



Trait #9- Inside Out
Day 1

Read 2 Peter 3:9

This verse tells us that it is not in God's heart that anyone perish in Hell. Yet, in the area that we live, statistics teach us that the majority of the people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. God has enlisted your help for this problem.

Read Matthew 28:19-20

Look around these verses in the passages before. Who was Jesus talking to?

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

As disciples that are to be going into the world and telling them about Jesus, write down three friends, family, or co-workers names that you can begin praying about reaching this week. End the day's devotion by spending time asking God for opportunities to fit something about church, God, or the Bible into a conversation this week. Pray that God starts working on their heart and drawing them to Himself.

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If you were to name one "job" you as a Christian should be doing (according to the bible) what would it be?

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Some of us search for God's will for our lives everyday. We ask ourselves, where does He want me to work, or should I go to this college or that, should I buy this house or not? Should I take this promotion? You get the picture. There is nothing wrong with seeking God's guidance in these matters. This is what He wants you to do. But if you are looking for your ultimate purpose in life, the answer is right there in God's word.

Read Matthew 28:18-20; This "Great commission" is for each and every one of God's children! **Why?** Because there is a lost and dying world out there and God doesn't want anyone to perish.(2 Peter 3:8,9).

Read Matthew 5:14-16; This means that we are God's representatives here on earth! And He has placed a great task before us His children. **To save His lost and dying sons and daughters and bring them to the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

You might say, "but that's not for me. I'm not outgoing enough," or " I don't feel confident in my knowledge of the scriptures to actually lead someone to Christ". Enough of the excuses. There are many ways to go about being a witness for Jesus. Just look at it this way: What if you were still unsaved because that person that led you to the Lord thought the way you did? Where would you be? Would you be blindly roaming your way trying to find your place in this world, lost in hopelessness and despair? This week we will get into more of what you can do to fulfill the "Great commission"

Read Acts 4:29-31; And as we see here, praying for boldness isn't a bad idea. So each morning before work or school, trying praying for boldness!



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Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; This verse is basically a summary of yesterday's devotions. We see here that we are ambassadors (representatives) for Christ here on earth. As though God were pleading through us to the world.... Be reconciled to Him!

Now, if you are not good at personally leading people to Christ, don't be disheartened. You can still be a "witness" and an example. Lets look at how:

Read Matthew 9:10-13; 11:18-19; As we see Jesus (who is our example) befriending "tax collectors and sinners" here, so should we! Now this doesn't mean you go out to bars or clubs and do what they do. This simply means for us not to treat those that are worldly as if they were untouchable. To reach anyone, you first need to be a friend to them. Be kind and caring. Hear them if they talk to you. (whether it be at your work station or whatever). You are not gonna reach someone for Christ if your cold, calculating and judgemental. Remember how Jesus treated the woman caught in adultery? (John 8:1-11). Jesus **always first met the person's needs, then He dealt with the sin.** The point is if you try and shove the gospel down someone's throat without truly showing you care, all you are going do is turn that person away from the truth. **You want them to WANT what you HAVE!**

Read Matthew 25:31-46; Here is a perfect example of what we are looking at.

So we see today the first step to being a witness is being a **friend**. I would do this before you even invite them to church. Think about it: If you never took the time to befriend them or get to know them, what do you think the odds are of them coming to church with you? My guess would be the odds aren't exactly good. **And if you are going to start to befriend someone (to show them the love of Christ) start praying now! Because the cool thing is you will have Unseen help! (Hebrews 1:14;" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation")**



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Day 4

Read 1 Timothy 4:12; Not only should we be an example to believers, but you can take this passage and use it the same towards unbelievers.

1. So first we need to befriend

2. now we need to be an example: read also Matthew 5:16

"That they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"

So whoever it is that's been on your mind, be conscience of your words and actions around them. Remember, as soon as they know you are a Christian, they will be watching your every word and action... even when you think they are not.

One of your goals is to get them to come to church. It would be nice if they came to ours, **but don't discourage if in the course of time they want to go elsewhere.** Ultimately, it doesn't matter where they go as long as it's a good, bible teaching church. The important thing is that they go to a church and hear about Jesus.

However, there is something I want you to be aware of. Your witness (even if its just the simple fact that they know you are a Christian) may not be accepted at first.... there is a reason for this. Don't take it personally.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; The mind of this person you are trying to witness to has a veil over it. The god of this age is blinding him or her....**But don't let this discourage you, Continue praying and remember Hebrews 1:14; GOD will send help! You just need to remain faithful in praying as Daniel was: Daniel 10:12**



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Day 5

Read 1 Peter 3:15-17; Today we see... "be ready"

1. be a friend
2. be an example
3. be ready

How do we "be ready"?

We need to be praying for the individual on our mind. (Ephesians 1:15-21; is a great prayer to pray, make it personal for the individual, even using their name) This is important because the veil over their mind needs removed and only God can remove it. Praying for someone to be saved is praying in accordance with God's will, because he wants no one to perish.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16, and 2 Timothy 2:15;

We need to be reading our bibles, so we know how to "give a defense to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is in you"

Remember our **duty as christians is to go into all the world and make disciples of all men.**

So if you think just going to church every Sunday is enough, well, its not. We as Christians do not want to put the light that is in us under a basket. Meaning we need to share with others the reason for our hope.

So make it your goal to answer God's call, and be a fisher of men!

Read Psalm 51:12,13