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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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“Him That Is Taught in the Word”

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Are you aware that we have God-given responsibility to “him that teacheth”? This writing calls attention to our spiritual duty recorded in Galatians 6:6: “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.”

Communicate. The word translated “communicate” means to share with someone, and is used with reference to sharing in a financial way (Romans 12:13; 15:27; Philippians 4:14-15). There is fellowship between the teacher and the taught, in that there is giving and receiving on both ends. The teacher shares his knowledge of the word, and the one who has been taught shares his material goods with the teacher.

In All Good Things. The expression “in all good things” is equal to “carnal things” in Romans 15:27 and 1 Corinthians 9:11, and refers to material things (possessions; treasures). The adjective “all”, being a whole amount, shows the extent to which the taught is to share with the teacher. As the teacher keeps back nothing that is profitable (Acts 20:20), there is nothing the taught is not willing to give up or do for the good of the teacher.

Debtor and Duty. With reference to the contribution of them of Macedonia and Achaia for the Jerusalem saints, “It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the

Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things” (Romans 15:27). As the saints of Macedonia and Achaia were indebted and obligated to the Jerusalem saints, so him that is taught in the word is a debtor and duty-bound to him that teacheth (1 Corinthians 9:11). Does it please you verily to communicate to him that teacheth in all good things?

Willing. 1 Timothy 6:18 teaches, “willing to communicate.” “Willing” means favorably inclined; cheerfully done. Some want the teacher to gladly spend and be spent for them (2 Corinthians 12:15), but want to do as little as possible for him. Such is hypocritical and displays a bad attitude.

Sacrifices. Hebrews 13:16 says, “But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Paul described the Philippians’ communicating as “a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18). Can such be said of us?

With preachers having to support themselves or raise “outside support” and churches becoming indebted to buildings at the expense of preachers, there needs to be a greater sense of indebtedness and obligation of him that is taught unto him that teacheth.

Learning Personal Evangelism from the Master

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Who better to teach us about personal evangelism than the Master Himself? One of the finest examples is the Lord's encounter with a woman at a well (John 4:1-42).

Personal Evangelism Can Be Done Anywhere. Observe where the teaching took place: At a well (v. 6). That might not seem like an ideal place, but it's where He was and where she was so He took advantage of it. No place is unsuitable for personal evangelism!

Personal Evangelism Can Be Done Anytime. Do you know what time it was when Jesus talked with the woman? "...it was about the sixth hour" (v. 6). That's about 12:00 noon. "...his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat" (v. 8). Evidently, Jesus was thirsty for He said, "Give me to drink" (v. 7). On top of that, Jesus was "wearied with his journey" (v. 6). Not a very good time for doing personal work, right? So Jesus said, "Woman, I'd like to talk to you about living water, but I'm hungry, thirsty and tired right now. Just as soon as I get something to eat and drink and rest a bit, I'll be happy to do that. Can you come back later?" You know better than that! We need to

forget our own needs and see the deeper need of personal evangelism!

Personal Evangelism Can Be Done with Anyone. Did you notice who the subject was? "...a woman of Samaria" (v. 7). The woman was taken by the fact that Jesus, a Jew, asked her for drink, "for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (v. 9). The disciples "marvelled that he talked with the woman" (v. 27). The woman had marriage issues as well. She had five husbands previously and was presently with a man who was not her husband (v. 18). We do not pick our subjects based on our belief that they will respond, but on the basis that they need the gospel.

The Lord began the discussion with a stranger in an informal way (v. 7), made spiritual application of the topic at hand (water), created a need for what He had to offer (v. 15), didn't avoid sin in her life or compromise the truth (vv. 16-24), and the woman left believing in Jesus as the Messiah (vv. 25-29, 39).

Begin where you are, right now, with a soul needing to be won!

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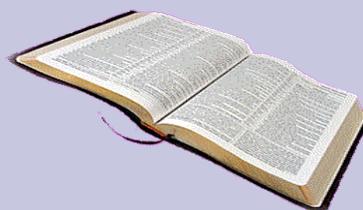
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