

Reading: Acts 18:24-28

Topic: Leading People To Truth

INTRODUCTION: The Word of God informs us that the individual who wins _____ is wise, and just as the Scripture reveals that _____ comes from God and He will give it to us if we will ask Him, let us seek to become wise in our effort to reach the lost and lead them to the truth.

I. THE TRUTH IS NOT COMPLICATED:

A. The Gospel:

1. The story of lost humanity and redemption is written _____ in the Word of God, describing the fall of _____ into sin, the separation of mankind from God and the principle of blood sacrifice for sin.
2. The Old Testament is full of types and shadows of the New Testament _____ of salvation, which became reality with the coming of the Lord and _____ Jesus Christ. Heb. 10:1
3. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ and then His death, burial and resurrection are _____ in the four Gospels of the New Testament.

B. The Plan of Salvation:

1. After His resurrection, Jesus Christ instructed His disciples to go and _____ the Gospel to every individual in the world so that they would have the opportunity to be _____. Mark 16:15-18
2. When the church was _____ of the Day of Pentecost, the first Gospel message of the church age was preached by the Apostle Peter who also gave the _____ of Salvation to the listeners. Acts 2:37-39
3. The Gospel is clear and _____ to understand, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the plan of salvation is also very _____ - believe, repent, be baptized in Jesus' Name and receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, which is the death, burial and resurrection applied to _____ lives. I Cor. 15:1-4

II. EXPERIENCES WITH GOD:

A. Jesus Instruction:

1. One day while the disciples of Jesus were out and about, they came across a man who was _____ out a demon in the _____ of Jesus and they stopped him because he wasn't one of them. Mk. 9:38
2. Jesus replied to them to leave the man alone and let him do the _____ even though he wasn't one of their group, because the man was obviously not working _____ them. Mk. 9:39-41
3. In another instance, Jesus spoke with a man who was searching for the _____ way, and Jesus encouraged this man saying that he was getting _____ to the truth. Mk. 12:32-24

B. The Apostles:

1. In our opening passage of Scripture, we read about a _____ named Apollos who was very zealous for the Lord, but he did not know the full _____ or the true baptism. Acts 18:24-25
2. The Apostolic husband and wife team of Aquila and Priscilla heard this man _____ the Word of God and they did not attack him but took him and _____ the whole truth to him. Acts 18:26,27
3. It is obvious that Apollos accepted the truth and obeyed it, for they _____ him a recommendation to go and _____ and preach in other churches. Acts 18:28

C. The Experience At Ephesus:

1. The Apostle Paul went to the city of Ephesus and came into contact with some _____ who had

- already been baptized, but they had not yet heard of the _____ of the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:1-2
2. The Apostle then asks them _____ they were baptized and when they explained their baptism, Paul opened to them the truth about the need to be baptized in the _____ of Jesus Christ. Acts 19:3-5
 3. Once they were baptized in Jesus Name, they _____ the Gift of the Holy Ghost, speaking with tongues, just as it happened on the _____ of Pentecost. Acts 19:6

III. HOW TO APPROACH & LEAD PEOPLE TO TRUTH:

A. The Right Attitude:

1. When you have believed and obeyed the Gospel and you _____ the truth, you must not approach others with an air of superiority, but in _____ and love. Eph. 4:15
2. Some people unfortunately have used the truth like a _____ to beat people, which does not lead to a successful attempt to _____ someone to the truth.

B. Understanding Where People Are At Spiritually:

1. Some people have no knowledge at all of the truth of the _____ of Jesus Christ, only knowing the name of Christ as some _____ figure or not having known His name at all. Acts 17:18-20
2. There are other people who believe in God in some fashion through their _____, and they are very sincere, but not yet _____. Acts 10:1,2; 11;13,14
3. Then there are others who have heard the _____ and believed on Jesus, but not yet understood the whole _____ of salvation. (Like Apollos)

C. Being Spirit Led To Help People To Know The Truth:

1. It is important to realize that God knows the _____ of every individual and where they are at spiritually, and He will put people in the _____ of an Apostolic believer to bring people to the truth.
2. It is very important to be spiritually sensitive to where the individual is at in their _____ life, so that we use the _____ and Spirit of God to minister to and lead the person to full truth.
3. Do not discredit, make fun of, or criticize the _____ or spiritual experience of the person that you are working with because if they already have had some experience with God, they _____ it and they will be turned off by your approach if you do.

D. The Responses of People:

1. Some people will fight the _____ and totally reject it so you can only _____ for them and hope that one day they will change and believe.
2. Some people will listen and take _____ to think it over, while God works on their heart to bring the person to complete understanding of the Apostolic truth.
3. Then there are others who are hungry for God, and they will want to _____ the truth and they will gladly receive it and _____ it and live for God.

Conclusion: As we are nearing the _____ coming of the Lord Jesus, may we be led by God to hungry souls who are searching for the whole _____ of the Gospel and lead them to what God has prepared for them.