

"I Love To Tell the Story"

Int.

1. Aim: To explain that we need to tell the story through teaching and inspire more to want to be teachers.
2. John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."
 - a. God's drawing power is the Word of God.
 - b. It is the gospel that is the power of salvation - Rom. 1:16
3. Heb. 11:6 - without faith we cannot please God
 - a. Without faith we are lost. We are without hope. We are of all men most miserable.
 - b. This faith is produced by the word of God - Rom. 10:17
 - c. The word of God untaught and unlearned is of no avail. It is like medicine that stays in the bottle on the self.
 - d. We must get this soul-saving, life-giving medicine to the hearts of men and women.
 - e. We do this by teaching.
4. Song # 659 I love to tell the story should be the theme of..

Discussion

I. THE NEW CHRISTIAN

- A. In 1 Cor. 6:9-11 we read about the sins of the Old Man
 1. If we live like this we will be eternally separated from God.
 2. But Paul says: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11

- a. Sanctified = to make holy, purify, consecrate
 - b. Justified = to render just or innocent, be righteous
3. Becoming a Christian means we escape the course of a world engineered by the Devil - Eph.2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
- B. Salvation means the new man is now reconciled to God - Col. 1:21 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled"
1. The baptized believer who lives faithfully escapes the wrath of God that is showered on the children of disobedience.
 2. Col. 3:6-11
 3. We are saved from a degenerate past by the washing of regeneration -
 - a. Tit.3:3-7
 - b. We once lived a foolish sinful life - But we are saved by the mercy of God
 - c. Now we have the hope of eternal life
- C. The new Christian will naturally be filled with thanksgiving that he found the way
1. John 14:6
 2. Peter tells us that as new converts who are priests that we have the task of reaching others with the Gospel.
 3. 1 Pet. 2:1-9
 4. We have been saved to save. We have been converted to convert.
 5. We have been won to win
- D. I love to tell the story should be the theme of the New Christian and

II. MOM AND DAD

- A. Parents love their children
1. We work to give them a good life
 2. Because they are a part of us we want to make sure they are prepared to face every challenge when they leave us.
 3. Prov. 22:6
- B. Are we preparing our children for eternity?
1. Do the children see Mom and Dad praying or reading their Bibles?
 2. Do you have a regular devotion with your own children?
 3. Do your children know the plan of salvation - that wonderful story of love?
 4. What have they been taught about God's word from the ones who influence them the most?
 5. As parents do we make sure they are in Bible class and have their Bibles and any assignments ready?
 - a. III. Ask My mommy and daddy "A preacher was shaking hands with the members after service, when a little four year-old boy came up and tugged on his hand. The preacher bent down and the little boy said: "Would you ask my mommy and daddy to bring me to Sunday School? I think they will bring me if you ask them to. But don't tell them that I told you to ask."
 - b. III. "Please Daddy, Let's Go"
- C. Blessed are the children who have parents who love to tell the story.

III. AGING CHRISTIANS

A. The Fourth verse of the song

1. Aging Christians are veteran lovers of the Cross.
2. They help to preserve the gospel and demonstrate the role it plays in living a real Christian life.

B. Titus 2:2-3

1. The older ones should tell the younger ones
2. They are not embarrassed to tell the "Old, Old Story" of Jesus and the cross.
3. If they have not lost their love for telling the story then it will be continued in the younger generation.

C. Opportunity to teach our children

1. Teaching a children's class is a great way to tell the story of Jesus
2. In teaching a class you can help those children learn about Jesus and how they can get to heaven.
3. Jesus gave up his life with the Father for awhile to come to earth, live, and die for me. One of the last things he said before going back to the Father was "Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nations." Matt. 28:19
4. It is not in God's plan for women to teach or preach publicly, but one good way that she can do that is to teach a Bible class of "Little Ones".
5. One of the rewards for our efforts in teaching children is to have one of your students say with eyes shining and pride in her face. "Mommy, there is my Bible school teacher".
6. Just to have the love and respect of my pupils is honor enough for us teach !

D. Teach the children

1. In a book by Becker called "Charicles" there is a description of the private life of the ancient Greeks.
2. In the section on education there is a story about a group of people called the Mitylenans. When they wanted to punish a nation, the way they did it was to not allow them to teach their children. This was thought to be the severest penalty they could inflict.
 - a. They knew that if they kept the children ignorant they could conquer them.
 - b. They could have tortured them, or sold them into slavery.
 - c. But they knew that the best way to keep a people down is to keep them ignorant.
3. The lesson for us:
 - a. We have a great challenge before us to teach our children.
 - b. If the way to punish a people is to deny their children education, then the way to reward and elevate a people is to educate their children.
 - c. Remember what Jesus said when one of his disciples wanted to keep the children away from him. Mark 10:13-16
 - (1) Children
 - (2) Let the little children come to me
4. Many years ago there was a shepherd who was known to always have the finest flock in the area. Somebody asked him his secret. His reply was "Oh, I don't know. Maybe it's because I always give special attention to the lambs".

E. Do you as a person who has been a Christian for several years Love to tell the story?

CONCLUSION

1. I love to tell the Story! It will be my theme in glory to tell the Old, Old story of Jesus and his love. - [refrain]
2. Teaching is a great privilege and great opportunity.
3. John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."
4. God's drawing power is the Word of God.
5. Our existence depends on the Word of God being taught continually !
6. The word of God must be taught, because it is the means by which we grow spiritually.
7. I Love To Tell the Story
 - a. As a New Christian
 - b. Parent
 - c. Aging Christian
8. In teaching the word of God and thereby assisting others in spiritual growth, we increase in strength ourselves.

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Illustration

Bible Class **Please Daddy, Let's Go**

A little girl with shining eyes, he little face ago, said, "Daddy, it's time for Bible School, let's go." "Oh no," said daddy, "not today, I've worked hard all week; and I must have one day of rest...I'm going to the creek. For there I can relax and rest and fishing's fine, they say. So run along, don't bother me; we'll go someday."

Months and years have passed away, but daddy hears that plea no more, "Let's go to Bible school." Those childish days are o'er. And now that daddy's growing old, his hair is turning gray, he finds time to go to church, but what does daughter say?

"Oh, no, daddy, not today; I've stayed up all night...and I must get myself some sleep. Besides I look a fright."

Then daddy lifts a trembling hand to brush away the tears. He seems to hear the pleading voice distinctly through the years. He sees a small girl's face upturned with eyes aglow. "It's almost time for Bible School, PLEASE DADDY, CAN'T WE GO?"