



## WORDS OF ADVISE ABOUT REACHING PEOPLE

The first thing we need to do is make sure that as a chapter we provide the right kind of loving and caring

spiritual environment. Here are some "action steps" that one can take:

- ◆ Make it a point to get to know **all** the members and visitors by name. Try to learn someone new at each service until you know them all
- ◆ Practice **hospitality** towards the members and regular visitors - **1 Pe 4:8-9**
- ✓ Invite them into your home, or out to eat (set a goal of one new family or member per month)
- ✓ Visit other Christians each week (esp. the sick, shut-ins, new members, absent members)

When a chapter is filled with loving members who care for its own, it is ready to be used by the Lord to reach out and care for others!

Where does one begin in trying to reach the lost? Try this...

## MAKE A LIST OF SOULS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE REACHED AND GET OTHER MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME:

Making a list may not seem important, but it is! It utilizes a very helpful technique used by people successful in all walks of life (i.e., having a **things to do** list).

In making up this list, one should observe the following suggestions:

- ◆ Start with those who are close to you and work outwardly:
  - ✓ Family
  - ✓ Friends
  - ✓ Coworkers
  - ✓ Neighbors
  - ✓ Relatives of fellow church members and chapter members.
  - ✓ Casual acquaintances.
- ◆ Give priority to those who are the "unchurched" or in between churches.
  - ✓ who are not active members of any denomination or particular religion
  - ✓ Active members of a denomination or religion are often very satisfied with their human traditions and are not as receptive to the pure and simple gospel of Christ.

**Keep this list where you will see it daily.** This will help you to be constantly reminded of these people and thereby more likely to do the things mentioned next...

## PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON YOUR LIST

Why pray? First, that God will work together with you....

- ◆ To give you **opportunities** to do good for them - **1 Co 3:5-7; Co 4:3**
- ◆ To give you the **wisdom** to make the most of those opportunities - **Co 4:4-6**
- ◆ To give you **boldness** to say what needs to be said - **Ep 6:18-20**

**Remember, it is God who gives the increase when it comes to evangelism. We are but servants whom** God can use in His providential workings. So though we may work as though it all depends upon us, let us pray as though it all depends upon God!

- ◆ Invite them to the breakfast program or snack.
- ◆ Visit them, especially in times of trial or sickness.

Simple **hospitality** and **neighborliness** will go a long way in giving you the opportunity to do good towards them and show first hand what fulfilling divine purpose is.

## **DEMONSTRATE HOSPITALITY TOWARDS THOSE VISITORS WHO DO ATTEND YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

This would apply to all visitors, whether they were invited by you, someone else, or are simply “walk-ins.” Some "action steps" might include:

- ◆ Greeting them, letting them know they are welcome
- ◆ Inviting them home or out for a dinner or snack
- ◆ Calling or visiting them after they have attended the services.

Showing such love towards those who may even be “strangers” is the true meaning of hospitality, a virtue that ought to characterize Christians (cf. **He 13:2; Ro 12:13b**). Plus, in doing such things, you are preparing their hearts for the gospel!

## **SEE THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE GOSPEL**

Ideally, this will come AFTER witnessing a demonstration of the gospel in our lives...

- ◆ By our love, hospitality, etc.
- ◆ Both as individuals and as a congregation

And even if we do not convert a single soul...

- ◆ We will have fulfilled our obligation to share Christ with others.
- ◆ We will have done it in such a way as to become better **Christians**, a better **congregation**, better **friends**, better **neighbors**, better **coworkers**, etc!