



SHARE YOUR FAITH

Pt. 2 - Notes

Thawing Frozen Churches – How to Double God’s Joy

Thawing Frozen Churches

- The frozen chosen – don’t smile, don’t shake hands etc...
- Eventually those we are witnessing to will need to be placed in a Christian church.
 - Everything we do to get someone to church can be undone we they come to church.
- People are thinking - what if they don’t accept me? – I’m leaving my church to go to this new church.
 - All kinds of what if’s and doubts go through someone’s head when they make this huge step.
- We need to greet people, talk to them, find out their name etc... kill them with kindness. We must be friendly not only with each other but with others!
- Reason churches aren’t friendly – good one on one not good in groups, they appear to be unfriendly
- Learn how to great a stranger and be friendly
 - keep eye contact
- F.O.R.T. technique – Family, Occupation, Religion, Testimony**
 - Hi my name is...
 - Give and take
 - What’s your religious background?
- Practice
- Invite other to your house to eat
- Offer to drive people

How to Double God’s Joy

- Luke 15:7
- Grow God’s Kingdom not churches
- Jesus’ joy is in “seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice.” [DA, p.142]**
- Win one person a year, double your own personal relationship, focus on one person at a time, and don’t focus on the masses.
- People are saved by personal influence, personal influence is power
- 2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul passed the spiritual baton
Paul learned from God, Paul taught many witnesses, who taught Timothy, who passed it on to faithful men and they taught others also.
- Everybody who learns the truth is to pass the truth along
- If everybody won one person to the truth each year, the church would double in one year.
- Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. [8 Test. P. 47]**

Evangelist

1,000/day
 1-365,000/year
 2-730,000
 3-1.09 mil.
 4-1.46 mil.
 5 – 1.82 mil.
 8 – 2.92 mil.
 23 – 8.39 mil.

Discipler

1/year
 2/year
 4
 8
 16
 32
 256
 8.38 mil.

24 – 8.76 mil.	16.77 mil.
25 – 9.12 mil.	33.55 mil.
26 – 9.48 mil.	67.10 mil.

-Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood and know their spiritual condition. If professed Christians had engaged in this work from the time when their names were first placed on the church books...thousands upon thousands would today stand with God's commandment-keeping people. [6 Test. P. 296]

-Thousands are being won elsewhere because they are following a plan that we are not.

Assignment – Make a commitment to win one person

Favorite Fishing Holes

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

-Fishermen need to know how to fish, where to fish, when to fish, what bait to use etc...

-Media Survey

-It Is Written, Amazing Facts, Voice of Prophecy etc... spend millions of dollars on interests. Very few people follow up on the names.

-You represent each of these ministries. Visit them talk with them, offer FREE Bible study guides

-Church Visitors

Announce during announcements. Have them fill out visitor's card. Offer FREE gift for visiting today. VISIT THEM THAT DAY.

When visiting don't stay or talk long, don't even go in the house. Whoever drops the book off watches for them the next week and develops relationships.

-Former/Inactive Members

-Generally only 50% of members regularly attend church.

-Visit them; ask input, do 10 question survey, "We are making changes in the church etc..."

-How did you become a member of the church? Who are some of your friends in the church?

Are there any members of the church that you've had a difficult time with?

-Nod and say I'm sorry to hear that, NEVER DEFEND THE CHURCH OR PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.

You are there to listen.

-Go, develop/re-develop these relationships.

Some people may say "I believe there are good people in all churches and we'll all go to Heaven, what do you think?"

This is not the time to tell them "you're wrong." Say, "God has people everywhere and He's looking to draw them to Him.

Zec13:6 And one shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

Reveal what is needed as it is needed. See John 7:8, 10. We must pace what we say to people.

-Don't say "Where have you been!" to inactive members. Say something like "it's good to see you".

-Bible Study Offer Card (3-15 responses per thousand)

-Many people mail the studies out, but the best way is to personally visit. This way you can answer their questions etc...

-At someone's door they are thinking who are you , what do you want, how long are you going to be here, and what is it going to cost me. These need to be answered right away. *"Hi, my name is Brandon Senior we received a card (hold up the card) the you sent in requesting the Bible study guides and I just dropped by to drop them off, can I show you how to do them?"*

-You will have to answer the question "who is sponsoring these studies?" People need to know who they are studying with.

-Letter to family and friends * SEE END OF NOTES

-Send a letter letting them you are taking a course and one of your goals in this course is to learn your Bible better. The course recommends some Bible study guides and that you would share with others and as you share with other people it helps you know your Bible better. This is assignment I have, would you be willing to help me?

-Jesus used this method; He asked a favor (John 4:7).

Door – to – Door (This is the most successful means)

Our Children – Let's make sure our children love Jesus and stay in the church

Literature Distribution – "Here's something for you to read if you get a chance."

Assignment – Go Fishing

Jesus' Method Works

– Are more people won on a public level or a personal level? –

-Learn from Christ the science of soul saving [Review and Herald 03/30/1905]

-Christ's method alone will give *true* success in reaching the people...The Savior mingled as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.' **[Ministry of Healing p. 143]**

-Socialize with people. We must get out of our Christian cocoon and go where the lost are. While we should cultivate sociability, let it not be merely for amusement, but for a purpose. There are souls to save. **[Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 599]**

-Get acquainted with people in everyday avenues of life. Join a health club or other appropriate clubs, enter a class, volunteer etc... all while asking God to give us a purpose for winning souls to Christ.

-Sympathize with others

-Minister to their needs. **Serve others.**

-Win their confidence. Winning confidence is not something you do, it's something that happens.

Socializing + Sympathizing + Serving = WINNING CONFIDENCE. Before winning someone to Christ you must first win their confidence.

-Follow Me. All these steps should lead people to a relationship with Christ.

-Build relationships outside of work and church. People will not make the transition to church without a trusting relationship.

-How to win confidence.

-Many people just want people to study the Bible with.

-People will wonder what you are after. We are not out to convert people, this is something only the Holy Spirit can do. We are out to help people understand the Bible better and come into a closer relationship with Christ. We can show people how to find the answers to their Bible questions.

-People are suspicious of others witnessing to them

-Questions that need answered: Which church are you from? (What they are really asking is, 'Are you safe to study with?'). Are you with a fringe religion or a fringe cult?

-Answer – I am from a church that I am very proud of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Have you heard much of Adventists? Let me tell you a little bit about what we believe.

4-C's of Adventism: Christ, Cross, Commandments, and Coming Again.

-It's best to study without denominationalism, without preconceived ideas, but sometimes you can't avoid it.

"I'm very proud of my church but that's not my goal here."

"I'm not born and bred in this church I am in this church because I believe that it teaches Bible truth."

-All some people know about us is the don'ts. Don't drink, don't do this or that.

-But great care should be exercised in accepting members into the church; for Satan has his specious devices through which he purposes to crowd false brethren into the church, through whom he can work more successfully to weaken the cause of God. [Review and Herald 01/10/1983].

We should teach people all of the Bible truths but we should also lead them to Jesus Christ. Sometimes we make them understand all the do's and don'ts and forget to ask if they are converted.

-When people tell you their personal issues, you have won their confidence.

Assignment – Follow Christ's method

***LETTER TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY – EXAMPLE LETTER**

Hello,

I am currently going through and Bible study class and one of the requirements is to give a Bible study to someone else. The purpose of the class is for me to learn my Bible better. I would really love it if you would help me out with this assignment and allow me to present these studies to you.

It is a prophecy series and it focuses primarily on the books of Daniel and Revelation but touches on all books of the Bible.

Please let me know when a good to start would be. I look forward to using this time to grow closer to you and God.

Blessings,