen. 12:10).
3. Jonah was out of divine will in the whale's stomach (Jonah 2).
4. David was on the devil's territory on the housetop (II Sam. 11:2).
5. Lot was backslidden in Sodom (Gen. 14:12).

6. Peter was with the world before the fire (Luke 22:55).

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090 -- HELP IN THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION

I. God's Children Must:

1. In faith resist temptation (Eph. 6:16).
2. Watch against temptation (I Peter 5:8).
3. Pray that they be kept from temptation (Matt. 6:13).
4. Avoid the way of temptation (Prov. 4:14,15).

II. God Will:

1. Make a way of escape (I Cor. 10:13).
2. Not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (I Cor. 10:13).
3. Enable His saints to bear temptation (I Cor. 10:13).
4. Permit temptation to come to test our faith (I Peter 1:7).

III. Christ Our Example in Temptation:

1. He endured (Matt. 4:1-11).
2. He resisted with the Word of God (Matt. 4:4,7,10).
3. He overcame (Matt. 4:11).
4. He is able to aid us when tempted (Heb. 2:18).

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091 -- THE GOSPEL OF FORGIVENESS

1. God alone blots out the sins (Isa. 44:22).
2. All trespasses are forgiven (Col. 2:13).
3. The blood is the ground of forgiveness (I John 1:7).
4. Believing is the condition of forgiveness (Acts 10:43).
5. Forgiveness is personal (Luke 7:48).
6. It is forgiveness forever (Heb. 10:17).
7. It is for Christ's sake (I John 2:12).
8. Sins are removed from life's record (Psalm 103:12).
9. Sin is cleansed (I John 1:7,9).

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092 -- FOUR GLORIOUS INVITATIONS

I. Come that you may see -- Jesus (John 1:39).

II. Come that you may taste -- the goodness of God (John 7:37).

III. Come that you may dine -- the Bread of heaven (John 21:12).

IV. Come that you may rest -- peacefulness of the soul (Matt. 11:28).

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093 -- CHRISTIAN EXHORTATIONS

Exhort Christians to:

1. Fight the fight of faith (I Tim. 6:12).
2. Follow after faith (I Tim. 6:11).
3. Be an example of faith (I Tim. 4:12).
4. Be strong in the words of faith (I Tim. 4:6).
5. Hold the mystery of faith (I Tim. 3:9).
6. Possess an unfeigned faith (I Tim. 1:5).
7. Have victory through faith (John 5:4-10).

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094 -- UNPOPULAR PREACHERS AND THEIR THEMES

1. The coming of the Lord -- Enoch (Jude 14).
2. The judgment of water -- Noah (Heb. 11:7).
3. Let the Lord's people go -- Moses (Ex. 8:1).
4. Personal responsibility -- Nathan (II Sam. 12:7)
5. The heavens are closed -- Elijah (I Kings 17:1).
6. Destruction and desolation -- Jeremiah 28:16).
7. No other name -- Peter and John (Acts 4:12).
8. Rejection of Christ -- Paul (Acts 22:21).

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095 -- THE GLORY OF CONFESSING CHRIST

1. There will come a day of universal confession of Christ (Phil. 2:10,11).
2. Confess and believe and be saved (Rom. 10:9,10).
3. Confession is made unto salvation (Rom. 10:10).
4. Confess before men, and be confessed before angels (Luke 12:8,9).
5. Shine as lights, glorify the father (Matt. 5:16).
6. Confess, and God will indwell you (I John 4:15).

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096 -- BEST BIBLE PASSAGES TO READ WHEN:

1. If you doubt the Bible, read II Tim. 3:14-17.
2. If you are troubled, read John 14:1-3.
3. If you are worried, read Matt. 6:19-34.
4. If you are discouraged, read Psalm 91.
5. If God seems distant, read Psalm 139.
6. If you lack rest, read Matt. 11:25-30.
7. If you are sick, turn to James 5:14,15; Psalm 41:2-4.
8. If you are fearful, read Matt. 6:25-34.
9. If you are tempted, read Isa. 40:28-31; James 1:12.
10. If you have sinned, read I John 1:7-9.
11. If you fail to count your blessings, read Psalm 103.
12. If your faith is weak, read Heb. 11.
13. If your courage is limited, read II Cor. 12:9.
14. If you are unhappy, read Col. 3:1-17.
15. If you are bitter, read I Cor. 13.
16. If you are unsaved, read John 3:16.
17. If you are a Christian warrior, read I Tim. 6:12.
18. If you want a divine Savior, read John 6:47.
19. If you want assurance of divine mercy, read John 5:24; Psalm 40:1-5.
20. If you lack a sense of God's protection, read Matt. 10:29-31.
21. If you want God's rules for your life, read James 1:19; Rom. 12:1,2.
22. If you want to know what are the rewards of a Christian, read Matt. 5:1-12; I Cor. 15:41-58.

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097 -- BIBLE REVIVALS AND THEIR LEADERS

1. The Revival at the Brook -- produced by prayer and wrestling with an angel. Jacob leader (Gen. 32:24-30).
2. The Revival When the Ark Returned -- produced by the ark indicating God's presence, and putting away idols. Led by Samuel (I Sam. 7:1-17).
3. Revival led by David -- produced by faith and smiting the enemies of the Lord (II Kings 23:1-27).
4. Revival led by Elijah -- produced by prayer and divine fire falling (1 Kings 18:21-29)
5. Revival of Bible Reading -- Produced by reading God's Word. Ezra and Nehemiah leaders (Neh. 8:1-12).

6. Revival by John the Baptist -- produced by preaching repentance and by baptism (Matt. 3:1-12).

7. A Personal Worker's Revival led by Andrew -- produced by one man finding his brother (John 1:35-51).

8. A Revival led by a Woman -- produced by one woman finding Christ (John 4:28-42).

9. The Revival of Pentecost, led by Peter, and produced by praying until the Holy Spirit came (Acts 2).

10. The Revival in the Church, led by Peter, and produced by praying until the place was shaken by the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:23-37).

11. The Ananias Revival, led by Peter, and brought about through fear wrought by the Spirit (Acts 5:1-14).

12. The Revival at the Home of Cornelius, led by Peter, and produced by preaching sanctification (Acts 10:1-40).

13. The Revival at Antioch, led by Paul, and produced by preaching the Word, and by a miracle (Acts 13:14-44).

14. Revival led by Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:45-49).

15. The Jail Meeting, led by Paul and Silas, and wrought through preaching "Christ as the Savior" (Acts 16:23-34).

16. The Revival at Ephesus, Paul the preacher, and brought about through preaching the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-20).

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PART VI -- DIFFICULTIES, DOUBTS, EXCUSES AND PERPLEXING QUESTIONS MET BY PERSONAL WORKERS

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098 -- EXCUSES

Meet every difficulty, excuse, or problem with a scripture passage, is the true way to win as a personal worker.

I. There Are Too Many Hypocrites:

1. Judge not. Cast the beam out of your own eye (Matt. 7:1-5).

2. You are inexcusable (Rom. 2:1-3).
3. Everyone must answer for himself (Rom. 14:10-12).
4. No hypocrites will be in heaven (Matt. 23:13,33; 24:51).

II. It is Not Right for God to Damn a Man:

1. A way of salvation is offered all (Mark 16:16-20).
2. Man condemns himself by not accepting salvation (John 3:18,36).

III. I Am Not Much of a Sinner:

1. You are born in sin (Psalm 51:5).
2. Your heart is full of sin (Jer. 17:9,10; Mark 7:21-23).
3. Everyone is a sinner (Rom. 3:10-12,23).
4. If you are not serving God you are a sinner (I John 3:8).
5. You are guilty of the sin of unbelief (John 16:8,9; Heb. 28-31).
6. You will be held accountable for your sins (Rom. 2:4-6).
7. If you do not repent, hell will be your doom (Rev. 21:8).

IV. I Am as Good as Those Who Profess:

1. Must receive Jesus (John 12:44-48).
2. Salvation by grace and not by works (Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 4:3,5).
3. Must believe and be baptized (Mark 16:16).

V. I Do Not See Harm in the Pleasures of the World:

1. They stifle the spirit and hinder Christ (Luke 8:11-14).
2. They result in death (I Tim. 5:6).
3. Make enemies of God (James 4:4).
4. We must give up all to follow Christ (Luke 14:33).

VI. I Used to Be a Christian:

1. Better that you had never been saved (II Peter 2:20-22).
2. God calls you to return to Him (Jer. 3:12-14).
3. God promises forgiveness (Hos. 14:1,2,4).
4. Pray David's prayer of restoration (Psalm 51:12,13).

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099 -- HOPES WHICH ARE FALSE

Christ is the only true foundation: all other hopes are false.

I. I'll Get to Heaven at Last:

1. But not without Christ. He is the way (John 14:6).
2. Name must be written in the Lamb's Book of life (Rev. 21:27).
3. No sinner shall inherit the kingdom (I Cor. 6:9,10).

II. I Keep the Law of God, I'll Be Saved:

1. None righteous without Christ (Rom. 3:10-12,23).
2. None saved by deeds of law (Rom. 3:20).
3. Not justified by works; but by faith (Gal. 3:10).

III. I'm Trying:

1. Not by trying but by faith (Acts 16:30,31).
2. Trust necessary, not trying (Psalm 37:5).
3. The Lord is your salvation (Isa. 12:2).

IV. I Am a Church Member:

1. Remember they prophesied in Christ's name, but were not saved. The foundation was not Christ (Matt. 7:21-27).

V. Everybody Will Be Saved:

1. Unrighteousness will not inherit heaven (I Cor. 6:9,10).
2. Unbelieving will be cast into hell (Rev. 21:8).
3. Those who do Christ's will enter heaven (Rev. 22:14).

VI. All Are Children of God, and Will Not Be Lost:

1. Not so. The righteous alone are God's children (I John 3:10).
2. There are children of the wicked one (Matt. 13:38).
3. Some are of their father the devil (John 8:44).
4. Others are by nature the children of wrath (Eph. 2:3).

VII. I Lead a Moral Life:

1. Must be washed (Titus 3:5).
2. Cannot establish our own righteousness (Rom. 10:1-4).
3. God looks alone on the heart (I Sam. 16:7).
4. We cannot justify ourselves (Luke 16:15).
5. The moral Pharisee was condemned (Luke 18:8-14).

VIII. I'll Have Another Opportunity After I Die:

1. Death finishes all (Prov. 11:7).

2. Today is time to work and live, for in the grave, there is no such possibility (Eccl. 9:10).
3. In hell there is no chance to change (Luke 16:19-26).

IX. God Will Save Me in His Own Time:

1. You must repent, before He will save you (Luke 13:5).
2. You must be converted first (Matt. 18:3).
3. You must believe (Mark 16:16).
4. You must be born again (John 3:3).
5. You must confess Christ (Matt. 10:32,33).
6. You must choose life and live (Deut. 30:19).

X. I Have Plenty of Time to Decide:

1. You do not know what tomorrow will bring to you (Prov. 27:1).
2. God's Spirit will not always strive (Gen. 6:3).
3. Must call while God is near (Isa. 55:6).
4. Now is the accepted time, and the day of salvation (II Cor. 6:1, 2).

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100 -- DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY THE SINNER

I. I Can't Hold Out:

1. God is able to keep you (II Tim. 1:12).
2. God will perform the work for you (Phil. 1:6).

II. I Will Lead Astray Easily:

1. God will give you power (Isa. 40:28-31).
2. God will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able to bear (I Cor. 10:13).
3. God will help you, and uphold you (Isa. 41:10).
4. God's grace is sufficient for you (II Cor. 12:9,10).

III. Friends Will Make Fun of Me:

1. If you are ashamed of Christ, He will be ashamed of you (Mark 8:38).
2. You will be blessed when you are ridiculed and reviled for Christ's sake (Matt. 5:11,12).

IV. My Relatives Will Cast Me Off:

1. You must love God above relatives (Matt. 10:36,37).
2. Leave all, and great will be your reward (Luke 6:22,23).
3. Leave parents, etc., and you will inherit everlasting life (Matt. 19:27-29).

V. I Cannot Forgive:

1. You must forgive before God will forgive you (Matt. 6:14,15).
2. You can forgive through Christ's strength (Phil. 4:13).

VI. I Haven't Enough Feeling:

1. Not by feeling but by looking will you be converted (Isa. 45:22).
2. Not by emotion, but by believing is salvation (John 1:12).
3. If you have the Son, you are saved, not sentiment, or feelings aroused, or emotions stirred (I John 5:12).

VII. My Sins Are Too Many and. Too Great:

1. Not your sins, but the great Savior, who is able to save all (Heb. 7:25).
2. Christ came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).
3. Christ came to call sinners to repentance (Matt. 9:12,13).
4. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white (Isa. 1:18).
5. Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6-8).
6. God will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7).

VIII. I Can't See My Way:

1. God will lead you, and make the darkness light (Isa. 42:16).
2. Jesus is the light, and you can follow Him (John 8:12).

IX. I Tried to Be a Christian, But Couldn't:

1. You failed to seek God with your whole heart (Jer. 29:11-13).
2. You did not commit yourself unreservedly to Christ (Isa. 53:4-7; II Tim. 1:12).
3. You did not trust in the Lord (Psalm 37:5).
4. You failed to unite with the church (Acts 2:41).
5. You failed to confess Christ (Rom. 10:10).
6. You failed to read the Bible (Luke 4:4).
7. You did not present yourself a living sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1, 2).

X. I Am Not Good Enough to Be Saved:

1. Jesus came to call such as you are (Matt. 9:12,13).
2. Come as the prodigal did (Luke 15:18-24).

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1. My ways are right (read Prov. 14:12).
2. We are pure in ourselves (Prov. 30:12).
3. We are better than others (Luke 18:11).
4. We may have peace while in sin (Deut. 29:19).
5. Gifts entitle us to heaven (Matt. 3:9).
6. God will forget and not punish our sins (Psalm 10:11).
7. Christ will not come to judge us (II Peter 3:4).
8. Our lives shall be prolonged (James 4:13; Matt. 21-23).
9. Self-delusions such as these are fatal to the unsaved (Matt. 7:23; 25:11,12).

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102 -- MEETING THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE LOST

I. My Heart is Too Hard:

1. Paul was the chief of sinners, yet saved (I Tim. 1:15).
2. The thief on the cross was saved (Luke 23:39-43).
3. The harlot at Jacob's well was saved (John 4).
4. The jailer was saved (Acts 16:25-31).
5. David's crime of murder was forgiven (Psalm 51).
6. God has promised forgiveness (Heb. 7:25; Rev. 22:17).

II. I Cannot Break with My Sins:

1. The wages of sin is death; you must turn (Rom. 6:23).
2. You can be made free by the power of Christ (John 8:36).
3. You must not yield your body to sin and evil (Rom. 6:12-14).

III. I Have Crossed the Dead Line:

1. Note -- God will abundantly pardon; call while He is near (Isa. 55:4,6).
2. God is long-suffering (II Peter 3:9).
3. God promised to receive all who came to Him (Rom. 10:13; Rev. 22:17).
4. You still have feelings leading to a desire to be a Christian (Heb. 7:25).

IV. I Cannot Believe:

1. In Jesus Christ (John 3:16; John 1:12).
2. In the Bible (I Thess. 2:13).
3. In the atonement (Rom. 9:20-24).
4. In the fact of hell and eternal punishment:
 - a. The wicked shall be cast into hell (Psalm 9:17).
 - b. Body and soul can be destroyed in hell (Matt. 10:28).
 - c. Sinners shall be turned into hell (Rev. 21:8).
 - d. The rich man was in hell (Luke 16:30).

V. I Will Wait -- Not Tonight:

1. God's wrath overhangs you (John 3:36).
2. His wrath is revealed against unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18).
3. You are liable to have the Spirit withdrawn from you (Gen. 6:3).
4. Your heart will become hardened, if you wait (Heb. 2:1; 3:7,8).
5. Turn now; death may overtake you (Prov. 27:1).
6. You may suddenly be destroyed (Prov. 29:1).
7. You must now prepare to meet God (Amos 4:12).
8. Now is the accepted time (II Cor. 6:2).
9. This night your soul may be required of you (Luke 12:19, 20).
10. Christ's return may come suddenly upon you (Matt. 25:10-12).

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103 -- WORKING WITH THOSE UNDER CONVICTION

1. Point them to Christ, who will take away their sins (John 1:29).
2. Show them Jesus, able to save (Heb. 7:25)
3. Teach them how to forsake all forms of sins (Isa. 55:6,7).
4. Show them that they must repent (Luke 13:3).
5. Get them to put off all former things (Eph. 4:22-24).
6. Let them expect, when conditions are met, the witness of their adoption (Rom. 8:15,16).

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104 -- QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE UNCONVERTED

I. What is Salvation?

1. It is believing on Christ (Acts 16:31).
2. It is what Jesus came into the world to bring (I Tim. 1:15).
3. Jesus died to purchase salvation (I Peter 2:24).
4. God gave Christ to purchase it (John 3:16).
5. It is confessing with the mouth Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9,11).

II. Can I Overcome My Habits of Sins.

1. They can be changed by God's power (Isa. 1:18).
2. God will give you a new heart (Ezek. 36:26,27).
3. The Son will make you free from them (John 8:36).
4. When born of God, you will overcome the world (I John 5:4,5).
5. God will give you power when weak (Isa. 40:29-31).

III. Can Christ Save Me from My Sins?

1. Jesus came to save you (Matt. 1:21).
2. He came to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).
3. Jesus will deliver you from the body of your sins (Rom. 7:21-25).

IV. Must I Give Up Every Sin?

1. You cannot serve God and sin (Matt. 6:24).
2. If you keep the law, and stumble in one point, you will be lost (James 2:10).
3. If you sow a sin, you will reap from it (Gal. 6:7,8).
4. You must love God with all your being (Matt. 22:37-39).

V. Why Do You Think That I Am a Sinner?

1. All have gone astray (Isa. 53:6).
2. We deceive ourselves when we say we do not sin, when unconverted (I John 1:8,10).

VI. Will Sin Destroy Me?

1. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
2. You will be cursed if you live in sin (Gal. 3:10).
3. If you do not believe, wrath abides on you (John 3:36).
4. The unbelieving shall be cast into hell (Rev. 21:8).
5. If you do not believe you are judged already (John 3:18).

VII. Is God's Love Universal?

1. God so loved the world (John 3:16).
2. Christ was bruised for us (Isa. 53:5,6).
3. While we were sinners, Christ died for us -- including all (Rom. 5:8).
4. He invites all to come (Matt. 11:28).

VIII. Can I Hold Out?

1. God's power will guard you (I Peter 1:5).
2. God is able to keep you (Jude 24).
3. God will be with you (Isa. 41:10).
4. God will keep what you commit to Him (II Tim. 1:12).
5. For every temptation there will be a way of escape (I Cor. 10:13).

IX. What If I Can't Conquer My Doubts?

1. Thomas conquered his doubts, so you can (John 20:29).
2. If you do God's will you shall know (John 7:17).
3. When spiritual you will understand spiritual things (I Cor. 2:14).
4. If you will do the truth you will see the light (John 3:21 R. V.).

X. What If I Lose My Job?

1. No profit to gain the world, and lose your soul (Mark 8:36, 37).
2. God will clothe you (Matt. 6:30).
3. God will not withhold any good thing (Psalm 84:11).
4. Moses followed this course (Heb. 11:24-26).
5. All things can be counted as loss for Christ (Phil. 3:7,8).
6. Seek first the kingdom, all else will be added (Matt. 6:33).
7. Seek the world and your soul may be required (Luke 12:16-20).
8. Consider the ravens (Luke 12:22-24).

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105 -- WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU BELIEVE

I. After You Believe:

1. Forsake your wicked ways (Isa. 55:7).
2. Look to Jesus (Heb. 12:1,2).
3. Walk in the light (I John 1:7).
4. Cease from sinning (I John 3:8).
5. Stop living after the flesh (Rom. 8:12-14).
6. Present your bodies a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).
7. Overcome temptations (Rev. 3:5).
8. Keep the heart with diligence (Prov. 4:23-27).
9. All you do, do it to God's glory (I Cor. 10:31).
10. Abstain from fleshly lusts (I Peter 2:11).
11. Be not of the world (John 15:19).
12. Study the Bible (II Tim. 2:15).
13. Attend church (Acts 5:42).
14. Call upon God (Jer. 33:3).
15. Pray much (Phil. 4:6).
16. Praise the Lord (Psalm 92:1-6).
17. Fast and pray (Matt. 17:21).
18. Seek sanctification (I Thess. 5:23,24).
19. Be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4).
20. Dwell in Christ (I John 4:13).
21. Grieve not the Spirit (Eph. 4:30).
22. Put on the new things of God (Col. 3:12,13).

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106 -- DEALING WITH DIFFERENT CLASSES OF PEOPLE

I. Those Who Are Converted and Wish to Grow:

1. Publicly confess Christ (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9,10).
2. Love Christ and follow His steps (John 15:14).
3. Be baptized (Matt. 28:18-20).
4. Be united with the church (Acts 2:41-47).
5. Study the Word and pray (Acts 2:41-43).
6. Observe the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:15-20).
7. Seek a place to win souls (Matt. 4:19; 28:18-20).
8. Take heed unto what you believe (I Tim. 4:16).
9. Give liberally (2 Cor. 9:6-8; Mal. 3:10).
10. Seek the Holy Spirit for purity and power (Acts 1:8; Acts 5:32).
11. Seek constantly to win souls (Matt. 4:19; Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3).

II. Those Who Are Pleasure Loving:

1. Show them that the flesh and spirit have nothing in common (Gal. 5:17-21).
2. Walk not as the others do (Eph. 4:17-31).
3. You must not be yoked with the world (II Cor. 6:14-18).
4. You must not love the world (I John 2:15-17).
5. You must choose between Christ and the world (I John 2:15; Isa. 55:7).

III. Those Once Active But Now Careless:

1. Seek forgiveness again, and cleansing (I John 1:9).
2. Turn again unto the Lord (II Chron. 15:4).
3. God will blot out the backslider's iniquities (Isa. 43:22-25).
4. Come as the prodigal did, and receive the kiss of forgiveness (Luke 15:18, 20).
5. Backslidings bring grief upon you, as it did Solomon (I Kings 11:4,9,11).
6. Your backslidings will reprove you (Jer. 2:5,12,13,19).

IV. Those Who Have Never Publicly Confessed Christ:

1. You must confess publicly (Matt. 10:32,33).
2. Confess and be confessed by Christ (Rom. 15:9,10).
3. You must give an account of yourself (Rom. 14:11,12).

V. Those Who Lack Assurance of Forgiveness:

1. Do God's will and you will know (John 7:17).
2. Believe and you have passed from death to life (John 5:24).
3. If you meet the conditions of forsaking and believing, you are abundantly pardoned (Isa. 55:6,7).
4. If you hear Christ's voice, open your heart, and He will enter (Rev. 3:20).
5. Follow Christ and you will live in the light (John 8:12).
6. You can have the witness of the Spirit to your adoption (Rom. 8:15,16).

VI. Those Who Are Severely Tempted:

1. Endure and be blessed (James 1:12-15).
2. God will establish you (I Peter 5:8-10).
3. You can bear every temptation (I Cor. 10:13).
4. A way of escape will be provided (I Cor. 10:13).
5. God's grace is our sufficiency (II Cor. 12:9).
6. Resist unto blood (Heb. 12:3,4).
7. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
8. Trial will test you, that the gold will be proved (I Peter 1:6-8).
9. In all of these you can be conquerors (Rom. 8:37-39).
10. Christ will not leave you desolate (John 14:18,19).
11. Believe in God, in Christ, and look to the glory of the golden mansions (John 14:1-3).

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107 -- DEALING WITH THOSE WHO SEEK DIVINE POWER AND ENDUEMENT

The Holy Spirit is the Only Source of Power

1. You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes in (Acts 1:8).
2. It is the Holy Spirit that will speak through you (Mark 13:11).
3. Jesus has promised that He might baptize with the Spirit (Matt. 3:11).
4. Jesus, breathing upon the disciples, said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21,22).
5. It is the Holy Spirit that teaches us (John 14:26).
6. Pentecost came about because of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).
7. The power of Stephen came because he was full of the Spirit (Acts 6:5).
8. The Church is multiplied when it walks in the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31).
9. We speak not in power of man's words, but in the power of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:13; Rom. 15:13).

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108 -- GOD AND THE LOST -- DEALING WITH THE UNSAVED

I. Before God the Lost:

1. Shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5)
2. Children of wrath (Eph. 2:3)
3. Condemnation rests upon them (John 3:36)
4. The unbeliever's heart is a pit of corruption (Isa. 38:18)

II. The Unbeliever's Peril:

1. He is on a slippery way (Jer. 23:12).
2. He faces sudden destruction (Prov. 29:1).

3. He will be turned into hell (Psalm 9:17).
4. He shall be punished with everlasting destruction (II Thess. 1:7-10).

III. God's Attitude Toward the Unbeliever:

1. He will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7).
2. He loves the sinner with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).
3. Christ gave Himself for the sinner (Gal. 2:20).

IV. God's Provision for the Lost:

1. He gave His Word to lead them (Psalm 119:105).
2. He gave Jesus for the sinner (John 1:29).
3. He gives the Holy Spirit to quicken the sinner (John 16:8-10).

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109 -- THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION: WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

I. You Must Heed the Gospel Invitation:

1. "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come . . ." (Isa. 55:1).
2. "Hearken diligently unto me" (Isa. 55:2).
3. "Incline your ear and come" (Isa. 55:3).
4. Come now and reason (Isa. 1:18).
5. Come ye that labor (Matt. 11:28-30).
6. Let him that heareth come (Rev. 22:17).

II. You Must Decide:

1. As the prodigal, decide to arise and go (Luke 15:17-20).
2. As Zacchaeus, decide to make haste and go (Luke 19:5,6).
3. As Levi, decide to follow Jesus (Luke 5:27,28).
4. As the jailer, decide at once (Acts 16:33).

III. Walk the Seven-stepped Golden Stairs:

1. Be convicted of sin -- Conviction (Acts 2:37; John 16:8).
2. Be sorrowful for your sins -- Contrition (II Cor. 7:10).
3. Make full confession of your evil -- Confession (Psalm 51:3,4).
4. Renounce gladly your unrighteousness -- Renunciation (Isa. 55:7).
5. Make complete restitution for your sin -- Restitution (Luke 19:8).
6. Depart from iniquity -- Reformation (II Tim. 2:19).
7. Let all things become new -- Transformation (II Cor. 5:17).

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110 -- RULES FOR THE YOUNG CONVERT

1. Be pleasing unto God (I Thess. 4:1; I John 3:22).
2. Overcome the world (I John 5:4,5).
3. Try to win someone else (John 1:40-42).
4. Be sure that you are converted (II Peter 1:10).
5. Surrender everything you have for God (Rom. 12:1).
6. Forsake all that you have for God (Luke 14:33).
7. Go right forward in righteousness (Luke 9:62).
8. Pray always (Luke 21:36).
9. Search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11).
10. Serve God always (Acts 5:42; Mark 5:19,20).

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111 -- LEARNING TO STUDY THE BIBLE

One Great Difficulty is that Converts Do Not Know How to Study the Bible. Teach Them to Study It:

1. With diligence (Acts 17:11).
2. That they may see Jesus (John 5:39).
3. That they may grow in grace (Acts 20:32).
4. That they may be thoroughly furnished (II Tim. 3:16,17).
5. To be approved of God (II Tim. 2:15).
6. To be kept from sin (Psalm 119:11).
7. To compare spiritual things with spiritual (I Cor. 2:13).
8. With deep meditation (Josh. 1:8).
9. With prayer that the spiritual eyes may be opened to receive the truth (Psalm 119:18).
10. With the blessing of the Spirit as the teacher or leader (John 16:13,14).

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112 -- SCRIPTURE EXHORTATIONS FOR CHRISTIANS

1. If the Christian is idle, read James 1:22-25; James 4:17.
2. If he is doubting, read Matt. 14:31; Rom. 14:23 (R. V.).
3. If his relatives are unconverted, read I Cor. 7:12-16.
4. If he is negligent of his duty, read Jer. 48:10 (R. V.).
5. If he is prayerless, read I Sam. 12:23; Matt. 26:41; James 4:2.
6. If he is a weak Christian, read Isa. 40:28-31; II Cor. 12:9,10.
7. If he is burdened, read Matt. 11:28,29.
8. If he is heavy with sorrow, read I Thess. 4:13,14; Rev. 21:4.
9. If he is fearful, read Psalm 23:4; John 14:1-3,27.
10. If he is self-sacrificing, read Matt. 19:29.

11. For the faithful Christian, read for encouragement Rev. 2:10.

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113 -- THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN AND HIS RELATION TO THE WORLD

1. The world is full of sin and evil (I John 5:19; Gal. 1:4).
2. The devil is the god of the world (II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2).
3. The Christian must not be of the world (John 17:14-16).
4. Keep yourself separate from the world (II Cor. 6:14-18).
5. Do not conform to the activities of the world (Rom. 12:2; Lev. 18:1-3).
6. Do not love the world (I John 2:15,16).
7. Set your affections above the world (Col. 3:1-3).
8. God is displeased when you turn to the world (Psalm 78:55-60).
9. Unless you turn away, you will suffer with the world (Num. 16:26; Rev. 18:4).
10. Be not as those who profess to be Christians and live in the world (II Tim. 3:1-8).
11. If you love the world, you will forsake Christ (II Tim. 4:10; Job 21:11-15).
12. Better never to be saved, than to turn back to the world (II Peter 2:20-22).
13. Be careful what you do, that it be expedient (I Cor. 10:23; I Cor. 6:12).
14. Be careful that you do nothing to make others stumble (Rom. 14:13,21).
15. In the world you are to be God's Messenger (Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15; Acts 1:8).
16. You cannot live a worldly life and serve God (Matt. 6:24; 12:30).
17. You must abstain even from the appearance of the world (I Thess. 5:22).
18. You must not be entangled with the world (II Tim. 2:4).
19. Living in worldly pleasure should cease for the Christian (I Peter 1:1-5,14).
20. Choose Christian service and give up the world (Heb. 11:24-26).
21. Christ's blessings are promised to those who forsake the world (Psalm 1:1-3; Luke 18:29,30).

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114 -- MEETING THE SINNER'S EXCUSES ON HIS OWN GROUND

I. Not Now:

1. This is God's time (II Cor. 6:2).

II. Tomorrow:

1. Tomorrow may be too late (James 4:14).

III. Too Young:

1. Youth is time to seek God (Eccl. 12:1).
2. Later God may not be found (Isa. 55:6; Prov. 8:17).

IV. Give Me More Worldly Pleasures:

1. Seek peace in Christ (John 16:33; Psalm 16:11).
2. Better affliction with God's people, than the pleasures of sin for a while (Heb. 11:24-26).

V. I Want a Little More of the Goods of the World:

1. Get the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33).
2. All the world, not worth the loss of the soul (Matt. 16:26).
3. True riches consist not in things of the world (Luke 12:15-21).
4. Riches not good in the time of wrath (Prov. 11:4).

VI. I Am in Trouble:

1. Nothing better for trouble than salvation (Psalm 34:6,17).

VII. I Can Get Saved When I Please:

1. Remember it is possible to wait too long (Prov. 1:22,28; Luke 13:24, 25).
2. Remember also you may call some time and God may refuse (Prov. 1:24-28).

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115 -- "GOD IS TOO GOOD TO PUNISH A SINNER"

This is One of the Greatest Excuses of the Present. Urge Upon Sinners:

I. Punishment Comes from God (Lev. 26:18; Isa. 13:11).

II. Punishment is a Consequence of:

1. Sin (Lam. 3:39).
2. Iniquity (Jer. 36:31; Amos 3:2).
3. Rejection of God's law (I Sam. 15:23; Hosea 4:6-9).
4. Evil ways (Jer. 21:14).
5. Unbelief (Mark 16:16; Rom. 11:20).
6. Pride (Isa. 10:12).
7. Oppressing (Isa. 49:26).
8. Disobeying God (Eph. 5:6).
9. Rejecting the gospel (II Thess. 1:8).

III. Punishment is a Natural Fruit:

1. Of the sinners sin (Job 4:8; Isa. 3:11).
2. The reward of sin (Rom. 6:23).

3. Of the sinners designs (Esther 7:10; Psalm 57:6).

IV. In This Life Punishment Comes as:

1. Sickness (Lev. 26:16).
2. Deliverance unto enemies (Neh. 9:27).
3. Fear (Job 18:11).
4. A cast off or reprobate mind (Rom. 1:28).
5. Being put in slippery places (Psalm 73:3-19).
6. Trouble and distress (Isa. 8:22; Zeph. 1:15).

V. Future Punishment Will Be:

1. Hell (Luke 16:23).
2. Death (Rom. 6:23; 5:12-17).
3. Everlasting destruction (II Thess. 1:9).
4. Second death (Rev. 21:8).
5. Everlasting burning (Isa. 33:14).
6. Torment forever and ever (Rev. 14:11).

VI. The Sinner's Punishment Shall Be:

1. According to the deeds of the sinner (Matt. 16:27, Rom. 2:6,9).
2. According to their knowledge (Luke 12:47,48).
3. Increased as they neglect their privileges of accepting salvation (Matt. 11:21-24).

VII. This Punishment:

1. Is often sudden and unexpected (Psalm 35:8; I Thess. 5:3).
2. Finished at the judgment (Matt. 25:31,46).
3. When deferred, brings courage to sin more and more (Eccl. 8:11).

More knowledge of punishment will lead more sinners to accept salvation.

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116 -- "I DON'T BELIEVE IN HELL"

The Bible Teaches that There is a Hell, a Place of Punishment for Sinners.

I. Hell is a Place:

1. Of disembodied spirits (Acts 2:31).
2. Of torment (Luke 16:23).
3. Of future punishment, and destruction from God's presence (II Thess. 1:9).

II. Hell is Pictured as:

1. Everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46).
2. Everlasting fire (Matt. 25:41).
3. A furnace of fire (Matt. 13:42,50), and a lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).
4. Unquenchable fire (Matt. 3:12) and devouring fire (Isa. 33:14).

III. Hell is:

1. Eternal in its punishment (Isa. 33:14; Rev. 20:10).
2. The place where the wicked shall be turned into (Psalm 9:17).
3. The place that human power cannot save one from (Ezek. 32:27).
4. The place where the body suffers (Matt. 10:28).
5. The place of soul torments (Matt. 10:28).
6. The place where the society of the wicked lead to (Prov. 5:5; Prov. 9:18).

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