

POWERFUL PERSUASIONS

I. Persuasion of Conviction

1. Acts 26:28, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
2. The conviction of the H.S.
3. Pricked in their heart.
4. Conviction must be followed by right decision and action.

II. Persuasion of Confession.

to seek
to win.

1. II Cor. 5:11 - "we persuade men."
 - A. Knowing the terror of the Lord.
 - B. We are ambassadors for Christ.
2. The regular word used for Paul's preaching. Acts 18:4; 19:8; 28:23.

III. The Persuasion of Conscience.

1. The power of conscience.
2. Freedom of conscience.
 - A. Rom. 14:5, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."
 - B. Context. See v. 12, 13, 14
3. Our responsibility to our conscience
4. Respect of other people's conscience.

IV. The Persuasion of Confusion.

1. Many times the Devil confuses us to lead us to be persuaded to yield to temptation to do wrong.
2. Gal. 5:7-8, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. He that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be."
3. Matt. 27:20, "the chief priests persuaded the multitude."

IV. The Persuasion of Confidence.

1. In the power of God

A. To keep that which we commit to Him.

II Tim. 1:12.

B. To permit nothing to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38, 39.

C. To keep us from falling. Jude v. 24.

2. In the promises of God

A. Rom. 4:21 (Abraham), "Being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

B. Hebrews 11:13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, embraced them."

3. Assurance of salvation--(I Jno. 3:19), "Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure (Gr. "persuade") our heart before him." ASV.

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