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HOW TO BECOME A STAR - DAN. 12:3 + Prov. 11:30

INTRODUCTION: HOW HARD SOME PEOPLE WORK TO BECOME A STAR IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD OR IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD.

BUT WHAT I WANT TO DISCUSS IN THIS MESSAGE NOW IS HOW TO BECOME A STAR IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

THE TEXT IS DANIEL 12:3.

1. WISDOM IS THE FIRST REQUIREMENT - "THOSE WHO ARE WISE"

1. WISE UNTO SALVATION - 1 TIM. 3:15

A. SOURCE OF THIS WISDOM, THE SCRIPTURES

B. RESULTS OF THIS WISDOM - SALVATION

C. THE FOOL IS THE MAN WHO HAS NOT PREPARED TO MEET GOD, LK. 12:20.

D. MT. 13:43, THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.

2. WISE IN CHRIST - 1 COR. 4:10

A. UTTERED IN IRONY

B. SHOULD BE TRUE IN REALITY

1 COR. 1:24, 30, THE WISDOM OF GOD, MADE UNTO US WISDOM

COL. 2:3, TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

3. ANOTHER TRANSLATION IS "TEACHERS"

A. THOSE WHO TEACH THE WAYS OF GOD TO OTHERS ARE THE WISE ONES.

(1) SEE DAN 11:33

(2) DANIEL WAS NOTED FOR HIS WISDOM, EZEK. 28:3

B. THEY ARE WISE AND QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES UNDERSTAND THE WAYS OF GOD.

(1) GOD IS NEVER COUGHT BY SURPRISE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE NATION

(2) GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS OWN.

12:1, YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE DELIVERED.

(3) GOD'S PURPOSE WILL BE COMPLETED VICTORIOUSLY.

4. IF YOU UNDERSTAND THIS YOU ARE WELL ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING A STAR IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

II. SOUL-WINNING IS THE REAL STEP TO STARDOM IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

1. GOD'S ESTIMATE OF THE SOUL-WINNER

A. PROV. 11:30, HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE.

B. JAMES 5:20, "HE THAT CONVERTETH THE SINNER FROM THE ERROR OF HIS WAY SHALL SAVE A SOUL FROM DEATH, AND SHALL HIDE A MULTITUDE OF SINS."

2. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SOUL-WINNER.

A. MUST BE SURE OF HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AND WALK WITH THE LORD.

B. MUST BE FILLED WITH AND LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(1) ACTS 8:29 - PHILIP

(2) 1 KINGS 20:39, 40, AS THY SERVANT WAS BUSY HERE AND THERE HE WAS GONE.

C. MUST BE A MAN OF PRAYER

D. MUST HAVE A DESIRE TO SEE SOULS SAVED, - "stir me"

MUST HAVE A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR SOULS.

E. MUST KNOW, BELIEVE, AND BE ABLE TO USE THE WORD OF GOD.

EXPERIENCE OF MAN WITH SKEPTIC, (EV. P. 39).

Matthew Henry said, "I would think it a greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of gold and silver for myself."

David Brainerd said, "I cared not where nor how I lived, or what hardship I went through, so that I could but win souls to Christ."

3. THE WORK OF THE SOUL WINNER

A. TACTFULNESS, ISA. 50:4, "THE LORD GOD HATH GIVEN ME THE TONGUE OF THE LEARNED, THAT I SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SPEAK A WORD IN SEASON TO HIM THAT IS WEARY."

(1). ABILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND MEN.

(3). WIN, not Force

(2). APPRECIATION OF OPPORTUNITIES

B. DETERMINATION, Courage

(4). soul must be

(1). NOT TO BE SIDE-TRACKED

alarmed & allured.

(2). TO PRESENT THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST

(5). Be gentle & polite.

(3). TO PRESS FOR A DECISION

(4). NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU SEE NO VISIBLE RESULTS.

IMMEDIATELY.

leave the results with God. often a rebuff shows deep conviction.

4. THE REWARD OF THE SOUL-WINNER

A. SHALL SHINE AS THE STARS FOREVER

(1) a noble work (2) a lasting work

B. Joy

(1). OF HELPING OTHERS, James 5:20

(2). OF CLEAR CONSCIENCE, EZEK. 33:8,9

(3). OF A CO-WORKER WITH CHRIST, 1 COR. 3:9-15

(4). OF THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN

STORY OF IRA D. SANKEY'S SINGING OF ELIZABETH CLEPHANE'S POEM AFTER D.L. MOODY HAD PREACHED ON THE SUBJECT "THE GOOD SHEPHERD" AND ASKED FOR SOME FITTING SONG. SANKEY FELT IMPRESSED TO SING THESE WORDS, BUT NO TUNE HAD EVER BEEN WRITTEN FOR THEM. HE PRAYED, PLACED HIS HANDS UPON THE ORGAN, STRUCK THE KEY OF A FLAT, AND BEGAN TO SING. NOTE BY NOTE THE TUNE WAS GIVEN, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED FROM THAT DAY TO THIS.

BUT ALL THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS, THUNDER-RIVEN

AND UP FROM THE ROCKY STEEP,

THERE AROSE A GLAD CRY FROM THE GATES OF HEAVEN,

REJOICE, I HAVE FOUND MY SHEEP.

AND THE ANGELS ECHO AROUND THE THRONE,

REJOICE, FOR THE LORD BRINGS BACK HIS OWN.