

## PERSONAL OBLIGATION TO TEACH

Heb 5:8-6:3; Acts 8:4; 25-31

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Survey of what motivated people to become Christians:
  - 1. I attended a gospel meeting (.5 %)
  - 2. I visited there (1 %)
  - 3. I just walked in (3 %)
  - 4. I had a special need (3 %)
  - 5. I liked the programs (3 %)
  - 6. I liked the Bible classes ( 5 %)
  - 7. I liked the minister (6 %)
  - 8. I was invited by a friend or relative (79 %)
- B. More personal work needs to be done
- C. Most successful way of reaching people
  - 1. Plenty of opportunities
  - 2. Plenty of teachers
  - 3. Power of personal contact
  - 4. Lesson can be fitted to person's needs
  - 5. Not an indictment of members here, many are involved in personal work, simply an encouragement to do more

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. CHRISTIAN'S OBLIGATION TO PERSONALLY TEACH

- A. We are taught by example
  - 1. Apostles were commanded to "go" Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15,16
  - 2. Early Christians followed apostles example Acts 8:4
- B. Paul's charge to Timothy 2Tim 2:2
- C. There is a time when Christians should be able to teach Heb 5:12

#### II. SOME EXAMPLES OF PERSONAL TEACHING

- A. Jesus did personal teaching
  - 1. Called the apostles Matt 4:18-20; 21,22; Matt 9:9,10
  - 2. Some of greatest sermons to individuals Jhn 3:1-13 Jhn 4:5-26
- B. Personal teaching of early disciples and others
  - 1. Samaritan woman excited about meeting Jesus & wanted others to meet Him too.
    - a. "Come see a man..." John 4:25-29
    - b. Are we excited about people knowing Jesus
  - 2. Andrew found his brother Jhn 1:40,41
  - 3. Philip found Nathanael Jhn 1:45
  - 4. Apostles taught in every house Acts 5:42
  - 5. Those scattered went everywhere Acts 8:4
  - 6. Philip preached to Ethiopian Acts 8:25-29 – called away from multitude to preach to one man
  - 7. Paul taught from house to house Acts 20:20

## III. WAYS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL TEACHING

- A. The power of an invitation
  - 1. "Come and see" Jhn 1:35-39; 4:25-29
  - 2. Invitation of Jesus to come find out more about Him John the Baptist's disciples invited by Jesus to learn more about Him Jhn 1:38-39
  - 3. Remember Samaritan woman
  - 4. Many want to learn "more about Jesus", but never been asked or invited Lk 14:21-23; Jhn 12:20,21
  - 5. We need to find those who are seeking.

B. From house to house Acts 20:20

C. Call those in error aside and teach them Acts 18:26

#### IV. REASONS SOME AREN'T PERSONALLY TEACHING

- A. Don't have the word in their heart Jer 20:8,9
- B. Don't have a deep love for souls of men Jhn 3:16; 2Cor 5:14
- C. Don't know it well enough to teach it Heb 5:12
- D. Note the peril of over caution Ecc; 11:4 We will never find the perfect time

#### V. REWARDS OF PERSONAL TEACHING

- A. Save a soul from death Jas 5:20
- B. Save ourselves and them that hear us 1Tim 4:16
- C. Shine as stars forever and ever Dan 12:3

### CONCLUSION:

- A. It's the Lord's invitation:
  - 1. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour..." Matt 11:28-30
  - 2. But it's our responsibility to extend it to all Matt 28:19; Mk 16:15
- B. If we want the rewards of personal work, we must work
- C. Truly, one of the most rewarding experiences on this earth would be to know that we had some small part in the saving of someone's soul 1Tim 4:16
- D. We can't remain spiritual babies - we must mature and become able to reproduce (teach others the gospel)