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Lesson #5

Conducting The Study

- 1) Be on time.
- 2) Take a silent partner with you. You or your silent partner should be a woman if you are studying with a woman.
- 3) Be sure to eliminate any distractions or disturbances. Take a baby sitter if needed.
- 4) Be sure to take enough studies, pencils, paper, Bibles.
- 5) Each one in the study should have his own lesson to answer. All need to put their names on their lesson sheets.
- 6) A good place to study is the kitchen or dining table.
- 7) Start with a prayer.
- 8) King James, American Standard, NKJV, or NASV are preferable with this study, but have the individual to use his own Bible regardless of the version.
- 9) You might ask them, "Do you accept the Bible as the word of God?" & "Do you want to go to Heaven?" "John, if you discover something in our study of God's word that you haven't done, would you be willing to change and do what God says?"
- 10) You might stress that "We want to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent and let the scriptures speak to us as to what God wants us to do."
- 11) Tell them that if they do not understand something or have questions to let you know.
- 12) Have the individual and his or her spouse do the reading of scripture. Involve the individual in the study as much as possible. Don't quote or read scripture to him. This can provoke arguments. Allowing the individual to read the truths, especially from his own Bible will help hold his attention and have more of an impact on him.
- 13) Do not skip any scriptures or questions and do not proceed until agreement with scriptures is gained. If he answers the question wrong have him to re-read the scripture and ask, "What does the Bible say?"

- 14) Use illustrations and explanations to help emphasize the point.
- 15) Do not preach to him, but let the Bible give the answers. Never apologize for the truth or express regret or excuse for what the Bible says as if we are half ashamed of it. We should never be ashamed to talk to a friend or acquaintance concerning his soul, Christ, and the gospel.
- 16) Don't argue - you will always lose. We should never get angry or argumentative when discussing a religious point with others. We read in 2 Timothy 2:24, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient." When asked questions, try as much as possible to say, "Let's see what the Bible says."
- 17) Always show sincere concern and interest. If we do all the talking in the study, we will fail to get the other person's viewpoint. If we will let him express himself, we can work at the problem from his point of view and not from our own. If we will not listen to him, how can we expect him to listen to us.
- 18) Do not allow the one you are studying with to get off of the lesson. "Don't chase rabbits."
- 19) This study can be covered in one, two, three, or four study appointments although three is best.
- 20) With this study you don't have to remember a lot of scriptures.
- 21) If a person believes that his sins were taken away before his baptism and that he was saved before his baptism, then he still has all of his sins and he is still lost. The lost must understand it is at baptism that God forgives us of all of our sins, gives us salvation, and makes us one in Christ.
- 22) This study involves the individual, and teaches the individual what he must do to be saved, that denominationalism is wrong, that the Lord only established His one church, and what God expects of an individual when he becomes a Christian. Keep three things in mind: 1. The one who has not obeyed the gospel is lost, 2. The gospel is God's power to save the lost, 3. We are the vessels through which the gospel is carried to the lost.
- 23) In winning souls we seek by studying God's word to 1. Arouse within the lost the realization of their lost condition. 2. Guide them into an understanding of God's plan of salvation. 3. Excite within them a desire for this salvation. No work requires so much patience and perseverance as soul winning. We have the greatest message the world has ever known. Millions are searching for it. They have not found it but have become bogged down in denominationalism, worldly pleasures, sin, etc. Many would gladly give these up for the pure gospel of Christ if they only knew.

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Lesson #6 "Persuasion"

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