

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19 KJV

Fish on !

That is what a person yells out on one of those fishing shows on the television when they hook a big one. But what you don't see are the many tedious hours the fishermen spent in the hot sun, swatting at mosquito's; all-the- while wishing for a cool breeze and an even cooler glass of lemonade.

The hours he spent waiting for a fish to bite is comparable to us awaiting in some cases many years for even a Spiritual nibble out of someone who we've been witnessing to about Christ.

We need to Pray as we wait and as the saying goes;
"Do not beat the water" by repeatedly quickly casting over and over as in badgering someone incessantly about their Faith.

Allow time for the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives to awaken a hunger of Spiritual desire in the person you are witnessing to.

Above all else you must always be willing to "cut bait," when you get snagged. After all, what good comes from making a complete spectacle of yourself by trying to force a Faith issue upon someone who is unwilling to receive it? By doing that you are only making a mockery of your own Faith while scaring all the other fish away.

Learn GOD'S Word because that is your tackle box.

Then be ready to use the right lure, the right Scripture at the right place and time.

Do not just open up the same old can of worms on someone every time you see them.

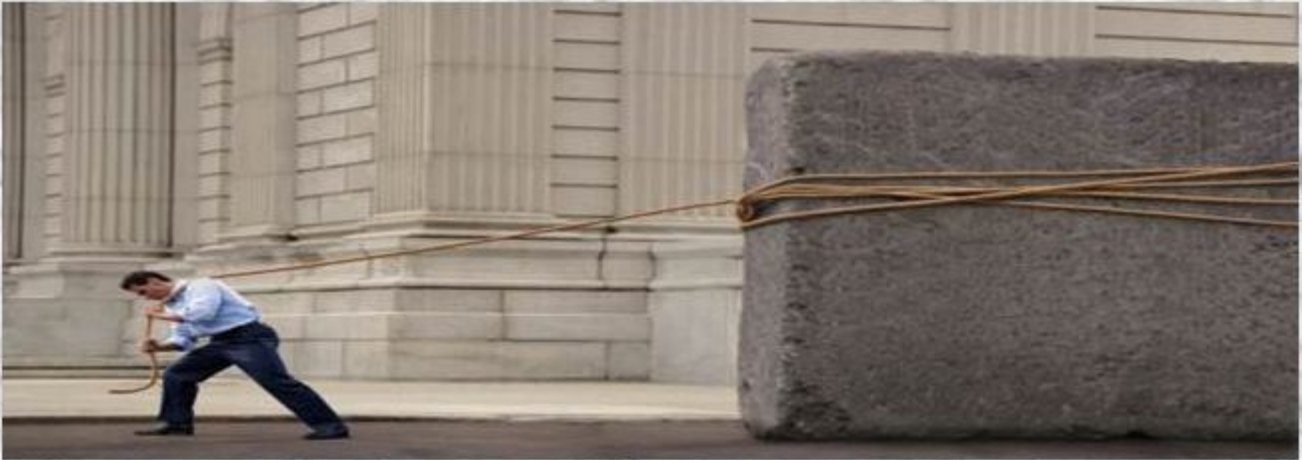
Listen to them.

Really listen.

Be their friend.

Just as Jesus is your friend.

Then offer what Biblical advice you can pertaining to their need. Only then will they wish to know more about what it is that you believe, when it truly matters to them.



Burdens

**Some burdens are great while others are small
Some are fake while others are insurmountably tall
Some we make by our own design
While others can only be overcome by GOD Divine**

**Sometimes we give them to Lord
By placing them in Prayer upon His Altar
But then we often falter
and we fuss
Because we do not trust
and then we
Pick them back up**

**This is when our burdens are their heaviest
As we forget that we are human
and can only bear so much
Because we try to do things on our own
As we struggle to carry them all alone**

**“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28 KJV**

The LORD's Prayer

Luke 11:1 (King James Version)

1And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

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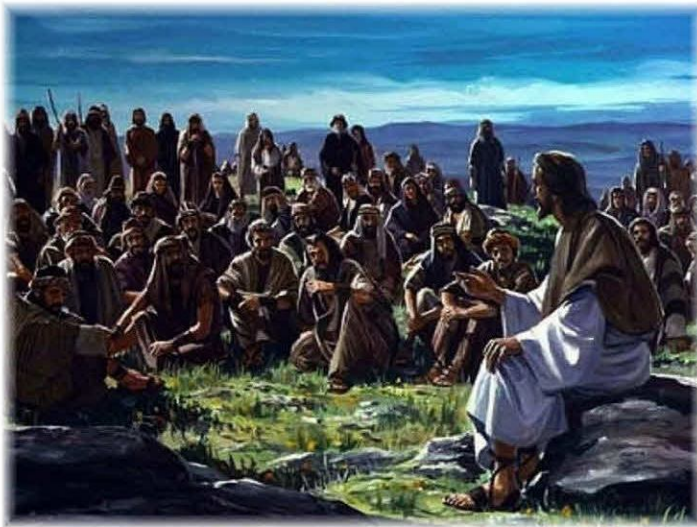
Salt & Light (We Are To Be)

Matthew 5:13 (New International Version)

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Salt not only gives a zesty taste to food but in those days a bag of salt was considered as valuable as a person's life, as a preservative in that hot climate. Just as salt can lose its savor, we as GOD'S people can tend at times to coast. As in just going through the motions, even without us being fully aware of it. GOD needs us to be diligent in our work of spreading the “ Good News of CHRIST “ Please remember it usually only takes just a pinch of salt to make things taste better. You might only need to say a few words or live as a good example, to make a lasting impression that will help plant a seed in a lost soul that grows to Faith and eternal life.

We are to show the Lord's zesty flavor for each life & how HE is the preservative



Matthew 5:14-15 (New Living Translation)

14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

How many times at night have you stumbled around in the darkness sliding your feet groping at the bed and the walls, when all that you had to do was turn on the light ? This is how the unsaved live each & every day of their lives, if they do not know JESUS as their personal Savior,... they live in darkness, they will die in darkness, they will forever be in darkness, GOD wishes for us all to come into HIS light and live.

We must do our part and let HIS light shine through us so others may see

JESUS Teaches That Uncontrolled Thought Is A Sin

Why ?

Because HE knows that by learning to control our thoughts & desires, we also learn to better control ourselves in our daily lives.

Here are a few examples :

Matthew 5:27-28 (King James Version)

27Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:21-22 (New Living Translation)

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ 22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

Notice that JESUS taught it is far better to “nip in the bud” such thoughts as jealousy, anger, & lust, than to allow the possibility of these thoughts to grow into action.

At your core you should strive to be the best you,... that you can be.

Pray to GOD for the strength to help you control negative thoughts or emotions.

It is perhaps one of the hardest things that any of us will ever learn to do.

We all have these thoughts and desires, just depend on the HOLY SPIRIT to teach you, to react quickly inside to suppress those feelings.

Mark 7:21-23 (New International Version)

He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

James 4:14-15 (New Living Translation)

but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

The road to sin starts in your mind, learn to get off that road, before you travel too far

JESUS taught
Guard your thought
Mental reactions
Cause action

GOD

**Does not accept empty pockets
as an excuse for a empty soul**

Listen, dear friends. Isn't it clear by now that God operates quite differently? He chose the world's down-and-out as the kingdom's first citizens, with full rights and privileges. This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God.
James 2:5 The Message

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*Do your best
then give to the Lord
all the rest*

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