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SHARING CHRIST WITH OTHERS

Many Christians are often intimidated about sharing the Gospel, but if we truly realized the gravity of the situation, we wouldn't hesitate. Look at the following quotes by Charles Thomas Studd (1860-1931) and Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892).

“The best training for a soldier of Christ is not merely a theological college. They always seem to turn out sausages of varying lengths, tied at each end, without the glorious freedom a Christian ought to abound and rejoice in. You see, when in hand-to-hand conflict with the world and the devil, neat little biblical confectionery is like shooting lions with a pea-shooter: one needs a man who will let himself go and deliver blows right and left as hard as he can hit, trusting in the Holy Ghost. It's experience, not preaching that hurts the devil and confounds the world. The training is not that of the schools but of the market: it's the hot, free heart and not the balanced head that knocks the devil out. Nothing but forked-lightning Christians will count. A lost reputation is the best degree for Christ's service. It is not so much the degree of arts that is needed, but that of hearts, loyal and true, that love not their lives to the death: large and loving hearts which seek to save the lost multitudes, rather than guard the ninety-nine well-fed sheep in the British pen...

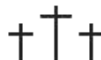
“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell. If Jesus Christ is God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him. God has called me to go, and I will go. I will blaze the trail though my grave may only become a stepping stone that younger men may follow.” C.T. Studd

“If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” C.H. Spurgeon

So what hinders us in sharing the Gospel? Fear! Fear of failure. Fear of rejection. Fear of the unknown. It is fear and a lack of concern for our fellow man.

UNDERSTANDING OUR SIN NATURE

People want a god that fits their beliefs. **Romans 1:18-32**



There will be a price to pay because God is perfect and holy and the day is coming when He will deal justly with everyone who has violated His law. **Romans 2:5-6**

UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR THE CROSS

God is wrathful judge who is also rich in mercy. He sent Jesus to live on the earth as a human being so that we could be forgiven. If you look at it from a legal viewpoint, we broke God's law, but Jesus paid the fine. That means that God can legally dismiss our case and give us everlasting life. **Romans 3:19-26; 5:6-15**

It doesn't matter who we think deserves hell or not, God is the one with the power to kill and cast into hell. He knows your thoughts and judges them in perfect holiness; every single transgression of the law will come out as evidence of your guilt. The wrath of God abides on you; if you refuse mercy, you will get justice. **John 3:36**

Think about your sins and don't forget that God is also rich in mercy and willing to forgive. **Hebrews 4:12-16**

Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because you owe a debt you could not pay. The law simply shows your need for a Savior. **Galatians 3:22-24**

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LOVE

How can you share the love of God with someone who has never experienced or knows very little of love? How can you relate to them? How do you get past their insecurity? Understanding God's unconditional love is crucial to sharing Christ with those around us. God loves everyone without partiality. **John 3:16**

There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God. **Romans 8:38-39**

God still loved you even when you were unlovable. **Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 5:7-8**

Jesus came to the earth as a servant. **Isaiah 53:1-12; 1 Peter 2:21-25**

It is the Father's will that all men should be saved. **2 Peter 3:9-10**

THERE ARE NO GRANDCHILDREN IN HEAVEN

There are no grandchildren in heaven; only sons and daughters of God. Billy Sunday once said, *"It won't save your soul if your wife is a Christian. You have got to be something more than a brother-in-law to the Church."*

God is waiting for you to act. **John 1:12-13**

Jesus emphatically declared the way to heaven. **John 14:6**

Your soul is redeemed when the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin and you repent and put your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior by what He did on the cross through His shed blood. Salvation is total a work of God; it can't be earned, all you can do is humbly receive it. **Romans 10:8-13**

Don't take your salvation for granted and don't be indifferent about sharing it with others. Everyone's soul is eternal; it's just a matter where they will spend eternity.

Romans 10:14-15

God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world. Where will your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers spend eternity? **Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15**

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:22)

“Too long have we been waiting for one another to begin! The time of waiting is past! The hour of God has struck! War is declared! In God's Holy Name let us arise and build! The God of Heaven, He will fight for us' as we for Him. We will not build on the sand, but on the bedrock of the sayings of Christ, and the gates and minions of hell shall not prevail against us. Should such men as we fear? Before the world, aye, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we will dare to trust our God, we will venture our all for Him, we will live and we will die for Him, and we will do it with His joy unspeakable singing aloud in our hearts. We will a thousand times sooner die trusting only our God, than live trusting in man. And when we come to this position the battle is already won, and the end of the glorious campaign in sight. We will have the real Holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts; we will have a Masculine Holiness, one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ...

“Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle.” C.T. Studd