

# Holy Bible Fundamentals

This is a twelve-lesson course.

## Lesson 7

### Section 1

## Why We Should be Soulwinners

When Jesus saw Peter and Andrew who were fishermen, he said to them “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19). As we learn of Jesus we realize his heartthrob is to seek and to save them who are lost (Luke 19:10). In Luke 15:7, it says there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. Mark 8:36 says “what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?” The parting words of Jesus before he went back to heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father, were the Great Commission “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15), and “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:20).



God uses people to win and teach others. God has no hands but our hands and no feet but our feet to use, Romans 6:13 says we are to yield our members as instruments of righteousness. When we are born again, we are still clothed with a body under the curse of sin that will die, but God has chosen to use earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power might be seen to be of God, and not of us, to help others who are yet in darkness (2 Corinthians 4:7). We then experience part of the blessings of another person coming to Christ. When Philip asked the eunuch in Acts 8:30 if he understood the scriptures he was reading, he replied how can I unless some man should guide me. God uses people to help other people learn the scriptures.



Jesus also said that he wouldn't leave us comfortless, but he would send another Comfortor, the Holy Spirit, the second person of the trinity Godhead. In Ephesians 1:13 it says when we believe on Jesus and are born again, that the Holy Spirit is given to us to dwell in our body as his temple. The Holy Spirit seals us until the day of redemption, he teaches us all things, and empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus.

The Holy Spirit does not leave us, but we grieve him when we sin. As Christians we can still be tempted by Satan, the world and be deceived by our own hearts, but 1 John 1:9 says we need to immediately confess our sins and God will forgive us and help us not to sin again and we will be restored to fellowship with him. As we obey God and yield to him as Lord of our life the Holy Spirit empowers us to live the Christian life and to be a witness for him. The work of the Holy Spirit is to convict men of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). The Bible says we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness



in high places (Ephesians 6:12), but the weapons of are warfare are not carnal but mighty through God pulling down strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Matthew 5:16 says “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” When others see peace not as the world giveth (John 14:27, peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7) and Jesus’ joy (John 15:11) in our lives they know it is real and they want that also. The Bible speaks of spiritual gifts given for specific tasks to help in the work of God such as helps and administration, but the primary job of winning souls is given to every Christian. In John 15:16 it says God chose us to bare fruit that remains. That is eternal fruit, or others we help lead to Christ. The wonderful promise is then that whatsoever we shall ask the Father in Jesus name he may give it us. In 1 John 5:14,15 it says whatsoever we ask in his will, we have the petitions that we desired of him. We know it is his will that the lost be saved.



Matthew 6:19-21 says “Lay not up treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” God’s first commandment is to love him (Matthew 22:37-39), when our treasure is other souls we have this in common with God and will please him. Also the second commandment to love others is obeyed when we help them be born again into God’s family. What greater thing can we do for anyone than lead them to Christ, also what greater tragedy can there be if we could have helped a loved one come to the Lord but didn’t try. In 1 Thessalonians 2:19 the Bible speaks of the joy of the soulwinner when Paul said, ye are my joy and crown of rejoicing and in (Psalms 126:6) it says that when we go forth bearing precious seed, we doubtless will come again with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. The crown of rejoicing sometimes named the soulwinners crown is one of 5 crowns mentioned in the Bible that God gives.



The Bible says we are to set our affections on things above (Colossians 3:2), things eternal and not seen (2 Corinthians 4:18). We know that we will take nothing earthly with us when we die, but we can be used to help bring people to heaven. Our heart should be in things eternal, with our treasure in heaven and be rich toward God or we will be like the rich man in Luke 12:20 that God called a fool. Proverbs 11:30 says “he that winneth souls is wise”. What a wonderful purpose we are given in life, young and old, to redeem the time and help people learn the simple Gospel and come to the Lord. God always has work for us to do, there is a shortage of workers for God’s harvest (Luke 10:2). This is a blessed job that we will not be able to do in heaven. Imagine the gratefulness of someone in heaven who would have went to hell if you had not cared for their soul. A wonderful promise to meet our needs is in Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

## How We Should Witness

There are many ways and many opportunities we all have to share the gospel. The Bible says we are to let our light shine, that people should see the evidence of Christ in our life, and as the Holy Spirit leads to share the gospel. When we are aware of peoples spiritual needs there are many ways to lead to the subject of God and his plan of salvation. The Bible gives many instances of sharing the gospel. Jesus speaking to Nicodemus used the concept of a new second birth. When he spoke with the woman at the well he spoke of a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Notice that she didn't begin an extended time of training to learn how to soul win but she immediately went back to tell her acquaintances about Jesus. When Philip spoke to the eunuch he helped the eunuch understand what he had been reading in the scriptures. Jesus used objects in nature and simple stories to illustrate spiritual truth.

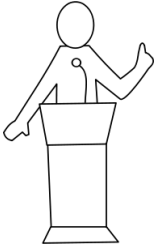


Simply giving out gospel tracts to people we meet is an effective powerful way that has won many thousands to Christ. One tract that has been greatly used is God's Simple Plan of Salvation by Ford Porter which can be purchased online. Tracts can be passed out to people we meet every day, on street corners, at parades, fairs festivals and similar occasions. In Acts 2:46 it says they went house to house. It is very helpful when giving the plan of salvation to have a simple plan of verses to use. The "Romans Road" which uses primarily verses in Romans has been extremely effective and is used by many soulwinners. It effectively guides the person through the steps necessary to receive Christ regardless of the background beliefs that a person may have. It simply and effectively answers the questions that they may have. The presentation of the gospel should include:

1. God has given us a book that tells us how we can have eternal life (1 John 5:13).
2. We all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
3. The wages or payment for our sin to a just and holy God is death which includes the 2nd death in hell. (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14)
4. Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, the second person in the trinity, shed his blood to atone for our sins, baring our sins in his own body to pay for the sins of the whole world. He died, was buried and rose again to finish the work required for our salvation. (Romans 5:8, 1 John 2:2)
5. To receive this free gift of salvation, when we realize our lost condition and desire the new heart and life that God has for us, we simply ask him into our heart and life. We realize that we can't save ourselves, but must trust only in the finished work of Jesus Christ for us on the cross. (Romans 10:9-13, John 3:16)
6. Have the prospect pray himself or lead him in a prayer such as: Dear God, I know I am a sinner, and that the payment for sin is death in hell. I believe that Jesus shed his blood and died on the cross for me and is risen again. Please forgive me for my sins and save me and make me to be the person that you want me to be. Help me to understand the Bible and to live for you. Thank you for dying for me on the cross and thank you for the free gift of eternal life. In Jesus name, Amen.



7. Our assurance of salvation is based upon his promises. (Romans 10:9-13, John 3:16, Romans 5:24, 1 John 5:13)
8. Encourage to study the Bible, pray, attend a Bible believing church and tell others.
9. Baptism by immersion in water isn't necessary for salvation, but is an important act of obedience to testify of our identity with Christ and should be done as soon as possible after salvation.



It is important if not essential to be part of a church that actively witnesses with programs to train soulwinners with set times to witness. Our church encourages the soul winner and emphasizes the Great Commission, and practices it. It is easy to neglect soul winning if it isn't scheduled on a regular basis. The scheduled soul winning helps a person be more aware of opportunities that aren't scheduled and to be more soul conscious. It is better to witness alone than not at all, but in the Bible we see many times they witnessed by two's. When going by two's the more experienced soul winner can train the newer soulwinner. While one is witnessing the other can pray and help handle distractions. It is the devil's ploy and our natural tendency to become cold and self centered, so a church if not vigilant will die if it forgets that propagation of the gospel is its' primary task. The first program that is dropped as a church dies is soulwinning, then prayer meeting. This is why the Bible warns of leaving our first love and first works in Revelations 2: 1-7 when God removes the candlestick or his power, blessing and the influence of that church. God's desire is for all of his children to have the victory and to be witnesses of him to a lost world, and as we yield to him he is able to use us and live through us by the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this blessed task.

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## Notice! This is an optional Activity:

Memorize at least one Bible verse from this lesson.

What Bible verse or verses from this lesson did you memorize?

**Write the answer to this question below the question:**

What does the Bible verse or verses that you memorized from this lesson mean?

## Section 2

### Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and His Twelve Sons



### **The Holy Bible says in Acts 7:2-16**

- 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
- 3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
- 4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
- 5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.
- 6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.
- 7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.
- 8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.
- 9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,
- 10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
- 11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.
- 12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
- 13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.
- 14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
- 15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
- 16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

## **Summary of**



### **Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob and His Twelve Sons**

After the tower of Babel, God caused people to speak different languages and spread out. People who spoke the same language formed nations. The life span of men continued to shorten and man continued to drift away from God. A man by the name of Abram, a descendant of Noah's son Shem,

was told by God to leave his country and God would make him a great nation and bless people through him. Abram obeyed God and God changed his name to Abraham. Isaac, Abraham's son, received the same promise also. Jacob, Isaac's son, received the same promise also, and the covenant would be fulfilled in Jacob's descendants. God would give mankind the Holy Bible through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob's name was changed by God to Israel and Jacob's

descendants became known as Israelites. The tabernacle and the temple, which would help people to know God better, was given to the Israelites, and Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, would also be born of their descendants. The nation of Israel was to be a witness to the world, not only in the subject of eternal salvation, but also in such topics as how a government and nation should operate, principles of everyday living, etc.

Israel (Jacob) had twelve sons which were named Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. Joseph was sold by his older brothers into slavery and lied to their father and said he was killed by a wild beast. Joseph loved God and did right, even while a slave, in spite of all the mistreatment he received. Joseph did right even though he was put in prison for something he did not do. God blessed Joseph, brought him out of prison and made him ruler over all the land of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Joseph had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh in Egypt. A seven-year famine came. Egypt was prepared for this famine because God gave Joseph knowledge to prepare. During this famine, Joseph's brothers came to buy food from Egypt. They never knew it was Joseph in charge. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they were repentant for what they had done many years ago. When he felt they were, he revealed that he was their brother. They were terrified, but Joseph assured them that he had forgiven them. He explained to them that they had meant to do evil to him, but God meant it for good. Joseph told them to all come to Egypt and he would take care of them during the famine. Israel and his descendants went to Egypt because of famine. During the life of Joseph they lived very blessed lives in Egypt. God has always had a witness and a plan of salvation for man and the Old Testament stories show us the deceitfulness of our hearts, at the same time the blessing and necessity of believing and trusting in God by faith in his word.

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## **Notice! This is an optional Activity:**

What lessons or things can we learn from the story of Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob and His Twelve Sons:

# BIBLE QUIZ

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Please circle the T for true or F for false for the following statements. Remember some of these statements are false, and are not to be believed, and are lies of Satan, but the hint Bible verse tells the truth.

T or F 1. God doesn't intend every Christian to lead others to the Lord, but only pastors. (Hint: Matthew 4:19, 1 Peter 3:15, John 17:23, John 15:2,3)

T or F 2. Our Bible beliefs are private and should not be shared with others. (Hint: Mark 16:15, Matthew 5:14-16)

T or F 3. God intends for us to witness to others by our life only, but not by telling or giving them the gospel. (Hint: Mark 16:15)

T or F 4. We will have a second chance to be saved after we die. (Hint: Hebrews 9:27)

T or F 5. We can lay up treasure in heaven, when we help someone come to Christ. (Hint: Matthew 6:20)

T or F 6. One crown mentioned in the Bible that we can earn is the crown of rejoicing, also called the soulwinners crown. (Hint: 1 Thessalonians 2:19, )

T or F 7. When we have earthly responsibilities such as earning money on a job, we can not seek first the kingdom of God. (Hint: Matthew 6:33)

T or F 8. God gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us to witness. (Hint: Acts 1:8)

T or F 9. If we follow Jesus he will make us a soulwinner or a fisher of men. (Hint: Matthew 4:19)

T or F 10. If we win souls we are wise and are redeeming the time or using it well. (Hint: Proverbs 11:30, Colossians 4:5)

T or F 11. Although we need to study to show ourselves approved unto God, any Christian can be a soulwinner, it isn't dependant on our gifts or talents. (Hint: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 2 Corinthians 12:9)

T or F 12. We should be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance for when and what to say when we witness. (Hint: Romans 8:1)

T or F 13 If we are too busy we don't need to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. (Hint: Matthew 6:33)

T F 14 Only persons with certain gifts or talents should be a soulwinner. (Hint: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

T F 15 A good New Testament church should be a soulwinning church. (Hint: Mark 16:15)

You may have placed your trust in Christ as your personal savior, if so please let us know so we can rejoice with you. You may have further questions on this lesson or would like to share specific prayer burdens for us to pray with you about, or maybe a testimony that God has given you. If so please write on the space below, and on an additional sheet if necessary. Also if you would like this course sent to someone else please leave their name and address.

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### Optional but Recommended Activity:

If you have not already done so, memorize these verses sometimes called the Romans road to salvation, which can be used to lead others to Christ- Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Roman 5:8 and Romans 10:13 (we believe the King James version is the preserved word of God in the English language, see Psalms 12:6).

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